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St. Mary's University partnership to offer software development training and agile certification

CALGARY – St. Mary's University is partnering with San Antonio based Appddiction Studio's Calgary office to offer agile training and certification courses and bootcamps to the Calgary community. The bootcamps will be offered under Appddiction's training arm CodeBound™, a training provider that is uniquely positioned to meet the workforce needs by providing comprehensive software development courses culminating in certification in the Agile framework. CodeBound™ has innovative curriculum designed by subject matter experts who are performing in real-time on large government software development contracts.

To meet the changing economic landscape and the growing need for a tech-savvy workforce, this partnership will provide training in agile software development and other agile-certified roles.

"Appddiction Studio is excited to partner with St. Mary's University," said Timothy Porter, chief executive officer and founder of Appddiction Studio. "This partnership will add a new educational path for Calgarians and provide learners with the type of high-quality agile learning content that is in such high demand in a rapidly evolving global economy."

Appddiction Studio performs on over \$100 million in Agile software development contracts for the United States Department of Defense and is a Gold Partner to Scaled Agile, a leading lean and agile organization whose framework has been implemented across many of the world's largest organizations, such as Phillips, Hewlett-Packard and Cisco.

"The economic landscape is changing in Alberta and in Calgary and it's time to invest in a new natural resource, tech talent," said Calgary Economic Development's EDGE Up Director Jeanette Sutherland. "In partnering with St. Mary's University and Appddiction Studio, we will be creating a talent pipeline while also helping displaced oil and gas workers, women and Indigenous people, who will lead the way for Calgary's burgeoning tech-powered future."

The partnerships closely align with St. Mary's University's recently launched strategic plan that has seen the institution place an increased emphasis on empowering students for successful career paths through experiential learning and collaborations.

"At St. Mary's we are committed to preparing our students for economic diversification," said Rafael De La Pena, Director, Centre for Learning, Access and Student Success at St. Mary's University. "We want to provide students with the experience and skills needed to thrive in a diversifying economy and partnering with Appddiction Studio is a big step forward in that direction. We are excited to be expanding with Appddiction Studio to a downtown office to provide training right in the heart of Calgary's core."

The first agile certification course, Agile Fundamentals, is being offered March 19-20 at the downtown location. For more information, please visit: <https://www.stmu.ca/event/agile-fundamentals-icp/>.

About St. Mary's University:

St. Mary's University is an innovative teaching and research university that provides affordable, accredited and highly valued degrees in the Liberal Arts, Sciences and Education located on a historic site in Calgary, Alberta. The students at St. Mary's are inspired to combine academics with a passionate commitment to ethics, social justice and respect for diversity of opinion and belief.

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