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# MDC hosting 1st Code Art Miami event Saturday

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The event is a collaborative effort between Girls Who Code Clubs and CODELLA and will include a coding art competition for girls

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South Florida students, parents, educators and members of the local tech community re invited to the first-ever Code Art Miami on Saturday at Miami Dade College’s Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC).

Code Art Miami, a free and open to the public digital art exhibition and speaker symposium, is a collaborative effort between local Girls Who Code Clubs and Miami-based CODELLA, a nonprofit organization committed to teaching coding and tech skills to Latina girls from underserved communities.

Code Art Miami seeks to inspire more girls to code and to foster community among participating student groups. The event is sponsoring a competition for girls in grades 4-12 to enter their digital and 3D-printed art created through coding. The art will be displayed digitally on several flat screens throughout the event and winners will be announced at the event. The event will also include raffles and a silent auction.

“Women today represent only 18 percent of all computer science graduates and just 22 percent of gaming developers. My hope is that events like Code Art Miami will help increase those numbers,” said Maria Mejia, Code Art Miami student founder.

The event begins at 4 p.m. on MDC’s Wolfson Campus. To learn more and reserve tickets, visit [www.codeart.miami](http://www.codeart.miami), or email us at [info@codeart.miami](mailto:info@codeart.miami).



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