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MAGPIE's Got Youthful (Useful!) Insights on Its Side
Software Development Company Gleans Good Lessons From Legacy High School Intern

Summer internship deadline: March 26

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(Westminster, Colo. — March 2007) How many students graduate from college and know what they truly want to do? Lacking “real world” experience, they enter the workforce only to find that the professional path they’ve chosen doesn’t align with their values, goals or expectations. Employers also waste time and money on recruiting employees who turn out to be a poor fit for their industry or specific job. If the hires could sign on for a job with some amount of previous, hands-on experience, in addition to an academic background, the odds for employee retention could soar, saving both employers and employees a lot of unnecessary angst and money.

The Westminster, Colo.-based software development company, **MAGPIE (www.magpieti.com)**, has recognized this problem in its industry and is solving it one student at a time. It is now participating in an internship program offered by **Legacy High School** in Broomfield called “**Legacy 2000**,” or “L2K.” Recognized by the Jared Polis Foundation as one of the best new educational programs in the state of Colorado, L2K is a unique opportunity for MAGPIE to help local students structure their career path before they’ve set foot on a college campus. Consequently, MAGPIE is also improving the quality of future talent that will be available in the software development industry.

Most recently, MAGPIE has enjoyed the benefits of interning **Joshua Kline**, a senior at Legacy High School and L2K participant. While Joshua says the program is helping him see the professional realities within the software industry, it has also exposed him to the workplace culture offered by a company like MAGPIE, which specializes in assisting Fortune 500 to start-up companies with their software development needs.

MAGPIE, too, is learning its share of good lessons from Joshua. Company president and CEO **Margaret Burd** says his fresh perspective impacts the staff’s attitude and views toward how they manage their duties or approach product development. With Joshua’s youthful, yet useful insights, the staff realizes it needs to revisit the how’s and why’s of what they’re doing when following “routine” procedures. This only makes for a healthier, more effective workplace.

MAGPIE continues its efforts to ensure Colorado students make sound educational choices by announcing two summer internship openings for high school students, college students or recent graduates. Interested applicants can submit a résumé via e-mail to magpie@magpieti.com or in person at MAGPIE’s Westminster office by **Monday, March 26**.

About MAGPIE

MAGPIE (www.magpieti.com), a Westminster-based global software development firm, has delivered 99 percent of its software projects on time for five straight years. This level of performance is virtually unheard of in an industry plagued with missed deadlines, blown budgets and quality shortcomings. The not-so-mainstream Agile methodologies like eXtreme Programming have been a key to MAGPIE’s success.

To arrange **media interviews** with either MAGPIE or Joshua Kline, please contact **Anita Burger** at (303) 453-8300 or anita@magpieti.com.

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