

Galvanize Appoints Ricky Hamilton as New Chief Executive Officer

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Hamilton takes the reins of Stride, Inc. subsidiary as demand for IT talent surges

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Galvanize** – one of the nation’s leading providers of software engineering and data science training – has announced the appointment of Ricky Hamilton as Chief Executive Officer. The news comes as parent company **Stride, Inc.** (NYSE: LRN) reports its career learning revenue grew 191% year-over-year in the **third fiscal quarter**, which ended on March 31, 2021.

Mr. Hamilton brings a wealth of experience and energy to his new role. Prior to being named CEO, he served as Executive Vice President of Revenue Operations and as Chief of Staff to former Galvanize CEO Harsh Patel. Throughout his tenure at Galvanize, Mr. Hamilton has successfully led and contributed to a variety of strategic, revenue-generating, and cultural initiatives, including the acquisition of Hack Reactor in 2018, the evolution of the company’s industry-leading **Income Share Agreement (ISA)** structure, a landmark **scholarship initiative**, and Galvanize’s **acquisition** by Stride, Inc. in January 2020.

Galvanize is a part of Stride’s growing portfolio of career learning brands and programs that target a variety of fields including IT and healthcare for students of all ages.

“Ricky’s professional experiences underscore his business philosophy and motivate him to make Galvanize an even greater success,” said Dr. Shaun McAlmont, Stride’s President of Career Learning Solutions. “His passion for leveling the playing field for access to high-quality education will continue to drive the company forward, as Galvanize connects working professionals with tech careers and helps companies find the right tech talent.”

Prior to joining Galvanize, Mr. Hamilton worked at global management company McKinsey & Company, where he

helped Fortune 500 companies tackle their largest organizational challenges. Working across a breadth of industries including insurance, technology, telecommunications, and manufacturing, as well as the public sector, Mr. Hamilton enjoyed partnering with his clients to implement operational best practices for long-term results.

“I’m honored to take on this role at Galvanize, and I’m proud of everything we’ve done to build an incredible community that’s united by our shared devotion to lifelong learning,” said Hamilton. “I look forward to building on Galvanize’s legacy of transforming career paths and companies, and to supporting our growing community of educators, students, alumni, clients, entrepreneurs, and staff.”

Mr. Hamilton earned a bachelor’s degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan, where he gained an early appreciation for the power of coding and data science.

For more information about Galvanize, visit www.galvanize.com.

About Galvanize

Galvanize is a learning community for technology with eight physical campuses across the U.S. where innovative startups, aspiring students, and large enterprises benefit from a dynamic, unique technology ecosystem. Galvanize is an industry leader in technology education, offering the Data Science and Hack Reactor Software Engineering immersive bootcamps, that propel careers and help individuals thrive in the digital economy. In addition to its physical campuses, Galvanize offers full-time and part-time immersive bootcamps to individuals remotely, and tailored workforce training to enterprise clients to address each of their unique needs. With 8,000+ graduates, Galvanize alumni have gone on to bring their talents to over 2,250 companies. Galvanize is a subsidiary of Stride, Inc. (NYSE: LRN), a premier provider of innovative, high-quality online and blended education solutions, curriculum, and programs to students, schools and enterprises in primary, secondary and post-secondary settings. Learn more at www.galvanize.com.

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