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12th Annual Alumni Symposium Friday, March 9, 2018

Megan Landau '18 - Master of Ceremonies



A Senior majoring in Computer Science, Megan has filled such roles as student ambassador, tutor, club officer, researcher, and overall promoter of computer science to anyone she meets. Her enthusiasm has led to many amazing opportunities and awards, including presenting her drone research at the Human-Robot Interaction Conference in Vienna, Austria and acting as a Google Women Techmakers Scholar. Now finishing her last semester as an intern and conducting research on machine learning, Megan will move to Los Angeles after graduation where she will work as a software engineer for Disney's ABC Television Group.

Nick Desisto '16



Nick earned a B.A. in Computer Science with minors in Math and Physics before securing a position as a Systems Developer at Conrex, a private equity investment firm that focuses on single-family rental homes. In the past 18 months, he has been involved in the design and implementation of everything from server infrastructures and databases to 3rd party API integrations and UI/UX. The company has doubled its holdings to over 6,000 homes since Nick came on board.

Alex Castelli '15



Alex is a graduate of the College of Charleston with a degree in Computer Science. Alex started with the Charleston Digital Corridor's CODEcamp program as an intern in October of 2014 with limited development experience and ran the program for over 2 years. She started her full-time career as a Junior Developer/QA Engineer at a small startup, worked in Application Security at CACI, and now is a team lead at AVOXI.

Venessa Johansen-Barrera '15



During the last semester of her B.S. in Computer Science program, Vanessa was awarded a three-month internship as a software developer with Hawkes Learning, provider of educational courseware platforms and instructional content designed to enhance student success in college learning. Her experience was so successful that Hawkes hired Vanessa as a full-time Quality Assurance Engineer (QAE) in which she helped refine testing processes designed to enhance product quality and minimize error. Vanessa continues to hone her skills in her new position training others in Hawkes' automation process and improving instructional content for clients.

Ronak Raithatha '14



Having graduated with a B.A. in Computer Science, Ronak currently works as a Software Engineer at Snagajob. His day-to-day duties include full stack development using Angular on the front-end and .NetCore on the back-end as containers shipped to AWS. Previously, he worked at Boomtown where he lead in the development of a cloud-based third party integration using the Serverless Framework, architecture and leveraging the event-driven environment in AWS. Ronak also worked at Blue Acorn as a LAMP stack developer and is certified to work on Magento.

Chris Taylor '14



Since graduating with a B.S. in Computer Science, Christopher has had the opportunity to hone his skills in a variety of fields, including hardware, software, and networking. While pursuing his studies at the College, Christopher worked as an intern for the Network Engineering Department where he was offered a full-time position as the Wireless Network Engineer his senior year, a position he retained for two years before being hired as a Linux System Administrator with the Scientific Research Corporation (SRC). Christopher is currently working at Booz Allen Hamilton as a Software Developer where he plans to continue growing his skills in Software Development.

Scott Ziegler '14



Scott graduated with a B.S. in Computer Information Systems. While in college Scott was a part of the ACM organization, an active member of the Gaming 101 club, a Resident Assistant, a ROAR scholar, and maintained an internship with the IT program at Ashley Hall Private School for Girls. Upon graduating, Scott was employed by Bishop England High School as an IT assistant; a few months later he was offered a position as a Systems Analyst with Scientific Research Corporation, where he helps provide Platform-as-a-Service as part of the VBMS-AIDE contract team, issued by The Department of Veterans Affairs. The focus of his work is to maintain the servers that developers use for code deployments and various other system administrative tasks.

Aaron Whitney '00



Aaron has been building enterprise web applications for over 17 years. He started his career in 2000 at Benefitfocus.com months after its inception, and for the next 10 years contributed as a Java Developer, Oracle Database Administrator, Database Engineer, Web Developer, Data Architect, and finally a Senior Software Engineer. He then spent almost 7 years as a Principal Software Engineer at Geocent building web applications for the VA, Navy, and Department of Homeland Security. In January, 2018, he joined healthcare startup Apollosource as a Principal Software Engineer.