13th Annual Alumni Symposium
Friday, March 1, 2019

Gabrielle Cozart ‘18 ‘19 - Master of Ceremonies

As an undergraduate and graduate student at CofC, Gabrielle has filled roles such as researcher, student ambassador, instructor, mentor, club officer, and more. As a freshman, she quickly began getting involved in the department by joining the CIRDLES research lab, joining clubs, eventually leading workshops, and having leadership roles in her senior year. At the Master’s level, she began teaching sections of the lab for CSCI 220 and also started as a teaching assistant for the course. Outside of class, Gabrielle has had internships with SCANA and FAST Enterprises. Currently she is finishing her last semester of her Master’s, and after graduation she will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia, to begin her career with NCR as a mobile applications developer.
Phillip Byrd ‘18

Phillip is currently a software engineer on the development team at Oakwood Worldwide in Los Angeles, California. Oakwood manages and rents property all over the world. After graduating from CofC in May 2018 with a degree in Computer Information Systems, Phillip moved out to California and has been developing web services and APIs for the launch of the company’s new website and automated booking tools. In his last semester, Phillip worked as a Systems Engineer Intern on a Development and Operations team at Blackbaud, and as a website administrator for the SSCA, in Charleston.

Mac Knight ‘18

Mac graduated with a B.S. in Computer Science. While attending the College of Charleston, Mac worked as a research assistant for the NSF funded CyberPaths project and interned for the Information Security team at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is currently located in Las Vegas, where he works as a Security Content Developer for ReliaQuest. Day-to-day Mac works with information security teams from various Fortune 1000 companies, implementing security content that detects and manages potential cyber threats.
Megan Landau ‘18

During her time as a student, Megan volunteered and participated in CS clubs, tutored, presented her research on voice-activated drone control in Vienna, Austria, and attended the Grace Hopper Celebration as a scholarship awardee. She also developed an application with two other students for their senior project that is used today to monitor activity on the production lines of Mercedes Benz Vans in Ladson, SC.

After graduating last May, Megan moved across the country to Los Angeles where she now works as a back-end engineer for the Walt Disney Company. As part of the Product Platform Team.

MH Johnson ‘17

MH graduated as a Computer Science major in 2017. While at CofC, he was a Computer Science tutor, and at one point, an intern at Hawkes Learning Systems. Now he works as a Software Engineer at Google in New York City. He interned twice at Google between years at CofC, then he started full time after graduating in 2017. He started off on an Ads product team doing front end web development. He now works on the Material Design team, working on bringing Material Design libraries to the Flutter framework (flutter.io).
Sarah Mackey ‘16

At CofC, Sarah co-founded the Women in Computing Club, was a Student Ambassador, and joined Dr. Starr’s iLab. She learned iOS development as an intern at a small startup in Seattle over her Sophomore Summer. Her commitment to encouraging women in technology led to her become a Grace Hopper Scholar, which allowed her to attend the conference where she interviewed & accepted an offer to intern with American Express. During her internship in NYC, she focused on a technology uplift of the card application experience. Post-graduation, she re-joined American Express to lead front-end design & development, eventual becoming a program manager working across a suite of products.

Benjamin Johnson ‘13

Ben is currently working as a Senior Software Engineer at Google. While at CofC he interned with Hawkes Learning Systems and BiblioLabs. He also participated in the school's ACM ICPC team, and helped organize and run regular programming competitions for students. After graduating, he started working for Google in Orange County, CA on the Google Analytics team. After 3 years on that team, he transferred to the Boulder CO office to work on Google Search on Android. Today, he works on the Search Notifications team, remotely from his childhood home town in Southern Oregon.
Jeffrey Decker ‘12

After graduating from CofC in 2012, Jeffrey moved to the bay area after receiving an offer from Pandora. He worked at Pandora for 4.5 years on consumer electronics integrations with partners including Google, Facebook, Honda and more. While there, some members of his team and him were invited to a Lego Mindstorms competition where they beat representatives from other companies like Facebook and Flickr to build the best Lego robot. From there he moved on to spend a year working at Twitch as an Android engineer primarily focused on chat and community related features. In May a friend from Pandora reached out with a new opportunity at a startup called June where Jeffrey is currently working today. As a part of June, he's tasked with helping build an extensible framework that they can use to run smart oven platform and any other smart appliances they might want to make in the future.