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## **Performance Assessment Solutions Company, MZD, Grows Team to Fuel Expansion of Innovative Product Line**

*The North Liberty, IA assessment technology company adds two software engineers amid COVID-19 to expand its suite of performance assessment products that provide the ability to author, deliver, and score any media type from any location*

**May 12, 2020—NORTH LIBERTY, IA—**[MZD](#), an education technology company providing performance assessment solutions to organizations globally, announced that it has added two new members to its engineering team this month.

**Adam Louly**, has joined MZD as a Machine Learning Software Engineer at MZD. Adam holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Mathematics from Tetouan, Morocco as well as a Master of Science in Computer Science & Business Intelligence from the National School of Applied Sciences in Al Hoceima, Morocco. Adam has worked as a Machine Learning Engineer at AdRejection and as a Data Scientist for XHUB in Morocco before joining MZD.

**Kaleb McKone** has joined MZD as a Software Engineer. Kaleb holds a Bachelor of Arts: Computer Science and a Bachelor of Science: Mathematics from the University of Iowa. While as an undergraduate, he worked as an intern at Thomson Reuters where he was a member of the cloud center of excellence, a team specializing in cloud infrastructure in Amazon Web Services. In his last year of school at Iowa, he served as the developer for a web-based assessment platform used in ongoing autism and learning-disability research. Before joining MZD Development, Kaleb worked at Target Corporation, where he helped manage the computer infrastructure in every Target store, totaling almost 6,000 individual servers.

“We are excited about adding Adam and Kaleb to our talented team of engineers, who have a love for education and developing technology to improve it,” said Zac Henrich, MZD, Co-Founder. “These new hires signal growth for our company and a need for additional product development to help our clients efficiently and effectively deploy and manage assessment programs—from anywhere, at any time. Those capabilities are particularly critical as we navigate changes post-COVID-19. Adam and Kaleb will be key to MZD’s ability to meet the growing demand for our solutions from leading testing organizations and school districts to enhance their assessment programs.”

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MZD provides a suite of performance assessment solutions for assessment organizations and school districts around the world. These solutions help deliver faster and higher quality assessments of student performance, in turn helping to improve student achievement.

[OSCAR™](#), is an online distributed performance scoring platform designed to streamline scoring activities for constructed response, video, audio, and portfolio work. OSCAR has been adopted by clients like Gwinnett County Public Schools (Atlanta), Millard Public Schools (Omaha), Georgia Center for Assessment (Athens), and PSI (United Kingdom).

[OSCAR Classroom](#), is a collaborative performance assessment management, scoring, and reporting platform. It has been [adopted](#) by clients like the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) to support the Michigan Arts Education Instruction and Assessment Project (MAEIA) and the Colorado Department of Education to support collaborative, standards based performance assessments.

[ADAM™](#), an intuitive assessment authoring, delivery and reporting platform that integrates with OSCAR and OSCAR Classroom to provide clients with a comprehensive assessment solution. ADAM has been adopted by clients like the Louisiana Department of education in support of the Innovative Assessment program.

**About MZD, Inc.**

MZD, Inc. was founded in 2015 in Iowa by a group of individuals who collectively have over 75 years of experience in online assessment and performance scoring. MZD is focused on a single mission: delivering solutions that make Performance Assessments a reality for organizations of all sizes. The first product, OSCAR, was launched in 2015 and is currently in use with leading districts and test assessment organizations throughout the country. More information can be found at <https://mzdevinc.com>. Districts and organizations interested in MZD and its innovative assessment platforms can email [contact@mzdevinc.com](mailto:contact@mzdevinc.com) or call 319-855-7694.

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