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**SCRUM ALLIANCE SPONSORS 5 SATURDAYS 2016 EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**Ongoing Support Will Help Expand Student Workshops on Agile & Scrum Methods**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...April 11, 2016...COSTA MESA, CALIF....**5 Saturdays, an education program focused on teaching students Agile and Scrum principles, as well technology and business skills, today announced that it has received a second year of sponsorship from Scrum Alliance, the largest, most established and influential professional membership organization and certifying body in the Agile community.

The funds from Scrum Alliance will be used by 5 Saturdays in 2016 to expand workshops for underserved high school students in Southern California, launch its scholarship program, and train additional volunteer professionals who facilitate student instruction.

5 Saturdays founder Dave Cornelius, DM, said the continued sponsorship from Scrum Alliance is important validation for the education program. "We are grateful that Scrum Alliance has sponsored 5 Saturdays for a second year. Our goal is to empower students by exposing them to Agile and Scrum methods, along with technology and business skills. These are lessons students will take forward into college and their careers. We are pleased to receive this support as we launch the next chapter of growth and transformation for 5 Saturdays."

"Scrum Alliance is pleased to offer ongoing support to 5 Saturdays," said Manny Gonzalez, CEO for Scrum Alliance. "We are committed to supporting Scrum in the communities we serve, and know the value of teaching students Scrum principles, which can favorably impact their studies and play an important role in their career paths. We believe in this exciting program and the ability of 5 Saturdays to inspire our future business leaders."

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### **About Scrum Alliance**

Founded in 2001, Scrum Alliance® is the largest, most established and influential professional membership and certification organization in the Agile community. Scrum Alliance® is a nonprofit association with more than 450,000 certified practitioners worldwide. Its vision is to "Transform the World of Work" with a mission to guide and inspire individuals, leaders, and organizations with practices, principles and values that create workplaces that are joyful, prosperous, and sustainable. Scrum is at the foundation of all its products, services, and solutions. For more information, please visit [www.scrumalliance.org](http://www.scrumalliance.org).

### **About 5 Saturdays**

5 Saturdays, based in Costa Mesa, Calif., supports non-profits and other organizations with collaborative and project-based education outreach initiatives in local communities. Using a curriculum created by founder Dr. Dave Cornelius, volunteer professionals mentor students and expose them to a career in technology and business, as well as teach them life skills, such as creative and critical thinking, effective communications, and agility using Scrum and Kanban. Visit [5Saturdays.org](http://5Saturdays.org) for more information.

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