

“Meridian Bootcamp Powered by Grand Circus” to Offer Tech Apprenticeship Program

DETROIT (April 24, 2017) — Today, Meridian and Grand Circus are announcing a partnership to provide a free tech apprenticeship program for residents of Detroit. “Meridian Bootcamp Powered by Grand Circus” is an opportunity for passionate individuals to join an exciting, Detroit-based company as a front-end software developer.

“Meridian is a leading healthcare organization based on innovative technology, so we are incredibly excited to work with Grand Circus to bring on new talent,” said Sean Cotton, president, Meridian Technologies. “Grand Circus is a tech training institute passionate about preparing Detroiters for careers in tech. Their driven and knowledgeable graduates are built to thrive in our culture.”

Students accepted to the “Meridian Bootcamp Powered by Grand Circus” will receive fully funded training for the full-time coding bootcamp and will have a conditional offer for a technical position at Meridian upon successful completion of the program.

Grand Circus was founded in 2013 and is launching their 50th bootcamp this summer. The company’s signature coding bootcamps have trained more than 650 individuals, with more than 100 companies now employing grads in Michigan and beyond. Meridian currently employs more than 12 Grand Circus grads as a part of its rapidly-growing development team.

“Detroit has a chronic shortage of tech talent. There are also thousands of people interested in tech that simply can’t access the resources necessary to launch a tech career. At Grand Circus, we believe in the idea that anyone can be a software developer, so this new training model is the type of creative approach our city needs,” said Damien Rocchi, CEO, Grand Circus.

"Meridian is not only a strong supporter of Grand Circus talent, it's also an outstanding community-driven business that we're proud to partner with."

“Meridian Bootcamp Powered by Grand Circus” will be a 14-week commitment, broken up as two weeks of mandatory pre-work done on the student’s own time with 12 weeks of full-time, in-person instruction. Applications open up May 1, 2017 and close on May 26 at 12 p.m. For more information on this program, please visit: www.grandcircus.co/meridian-bootcamp.

About Meridian:

Meridian is a family-owned, family-operated group of health plans with offices in Michigan and Illinois. Meridian’s affiliates include [MeridianHealth](#) (Medicaid), [MeridianCare](#) (Medicare),



[MeridianChoice](#) (Health Insurance Marketplace), and [MeridianRx](#), a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM). Meridian serves more than 900,000 health plan members in three states. MeridianRx serves more than 1.25 million members. For more information, visit www.mhplan.com.

About Grand Circus:

Grand Circus believes everyone should have access to a tech career. With campuses in Detroit and Grand Rapids, Grand Circus has trained more than 650 software developers. Graduates of the company's coding bootcamps work at more than 100 companies throughout the state. Its innovative 10-week coding bootcamps provide students with the technical and soft skills employers need to effectively grow their businesses. For more information, visit www.grandcircus.co.