

**Press Release**

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**Honoris United Universities and Le Wagon join forces to offer  
free online coding course across Africa**

*Course introduces the next generation of professionals  
to ‘the new language for the future of work’ – Coding*

**Tunis / Casablanca / Durban, May 05 2020** – Honoris United Universities, the first and largest pan-African network of private higher education institutions, today announced that it has joined forces with the internationally acclaimed and world #1 coding bootcamp\*, Le Wagon, to provide a free online web development course as the network integrates coding as a skill into its employability ecosystem.

The short but intensive online course will introduce students to the relevant coding skills required to become a beginner software developer and provide an opportunity for them to collaborate with developers, designers and other digital professionals. The objective of the course is to enable a student, within 20 hours of study, videos, quizzes and projects, to create and graphically enhance a web page using HTML and CSS.

Honoris and Le Wagon are offering this open access course to provide an initial step in developing awareness and comfort to digital skills across the continent. The introduction of this course further reflects Honoris’ belief in the importance of coding as a core competency for the 21<sup>st</sup> century world of work: students who learn how to code develop highly logical, solution-oriented ways of thinking. Critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication are the mental attributes that go hand-in-hand with coding – and evidence shows that employers value and need such a mindset.

**CEO of Honoris United Universities, Luis Lopez**, said, *“Collaborating with Le Wagon, a global leader, in the provision of this online coding course is the first step in Honoris’ Coding as a Second Language mandate. Our focus here acknowledges that coding is a fundamental skill for our students to be successful and competitive in increasingly digitized, automated and AI-driven economic models.”*

Commenting on the role that coding will play within the framework of the 4IR and in how students prepare for it, **CEO of Le Wagon, Boris Paillard** said, *“All jobs are getting more and more technical in our digital economy. Learning to code seems like a critical first step not only to understand how technology works but also to know how to build digital products, automate processes and analyze data. Honoris has understood the importance of these new practical skills for educating the next generation of African leaders and we’re really proud to launch this initiative with them.”*

Access and registration to the free online course is at <http://honoris.net/learntocode/> and available until the end of August 2020.

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**About Honoris United Universities**

Honoris United Universities is the first and largest pan-African private higher education network committed to educating the next generation of African leaders and professionals able to impact regionally in a globalized world. Collaborative intelligence, cultural agility and mobile mind-sets and skills are at the heart of Honoris' vision of higher education. Honoris United Universities joins the expertise of its member institutions to develop world-class African Human capital that is competitive in today's fast-paced, demanding and increasingly digitized labor and start-up markets.

Honoris United Universities gathers a community of **45,000** students on **60** campuses, learning centres and via on-line, in **10** countries and **32** cities. The network counts **11** institutions: multidisciplinary universities, specialized schools, technical and vocational institutes, contact, distance and online institutions. Students have an opportunity to experience exclusive partnerships and exchange programs in more than **60** universities across Europe and the United States. Over **280** degrees are offered in Health Sciences, Engineering, IT, Business, Law, Architecture, Creative Arts and Design, Media, Political Science and Education.

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**About Le Wagon**

Le Wagon is a coding school that offers short and intensive coding bootcamps. Le Wagon's mission is to enable the greatest number of people to learn technical skills in order to update their skills, change careers, or launch their project. The school offers a web development course, recognized as the best coding bootcamp in the world, as well as a data science course. Launched in 2013, Le Wagon now boasts an international presence in 38 cities around the world, an alumni community of 7,000+ people from all walks of life, a proven teaching method, and a corporate offer for companies to train their employees. <https://www.lewagon.com>

\* #1 Coding Bootcamp on Switchup (ranked as Best Bootcamp by Switchup for the 3 last years) – #1 Coding Bootcamp on Coursereport

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