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Applications are Open - NCWIT Aspirations in Computing



It's that time of year!

We are now accepting applications for the **National Center for Women in Information & Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing** for high school women. This is an amazing opportunity for any of your female students interested and involved in technology. Students can apply online at <http://bit.ly/AiCHSAward>. The Deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m. EDT on November 6, 2017. Students at all levels are encouraged to apply: NCWIT recognizes aspirations as well as accomplishments!

Educators may also apply for the Educator award. Applications for educators are open online through November 27 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EDT: <http://bit.ly/AiCEdAward>.

IT Executive Forums



On September 20th and 21st the Information Technology Research Institute (ITRI) held its Annual IT Executive Forums, one for college students held Wednesday, September 20th and one from high school student held Thursday, September 21st. Approximately, 50 and 300 students attended respectively. Representatives from our partnering companies sat on stage in the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Enterprise Development and fielded questions from students related to the field of technology. [Read more](#)

2017 Fall Business Career Fair



The Fall 2017 Business Career Fair was held on September 26 in Bud Walton Arena. We had 135 companies participate with a record 1476 students. Many of our board member companies participated in the event. There were also several other events surrounding the career fair. The evening before the Business Career Fair, the career center held a Networking Event exclusive Leadership Walton Students and Walton College graduate students. There was also a STEM Career Fair held the following day that other board members participated in. Next up is a Business Career Fair in Dallas on Monday, October 19.

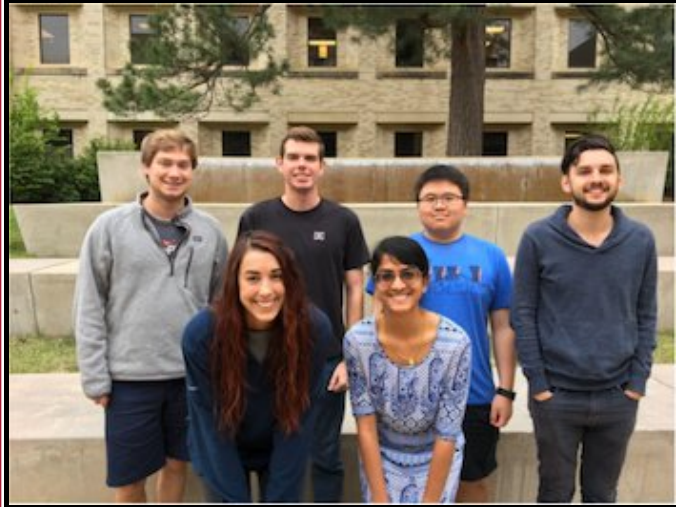
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2017 ITRI Fall Advisory Board Meeting

The ITRI boards of advisors met on the University of Arkansas campus September 21 to continue strategic planning discussion, interact with students, and receive valuable updates concerning the state of affairs within the Sam M. Walton College of Business. Presentations by Brent Williams, associate dean of executive education and outreach, Tara Dryer, Director of Training, Corporate Development and Academic Outreach, Blythe Eggleston, Associate

Director of Executive Education, Clint Johnson, Research Associate and Director of the McMillon Innovation Studio spoke to members around engagement opportunities. Andrew Shepherd and Nahian Al Sunny, AIS student organization Vice President of Membership and Treasurer respectively, introduced themselves and the organization. They took the time to present to board members information about the organization and what they planned to accomplish this year. Board members also interacted with about 300 high school students and approximately 50 college students in separate events during their visit.

Association of Information Systems Student Chapter Award Winners



The University of Arkansas's Association of Information Systems (AIS) Student Chapter has been recognized and awarded for Outstanding "Careers in IS" for the 2016-2017 academic year. This award recognizes our guest companies, their presentations, as well as the IT Guiding Principles Workshop Series that we work with in partnership with ITRI to present.

Dr. Rhonda Syler, a clinical professor in the Information Systems Department, is the new AIS Vice President of Student Chapters. An organization that promotes the study, application, and advancement of information systems through career enhancement, professional networking, and chapter development. More about this organization can be found here, [read more.](#)

The ITRI and Walton Involvement - Continuing Education and IT Readiness



Tara Dryer is the Director of Training, Corporate Development and Academic Outreach for our Global Campus. She spoke to ITRI board members about their involvement in training and development. She emphasized their current push for IT Readiness and their ability to offer courses at a significantly reduced course price to individuals in Northwest Arkansas. That means that individuals don't have to go far to get high-quality technical training. Global Campus is able to provide courses at a significantly reduced price. For example, they are offering a UX class that typically cost around \$5,000 but are able to offer them for just over \$1,500. To find out more about Global Campus and their course offering using the following link, [Read more.](#)

Top Information Systems Researchers



Three faculty members in the Department of Information Systems at the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas have been recognized as top researchers in the field using the h-index measurement of research and its worldwide impact. [Read more.](#)

[Sam M. Walton College of Business & Information Systems Department News](#)

Salmon Named Director of Center For Retailing Excellence



Jessica Salmon was named director of the Center for Retailing Excellence for the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas, effective July 17. Previously, she served as director of Finance and Strategy for Walmart U.S.

“I am excited to have Jessica lead the CRE team,” said Brent Williams, associate dean for executive education and outreach. [Read More](#)

Students: Win \$15,000 in McMillon Innovation Studio Contest



University of Arkansas students who can slice and dice data to anticipate trends and help retailers and suppliers stay out in front of their customers can win \$15,000 in the McMillon Innovation Studio's second design contest. [Read more](#)

EPIC SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Barbara Lofton



Barbara Lofton, director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Sam M. Walton College of Business, was named an Honorary Alumna during the Black Alumni Society Awards Gala on April 29 in recognition of her contributions to the University of Arkansas.

"To be recognized as a lifetime alumna made me proud as if I graduated from the university," said Lofton. "I was humbled that persons felt my work and commitment are worthy of such an honor. [Read more](#)

Coming up in the next quarter

- Spring ITRI Pre-Board Meeting Dinner – Monday, April 18, 2018
- Spring ITRI Advisory Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 17, 2018
- 2018 Women in Information Technology Conference – Wednesday & Thursday, April 17-18, 2018
- NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Award dinner – Tuesday, April 17, 2018
- Spring Business Career Fair -Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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