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Calderin, Hill join Zip Code Wilmington board

WILMINGTON, Del. (August 3, 2022) – Zip Code Wilmington, a software coding boot camp, welcomes Ayanna (“Dax”) Hill, chief operating officer of Vanguard/Vanguard Fintech Ventures, and businessman and technology entrepreneur, Diego F. Calderin, to its board of directors.

Hill, who also is senior innovation manager at Vanguard, provides budgetary, compliance and reporting oversight for Vanguard Fintech Ventures, which invests in startups.

Calderin is a principal at PreCode Labs LLC, a Silicon Valley technology incubator that helps identify and create companies in the cyber security space.

Zip Code Executive Director Desa Burton said Calderin and Hill bring an abundance of knowledge and experience to Wilmington.

“Their presence on our board will help keep Zip Code moving forward,” she said. “They offer a wealth of expertise and perspective and we’re proud to welcome them.”

About Dax Hill:

Hill began her career with Vanguard in March 2015 as a data quality product owner. She was promoted to senior product owner, then to investment management development program manager in May 2020. One year later, she was promoted to senior strategist. Seven months after that, she was named Vanguard Fintech Ventures COO.

“I’m excited to join Zip Code’s board and look forward to helping it reach greater success,” she said.

Before Vanguard, Hill was a data analyst for Russell Reynolds Associates in New York City from 2014 to 2015 and an HR business partner for Duff & Phelps Global Advisory in New York City from 2012 to 2014.

Last year, Hill co-founded Neptune, an ed-tech startup that uses virtual reality for early childhood education.

Hill received her bachelor's degree in computer science at Long Island University in 2010, and looks forward to attending the MBA program at Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania (2022 decision pending).

About Diego Calderin:

Calderin began his career in 1984 as a software engineer with General Electric in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. In 1992, he joined technology startup Actium and consulted at Fortune 500 companies, including Corning, J&J and Exelon.

"Zip Code is training the next generation of coders and connecting them to well-paying jobs with international businesses," he said. "I'm proud to join this forward-thinking company."

In 1999, Calderin founded Acatar, a firm specializing in database repurposing, e-commerce and digital content integration. The next year, Calderin co-founded digital integration firm Anexinet, creating its innovative concept for Near-Site™ Development Centers and wrote its systems development methodology.

By late 2014, with annual revenues exceeding \$100 million, Calderin and his partners sold the business to a California private equity firm.

In 2015, Calderin co-founded Banbury Systems LLC, an RFID-enabled Internet of Things (IoT) data acquisition platform. Banbury was acquired by a national manufacturer of cleanroom products and services in 2020.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Calderin immigrated to the Philadelphia area with his family in 1962. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from La Salle University in 1983 and a master's degree in engineering from Penn State University in 1988.

With seven years of operation and over 500 graduates in jobs that help its graduates double or even triple their income, Zip Code Wilmington gives students the technical and leadership skills they need for software developer and data engineering jobs. The addition of Hill and Calderin as new board members will bring additional expertise and vision to help move the company forward.

About Zip Code Wilmington

Zip Code Wilmington is a 12-week coding bootcamp in Delaware that gives students the technical, interpersonal and leadership skills needed to secure a competitive developer job, raise their earning potential, and transform their lives. Zip Code Wilmington's program prepares its students to become highly qualified and trained technology talent, while connecting students with corporate partners. Founded in 2015 by Benjamin duPont (co-founder), the program has more than 400 alumni.

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