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Bunker Labs Philadelphia Announces Giving Back Partnership with The Travis Manion Foundation in Conjunction with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

Philadelphia, Pa., February 22, 2017 – [Bunker Labs Philadelphia](#), a peer-learning environment for veteran entrepreneurs, today announced a community involvement partnership with [The Travis Manion Foundation](#) in conjunction with [St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School](#), an Independence Mission School. The partnership allows veteran entrepreneurs from Bunker Labs PHL community to enrich the lives of middle school students through engaging presentations showcasing how veterans are impacting the community beyond just building businesses.

“Everyone associated with Bunker Labs PHL has a very high-level of respect for the Travis Manion Foundation and the work they do throughout this region to evangelize character,” said [Joe Witte](#), Executive Director for Bunker Labs Philadelphia. “It’s important for members of our cohort companies, who are well-educated and highly-respected individuals, to give back to our community. By supporting The Travis Manion Foundation, we are confident that we can impact the lives of students from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School.”

"At the end of the day, both Bunker Labs and TMF share a passion for three things: innovation, collaboration--and most importantly--veteran empowerment. By joining forces, we now have the opportunity to add a fourth groundbreaking element--giving back," said [Ryan Manion](#), President of Travis Manion Foundation. “Together, we're tapping the powerful resource of veteran leaders in the community, and putting them in front of young adults to serve as role models and mentors. This isn't just changing the life of a single veteran or a single student. It's rebuilding an entire community. We can't wait to start this work with Bunker Labs in Philadelphia, and eventually, deliver this impact to the rest of the country."

“St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is excited for the community partnership with the Travis Manion Foundation and Bunker Labs,” said [Nicole Unegbu](#), Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. “We are grateful for the support of the Travis Manion Foundation and mentors who will be role models for our middle school students helping to shape them as leaders of character and compassion. This collaboration allows us to continue our mission of promoting social and moral growth in lifelong learners.”

The organizations will announce their partnership at Bunker Labs’ “[Bunker Brews](#)” this Wednesday (February 22) at Benjamin’s Desk, 1608 Walnut Street, 12th Floor, Philadelphia, PA. All veterans and entrepreneurs are welcome to attend. Present will be Ryan Manion and Joe Witte to share more on their vision for the relationship and how they are impacting veteran and students.

About The Travis Manion Foundation

The Travis Manion Foundation is re-defining American character. By connecting our military community with young adults, we provide service members with a renewed sense of purpose and the opportunity

to make a community impact and THRIVE in their civilian lives. In doing so, we also re-establish a national identity built on character, leadership, and service.

About St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School (STA) provides a transformational education for students of all faiths in a traditional Catholic school environment emphasizing literacy and character development preparing children to be enthusiastic learners who are ready to lead boldly in the classroom and their community. STA is proud to be an Independence Mission School. IMS is a Philadelphia non-profit supporting a network of 15 independent Catholic elementary schools providing low income children of all faiths a high-quality Catholic education.

About Bunker Labs

Bunker Labs is a national not-for-profit organization built by military Veteran entrepreneurs to empower other military Veterans as leaders in innovation. Through local chapters organized in 8 different cities including Philadelphia, Bunker Labs provides educational programming, mentors, events, and thriving local networks to help military Veterans start and grow businesses. Bunker Labs works to inspire, educate, and connect Veterans with the right people and the right resources to be successful as entrepreneurs and as innovators. Our online platform, Bunker in a Box, gives active duty and Veterans worldwide access to entrepreneurship education, complete with dozens of interviews with military Veterans who have successfully started a diverse array of businesses. For more information, please visit bunkerlabs.org or <http://bunkerlabsphl.com/>, follow us on Twitter @BunkerLabsPHL and #BunkerBuilds or like us on Facebook.

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