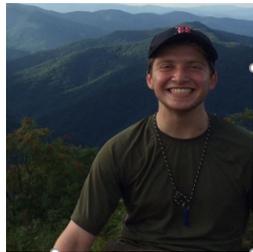




Instructor Spotlight – Garrett Post, EMPOW Studios



What is your favorite part about teaching in conjunction with a Community Education Program?

My favorite part has got to be interacting with the other instructors, students, and administrators. I love to see the people involved in a CEP so energized about learning!

Can you share the EMPOW Studios teaching philosophy?

Empow's teaching philosophy is based around project-based learning for building, designing, and coding. We agree with Ben Franklin when he said "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." We want our students to learn by doing, whether they're making a movie or coding a robot.

What do you (as an instructor) do to motivate students?

We use many different methods for motivation, but built into Empow's curriculum structure is our badge system. Students earn virtual badges by working on progressively more difficult projects set by their knowledge of the subject matter. Our students really enjoy collecting badges across our different academic "tracks" and showing off a difficult to attain badge!

Can you talk about a specific (popular) class EMPOW Studios offers?

In Empow's Video Game Design class, students go from no VGD experience to designing a 2D game of their own that friends and family can play. Throughout the process, they learn about the basic elements of game design: rooms, sprites, objects, events, and actions!

What do you want students to walk away from class with?

Besides a completed project to proudly show their friends and family, I want all my students to walk away with energy about the subject matter and a belief in their own ability to create something awesome.

How long have you been working for EMPOW Studios? What drew you to want to work for EMPOW?

I've been at Empow for about 9 months now! I'm all about technology and youth empowerment. Empow takes learning tech skills seriously and leaves plenty of room for fun and play, so it was a great match.

Lastly, what do you do for fun outside of being an EMPOW Studios Instructor?

I love running Spartan races with my team (think climbing and lifting challenges). A couple of weeks ago I ran the Spartan at Fenway Park and was lucky enough to get my mom involved. She did great!