Roadtrip Nation and KQED Announce Premiere of Roadtrip Nation Season 13: Code Trip, Presented by Microsoft Philanthropies

New Series Encourages Diversity in the Computer Science Space

Costa Mesa, CA ([PRWEB](#)) September 01, 2016 -- Three ambitious computer science students, Natalie, Zoed, and Robin, are all pursuing careers in technology, but have not encountered many people who look like them in the field. Coming from Latin and Native American backgrounds, they remain underrepresented in a highly influential industry.

Premiering digitally Sept. 1, 2016, a new series produced by Roadtrip Nation will highlight the stories of individuals striving to make room for themselves in a space with very little diversity. Code Trip not only empowers the road-trippers to ask questions and dive into their interests, it also enables successful and underrepresented professionals in the field of computer science to share their stories of trial and triumph with both road-trippers and viewers.

Roadtrip Nation is a documentary series that tracks the personal journeys of young adults as they travel the country interviewing inspiring leaders from all walks of life. Through KQED, the new season will also be distributed with American Public Television stations beginning Sept. 7, 2016, reaching more than 70 million households across the country.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with Microsoft to help diversify the field of computer science. We believe the first step toward that is showing young people the many routes available to them through the stories of mentors who have overcome similar challenges," said Mike Marriner, cofounder of Roadtrip Nation.

Code Trip includes four half-hour episodes featuring 18 thought-provoking interviews full of advice and insights from a wide range of leaders in computer science, including Carolyn Parcheta of NASA, Phillip Loya of CODE2040, Laura Gómez of Atipica, and many more.

"We're proud to collaborate with RoadTrip Nation on the important topic of inclusion in computer science," said Yvonne Thomas, Director, Microsoft Philanthropies. "Through the lens of the roadtrippers, CodeTrip does a great job showing the diversity of people and careers in the technology industry and the exciting possibilities that exist for young people."

Roadtrip Nation is driven by the search for individuals who have followed their interests and defined their own roads in life. For airtimes, check your local listings or visit http://roadtripnation.com/watch.

About Roadtrip Nation
Roadtrip Nation, renowned for its New York Times best-selling book, award-winning documentary TV series, and innovative career-exploration curriculum, creates self-discovery resources designed to help people build fulfilling careers. Combining self-reflection with real-world exposure, Roadtrip Nation resources enable individuals to discover compatible career pathways and pursue what they love to do.

For more information, visit roadtripnation.com, roadtripnation.org, or follow @RoadtripNation on Twitter.

About KQED

KQED (kqed.org) has served Northern California for more than 50 years and is affiliated with NPR and PBS. KQED owns and operates public television stations KQED 9 (San Francisco/Bay Area), KQED Plus (San Jose/Bay Area) and KQET 25 (Watsonville/Monterey); KQED Public Radio (88.5 FM San Francisco); kqed.org and KQEDnews.org; and KQED Education. KQED Public Television, one of the most-watched public television stations in the country, is the producer/presenter of national programs such as Sound Tracks; California Forever; and Essential Pépin. KQED Public Radio is the most-listened-to public radio station in the nation and the most popular in the Bay Area. Visit http://www.kqed.org for more information.

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