Women in Cyber Security Chapter at Utica University

First Annual Awards Ceremony

5.4K+ members

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About the [WiCyS Chapter at Utica University](#)

The WiCyS chapter at Utica University is a community of students run by students for students who are interested in cybersecurity that focuses on increasing awareness about cybersecurity, learning collaboratively, sharing technical knowledge, and networking with peers and mentors, among other goals and aspirations. The WiCyS chapter at Utica University is not about replacing or undermining the current structure of existing clubs and organizations on campus, but rather enhancing it as it will result in having a more inclusive environment that benefits everyone at our institution; especially aspiring women in Cybersecurity. You may read more about the chapter in the notes below.

Picture from WiCyS Award Ceremony 2024

What is WiCyS?

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WiCyS Membership Map

5.4K+ Members

United States, Albania, American Samoa, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Rwanda, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Vietnam

History of WiCyS

Initiated in 2013 by Dr. Ambareen Siraj of Tennessee Tech University through a National Science Foundation grant, WiCyS has become a non-profit organization offering many benefits for its members.

WICYS STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Tier 1

Akamai · amazon · AT&T Cybersecurity · BATTELLE · Bloomberg · Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute · CISCO · DeVry University

Ford · FORTINET · Google · LOCKHEED MARTIN · Microsoft · Optum · Sandia National Laboratories · SentinelOne

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Tier 3

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Edward Jones · ENVESTNET · flatiron · HS HAYSTACK SOLUTIONS · THE HOME DEPOT · IBM · ISC2 · HUNTRESS · LinkedIn · McDonald's

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS · Cyber Skyline · Nestlé Information Technology · OAK RIDGE National Laboratory · paloalto · PayPal · salesforce · SANS · servicenow · Starbucks

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Purpose/Mission of the WiCyS Chapter at Utica

The mission of the WiCyS Student Chapter will be to build a community within the Utica University that promotes women's education, participation, and leadership in the field of cybersecurity.

The WiCyS Student Chapter is organized with the following purposes:

1. To decrease the gender disparity in cybersecurity.

2. To provide education, mentorship, and networking support to students through the WiCyS community.

3. To promote and recruit women in cybersecurity workforce through the Academic Institution.

Benefits for chapter members

- Receive priority to learn about student opportunities (scholarships, internships,REUs, job resources, etc.) through the WiCyS student chapter mailing list
- Gain an opportunity to present at the WiCyS Annual Conference about the student chapter experience and achievements
- Apply for a WiCyS Conference travel scholarship, in addition to the lodging and meals that are sponsored through your student scholarship
- Learn leadership and technical skills
- Obtain priority for WiCyS scholarships as a chapter member
- Receive a WiCyS-approved Student Chapter logo to use in signage, promotions and business cards
- Access a community portal with networking, mentoring, job, and other opportunities

About Membership

- Anyone can join the chapter and is not required to pay unless they would like to become a WiCyS member and receive all WiCyS Global benefits.
- Membership in the WiCyS Student Chapter will be open to all students within the Academic Institution without restrictions according to race, creed, age, gender, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, economic status, veteran status, or parenthood.
- The [primary] officers of the WiCyS Student Chapter must identify themselves as aspiring women in cybersecurity.
- Voting membership shall be granted to all members of the WiCyS Student Chapter.

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Members

Proposed Eboard

President: Mariami Kentchadze

Vice President: Anita Biernat

Secretary: Anais Jaikissoon

Treasurer: Kate Vaughan

Liaison: Aiyanna Beltran

Proposed Members

Sameen Shaikh   T'niqua Freeman

Pallas Graves   Alexas Batista

Terry Nagginda   Kathi Jabe

Possible Events

- Attending Conferences, Events, and other Gatherings hosted by WiCyS
- Collaborations with Cyber Club and other Women in Cyber to attend and represent Utica University during Hackathons (National Cyber League, CCDC, and so on) and upcoming Cyber related events
- Networking events with chapters at different universities
- Panel discussions of successful Women in Cyber Security
- Weekly workshops/Training Sessions to improve our overall skills, prepare for hackathons and so on.
- Cyber Awareness Trainings/Informational Events
- Organizing Competitions and more.

More benefits of having a [WiCyS](#) Chapter at Utica

- Networking opportunities to participate and attend [WiCyS Conferences, Events, and other Gatherings](#)
- Accessibility to benefits offered specifically for members/chapter members such as:

Global webinars, The Executive Cyber Virtual Exercises, WiCyS Fortinet, Networking Fundamentals Bootcamp, WiCyS Security Training Scholarship, Cyber Defense Challenges Made Possible By Target, ISC2 Certified In Cybersecurity Certification, Mentor/Mentee Program, 2023 Speaker Spotlight Program, Veteran Assistance, Job Board++ and more.

Questions?