Schedule Overview

3:00 to 6:00 PM **Check-in for Employers and Students (Congdon Lobby)**
Refreshments for Presenters and Hosts in Room 1019 (Sandbox)

3:30 to 4 PM **Keynote Presentation: Bill Stuart, nCino**
Everyone welcome – will discuss skills important to all new professionals
Congdon 1008 (Auditorium)

4:05 to 4:30 PM **Breakout Sessions in Rooms 1003, 1006, 1008, 1012, and 1013**
Learn about careers in **solutions engineering, financial security engineering, foreign service IT management, data analysis, project management, support engineering, and supply chain analysis**
Choose one

4:35 to 5 PM **Breakout Sessions in Rooms 1003, 1008, 1012, and 1013**
Learn about careers in **IT risk and compliance, software engineering, systems analyst, and IT management**
Choose one

5:05 to 5:30 PM **Breakout Sessions in Rooms 1003, 1006, 1008, 1012, and 1013**
Learn about careers in **IT security, product management, site reliability engineering**, as well as about **internships for credit and graduate and 4+1 programs at UNCW**
Choose one

5:30 to 7 PM **Interview / Information Tables**
Meet employers looking for interns as well as full time employees
Practice your interview skills, learn about opportunities, and mix with employers, students, and faculty
Reception starting at 6:15 PM in Room 2008 (Student Lounge)

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Breakout Sessions
4:05-4:30 PM

Project Management and Support Engineering **nCino:** A Day in the Lives of a Project Manager and of a Support Engineer Joel Williams, Dibya Baidya *Congdon 1003*	**Foreign Service IT Management** **U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Information Resource Management:** A Day in the Life of a Foreign Service IT Specialist Andrew Herrmann *Congdon 1006*
Data Analysis **SAS:** A Day in the Life of a Data Analyst Susan Lawhead, Antton Hammarskjöld *Congdon 1008*	**Supply Chain Analysis** **GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy:** A Day in the Life of a Supply Chain Specialist Darion Jeralds, Michael Conner, Denise Teets, Elisa Gonzales *Congdon 1012*
Solutions Engineering, Financial Security Engineering **NetApp:** A Day in the Lives of a Solutions Engineer and of a Financial Security Engineer Samantha Roberts, Bradley Korabik *Congdon 1013*	

Breakout Sessions
4:35-5 PM

IT Risk and Compliance **FORVIS:** A Day in the Life of an IT Risk and Compliance Analyst John Cole, Stephanie Jarvis, Kendall Lipsey *Congdon 1003*	**Software Engineering** **UNCW Congdon School**: A Day in the Life of a Software Engineer Leo Emre Gokce *Congdon 1008*
Systems Analysis **Alera Health (formerly Blaze Advisors)**: A Day with No Systems: A Day that Never Happens! Kye Gardner *Congdon 1012*	**IT Management** **MegaCorp Logistics:** Life Cycle of IT Organizations Ryan Kennedy *Congdon 1013*

Breakout Sessions
5:05-5:30 PM

IT Security **UNCW ITS:** A Day in the Life of an IT Security Professional Seth Thompson *Congdon 1003*	**Graduate and 4+1 Programs** **UNCW Graduate School:** Graduate and 4+1 Programs Why and How? Sarah Smith, Jeff Cummings, Manoj Vanajakumari, Drew Rosen *Congdon 1006*
Internships **UNCW Congdon School/Computer Science:** Internships For Credit Tom Janicki, Shauna Turner, Ulku Clark *Congdon 1008*	**Site Reliability Engineering** **Pearson:** What is Site Reliability Engineering? Anna Gallagher, Margaret Poltorak, Madi Manwill, Krista Balint *Congdon 1012*
Product Management **Vantaca**: Becoming a Product Manager in a Startup / Growth Company Adam McCombs *Congdon 1013*	

Information/Interview Tables
5:30-7 PM

Company	Contacts	Titles/Roles
Alera Health (formerly Blaze Advisors)	Kye Gardner Kim Jameson	Executive Director of Corporate Operations & Development Director of Corporate Communications
Brunswick County Information Technology Department	Cindy Hewett Mike Read Andy Byron	Information Technology Director Information Technology Deputy Director Information Technology Deputy Director
FOCUS Broadband	Jeremy Noble Gordon Nash Heather Furr Chase Galloway Jeremy Noble Gordon Nash	
FORVIS	Jade Hill John Cole Lauren LaFemina Kate Downes Kendall Lipsey Jim Buda Stephanie Jarvis	Campus Recruiter Manager / IT Risk and Compliance Campus Recruiter / Consulting Region Senior Associate (Assurance) Lead Consultant (Analytics) Manager (Risk & Advisory Services - IT Risk & Compliance) Director / IT Risk and Compliance
GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy	Darion Jeralds Michael Conner	Executive Vice President of Global Supply Chain Senior Global Logistics Manager

Company	Contacts	Titles/Roles
	Denise Teets	Senior Sourcing Manager
	Elisa Gonzales	Fulfillment Leader
GPA	Keeri Meade	
	Jerad Jones	
	Hunter Matuse	
MegaCorp Logistics	Carolyn Aubitz	National Talent Acquisition Manager
	Ryan Kennedy	Enterprise Architect
nCino	Dibya Baidya	Manager – Support Engineering
	Joel Williams	Senior Project Manager – Release Management
	Bill Stuart	Manager of Data Science
	Kendra Yonkers	Manager - Early Talent
	Rachel Danforth	Senior Talent Acquisition Specialist
	Clark Hollar	Software Engineer
NetApp	Theresa Kelson	Recruiter, Early in Career
	Ashley Royall	Recruiter, Early in Career
	Samantha Roberts	Financial Security Engineer
	Bradley Korabik	Solutions Engineer
New Hanover County	Helen Nelson	Deputy Chief Information Officer
	Mike Arkinson	Technology Solutions Manager
	Todd Richardson	IT Supervisor
	LuCinda Smith	Human Resources - Recruiting
Novant Health NHRMC	Kalyn Terry	Recruiter
	Arnela Omanovic	Lead TA Consultant
	Deshay Becton	Recruiter
Ohanafy	Davis Bryson	Co-Founder
	Mackenzie Fenn	Customer Success Manager
OpiAID	David Reeser	CEO
Pearson	Anna Gallagher	Site Reliability Engineer
	Krista Balint	Associate Information Security Analyst
	Abigail Ormond	Site Reliability Engineer
	Madi Manwill	Site Reliability Engineer
	Andy Meise	Cloud and Hosting Services Engineer
	Carly Richardson	Manager Site Reliability Engineer

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Company	Contacts	Titles/Roles
	Margaret Poltorak	Project Manager
SAS	Susan Lawhead Antton Hammarskjöld Joanne Pritchard	Test Engineer Senior Associate Analytical Consultant Manager, Global Academic Programs
UNCW Career Center	Leslie Wright	Assistant Director, Liaison to the College of Science and Engineering UNCW Career Center
UNCW Information Technology Services	Dana Ward Sharyne Miller Paul Qualle Xavier Belanger Seth Thompson	Enhanced Learning Specialist Chief Information Officer Director, Enterprise Systems Support IT Security Architect IT Security Analyst
U.S. Army	1LT Wes Padilla	US Army Recruiting Executive Officer
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Information Resource Management	Andrew Herrmann	I.T. Recruitment Division Chief
Vantaca	Sam Morton Jared Watts Adam McCombs	People Operations Coordinator Director of Talent Acquisition Chief Product Officer

Keynote and Breakout Session Speaker Bios

(Alphabetical by company, last name)

Company:	**Alera Health**
Name:	**Kye Gardner (They/Them)**
Email:	kgardner@alerahealth.com
Job Title:	Executive Director of Corporate Operations and Development
Biography:	Kye is currently the Executive Director of Corporate Operations and Development with Alera Health, a growing population health management organization based in Wilmington, NC. Kye's background is primarily in operations management, human resources, public health, and higher education. Kye has a bachelor's degree in business from UNC-Wilmington and is a Society for Human Resources Management Certified Professional. Kye has spoken professionally at various events on queer topics, equity and inclusion in education and the workplace, and loves to work with local schools and public health and social justice organizations.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Business Administration with concentrations in IS and OPS
Speaking Topic:	A Day with No Systems: A Day that Never Happens!

Company:	**FORVIS**
Name:	**John Cole**
Email:	John.Cole@forvis.com
Job Title:	Manager / IT Risk and Compliance
Biography:	John has 6+ years of experience performing penetration testing, cybersecurity risk assessments, IT general controls testing, social engineering, web application security and static source code review engagements for clients across a wide range of sizes and industries. John has a passion for security awareness and works to help his clients mitigate the human side of cybersecurity risk. John has worked with clients to understand the maturity of their security awareness training programs, highlighting gaps and providing recommendations to take the program beyond "compliance focused".
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: MS CSIS 2017
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of an IT Risk and Compliance Analyst

Company:	**FORVIS**
Name:	**Stephanie Jarvis**
Email:	Stephanie.Jarvis@forvis.com
Job Title:	Director / IT Risk and Compliance
Biography:	Stephanie has 10 years' experience working across numerous industries including but not limited to, financial services, manufacturing and distribution, hospitality, and food beverage. Her knowledge across regulatory issues, compliance, and operational risk sectors across various service lines such as ISO 27001, SOX-404, FDICIA, FFIEC Internal Audits, and AICPA SOC Readiness and Reporting allows her to bring exceptional value to clients either in a consulting or audit capacity.
UNCW Alum:	**Yes** Major: Accounting & Information Systems
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of an IT Risk and Compliance Analyst

Company:	**FORVIS**
Name:	**Kendall Lipsey**
Email:	kendall.lipsey@forvis.com
Job Title:	Lead Consultant / Analytics
Biography:	Kendall has over three years of experience in data analytics. Kendall specializes in machine learning, visualization in Power Bi, and automation utilizing python scripting. Her knowledge across programming languages, predictive analytics, forecasting, and dashboards allow her to bring exceptional value to clients.
UNCW Alum:	**Yes** Major: Major: Marine Biology. Master's in Data Science
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of an IT Risk and Compliance Analyst

Company:	**GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy**
Name:	**Michael Conner**
Email:	Michael.conner@ge.com
Job Title:	Senior Global Logistics Manager
Biography:	Michael has 23+ years of experience in supply chain management. He currently serves as the Senior Logistics and Customs Manager at GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, where he oversees global importing and exporting activities, licenses, permits, asset/container management, auditing, and daily logistics moves for the fuels, service, and advanced nuclear new plant centers.
	Within GE, Michael has held roles as the Manager of Shop Operations for Ceramics and Bundle Assembly Fabrication as well as supervision. Before joining GE in 2011, Michael worked with Philips Lighting and held

	various roles within the supply chain, ranging from Buyer/Planner, Warehouse Supervisor, Production Manager, and Sales. With a Master's degree in Supply Chain Management from Penn State University and a Bachelor's degree in Operations Management from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Michael combines academic knowledge with practical experience. He is also a Certified Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) professional, recognized by APICS for his commitment to supply chain management excellence. Throughout his career, Michael has excelled in lean manufacturing, production planning/flow management, hiring processes, and customer service. His operational philosophy centers on continuous improvement, adaptability, and sustainability, making his perspective both timely and forward-thinking.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Operations Management
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Supply Chain Specialist

Company:	**GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy**
Name:	**Elisa Gonzalez**
Email:	elisa.gonzalez@ge.com
Job Title:	Fulfilment Leader
Biography:	A UNCW alumni, Elisa Gonzalez is currently the Fulfillment Leader for indirect sourcing at GE Hitachi headquartered here in Wilmington. She oversees over 100 million dollars of spend, and impacts the three largest manufacturing shops for the nuclear business. Previously, she was the lead buyer at Novant New Hanover Regional Medical Center and oversaw the initial stocking of their latest distribution center that houses over six months of on-hand inventory. Elisa received her bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in supply chain management and in 2021 received her master's degree in business analytics. In her free time, Elisa enjoys giving back to the community through her association with the Junior League of Wilmington, as well as spending time with her family and goldendoodles, Remi & Bella.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Masters in Business Analytics
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Supply Chain Specialist

Company:	**GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy**
Name:	**Darion Jeralds**
Email:	Darion.Jeralds@ge.com
Job Title:	Executive Vice President of Global Supply Chain

Biography:	Darion Jeralds is the Executive Vice President, Supply Chain, for GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy. In this role, he oversees procurement operations, supply chain strategy, supplier quality and logistics for GE Hitachi's fuel, service, and advanced nuclear offerings globally. Darion joined GE in 2009 and since that time, he has held roles of increasing responsibility in the supply chain function and led many global teams to success within the nuclear industry. Prior to assuming his current role in 2021, Darion served as the Chief Diversity Officer for GEH, where he led the employee resource groups and strategic initiatives to enhance the culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion across the organization, in addition to serving as the Strategic Sourcing and Materials Leader. Darion earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina Wilmington and a Master of Supply Chain Management from Pennsylvania State University. Darion currently serves on the board of directors for the UNCW Alumni Association and the Seahawk Club. Outside of GE, Darion enjoys sports, community service and spending time with his wife and four children.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: MBA
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Supply Chain Specialist

Company:	**GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy**
Name:	**Denise Teets**
Email:	Denise.teets@ge.com
Job Title:	Executive Vice President of Global Supply Chain
Biography:	Denise Teets is currently the Nuclear Services Sourcing Manager at GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy. In her role she leads a team of buyers, fulfillment leaders, and material planners responsible for driving planning, procurement and fulfillment of direct and indirect material and services. Denise started her career at GE Hitachi in 2010 as a Project Manager, responsible for the successful fulfillment of the Lungmen ABWR Spare Parts contract in Taiwan. In 2015, Denise transitioned to the Parts Obsolescence Program Manager for the Nuclear Parts team, responsible for the leadership of Parts obsolescence solutions, evaluating market opportunities and working with Engineering to develop solutions. She also served as Project Manager for the New Product Introduction (NPI) Projects. In 2020, Denise transitioned to Sourcing as the Senior Sourcing Program Leader, leading execution of sourcing operations, analyzing supplier performance, and driving enhancement initiatives for increased productivity. She moved into her current role as Nuclear Services Sourcing Manger in 2021.

	Denise is a currently a participant of the Leadership Wilmington class of 2024, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Denise is an active member of Women In Nuclear and the GE Women's Network, currently serving on the Steering Committee and previous Committee Chair. Denise earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Denise and her husband Jacob have two children: Annabella and Vivienne.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Communications
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Supply Chain Specialist

Company:	**MegaCorp Logistics**
Name:	**Ryan Kennedy**
Email:	Ryan.kennedy@megacorplogistics.com
Job Title:	Enterprise Architect
Biography:	Ryan Kennedy is a resident of Wilmington and lifelong North Carolinian. He currently works for MegaCorp Logistics as an Enterprise Architect Manager. In past roles, Ryan has worked as a CTO at a Wilmington based tech-startup, as a VP of Engineering developing custom SaaS applications, as a Bitcoin support engineer at Coinbase, in the Social Science Research Institute at Duke University, and as data center admin at SAS Institute. Throughout his experience, Ryan has worked with, built, and led a variety of diverse teams comprising multiple IT skillsets.
UNCW Alum:	No
Speaking Topic:	Life Cycle of IT Organizations

Company:	**nCino**
Name:	**Dibya Baidya**
Email:	Dibya.baidya@ncino.com
Job Title:	Manager – Support Engineering
Biography:	I am a passionate and hard-working individual currently serving as a manager in the Support Engineering department at nCino. I majored in management information systems (MIS) and am a proud UNCW alumna. I am currently pursuing a master's degree in computer science at NC State. I've worked at nCino since January 2018. I began my career at nCino as an intern while finishing my bachelor's degree at UNCW. Upon graduating, I transitioned into a full-time position as an Enterprise Support Engineer and later moved into a position to manage

	that team. I am committed to developing a diverse team, connecting them with their goals, and helping them deliver exceptional results for our customers.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Management Information Systems
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Support Engineer

Company:	**nCino**
Name:	**Bill Stuart**
Email:	Bill.stuart@ncino.com
Job Title:	Manager of Data Science
Biography:	Bill Stuart is a data leader with a rich background in fintech, energy, and finance – currently steering the global data science efforts at nCino – the leader in cloud banking. His team works with domain experts to solve business problems using insights and intelligent automation. Bill is passionate about transforming organizations through innovation, collaboration, strong execution, and continuous improvement. Bill completed his undergraduate studies in Economics at UNCW (go Seahawks) and graduate studies in Data Science at UNCC.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Economics
Speaking Topic:	Navigating your Career: A Data-Driven Guide (Keynote Presentation)

Company:	**nCino**
Name:	**Joel Williams**
Email:	Joel.Williams@ncino.com
Job Title:	Senior Project Manager – Release Management
Biography:	Joel Williams is a Senior Project Manager with the Release Management team at nCino. He has been at nCino since December 2019 where he has delivered external and internal projects. Prior to nCino, he graduated from UNCW with a bachelor's in economics. Before attending UNCW, Joel spent 4 years in the United States Navy.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Economics
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Project Manager

Company:	**NetApp**
Name:	**Bradley Korabik**
Email:	Bradley.Korabik@netapp.com
Job Title:	Solutions Engineer
Biography:	Currently I work as a Solutions Engineer at NetApp working on the Google Account Team, selling NetApp storage solutions and products. I graduated from UNCW with a degree in Computer Science and Business in 2017. When I'm not working you can find me on the water taking videos and pictures of boats.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Computer Science
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Lives of a Solutions Engineer and of a Networking Security Engineer

Company:	**NetApp**
Name:	**Samantha Roberts**
Email:	Samantha.Roberts@netapp.com
Job Title:	Financial Security Engineer
Biography:	After graduating from UNCW in 2020 with a degree in Business Administration, concentrating in accounting, I stayed in Wilmington. I currently work at NetApp managing the yearly budget and purchases for the Global Security team. If I am not working, you can find me hanging out downtown with friends or at the beach.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Business Administration, Accounting
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Lives of a Solutions Engineer and of a Networking Security Engineer

Company:	**Pearson**
Name:	**Krista Balint**
Email:	Krista.Balint@pearson.com
Job Title:	Associate Information Security Analyst
Biography:	Krista graduated from UNCW with her M.S. in Computer Science and Information Systems as part of the MSCSIS 4+1 program in May 2023. While attending UNCW, she worked as the layout editor for *Second Story Journal*, as a tutor in the STEM Lab, as a graduate teaching assistant, and completed independent research in the areas of facial recognition and mobile forensics. Upon graduating, she accepted a Site Reliability

	Engineering internship with Pearson and recently transitioned into a full-time position as an Associate Information Security Analyst. Outside of work, Krista loves reading, being outdoors, and listening to music.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: MSCSIS
Speaking Topic:	What is Site Reliability Engineering?

Company:	**Pearson**
Name:	**Anna Gallagher**
Email:	Anna.gallagher@pearson.com
Job Title:	Site Reliability Engineer
Biography:	Following her graduation from UNCW in the Spring of 2021, Anna began working at Pearson as a Site Reliability Engineer. She has worked on a few different teams there, exposing her to a multitude of products, services, and tools. Through her growth as an engineer, she has begun mentoring other employees and interns, helping them navigate the corporate world and transition from college into their career. In her free time, she enjoys taking her foxhound (Sheldon) on walks, checking out local restaurants or coffee shops in downtown Raleigh, and she recently got back into reading.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Computer Science (Systems Concentration)
Speaking Topic:	What is Site Reliability Engineering?

Company:	**Pearson**
Name:	**Madi Manwill**
Email:	Madi.manwill@pearson.com
Job Title:	Site Reliability Engineer
Biography:	Madi graduated from UNCW in the spring of 2022 with a B.S. in computer science with a minor in data science. While attending UNCW, she worked at the TAC Help Desk, studied abroad in England, and most importantly spent countless hours at Wrightsville Beach. In her junior year, she accepted an internship with Pearson as a Site Reliability Engineer and continued working as an intern until her graduation (yes, even while abroad!). After her graduation, she moved to Raleigh and started as a full-time employee for Pearson. She spends her workdays troubleshooting infrastructure and network-related issues for products hosted in AWS (Amazon Web Services) and data centers and migrating existing products in data centers into AWS!
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: Computer Science: Systems; Minor: Data Science

Speaking Topic:	What is Site Reliability Engineering?

Company:	**Pearson**
Name:	**Margaret Poltorak**
Email:	Margaret.Poltorak@pearson.com
Job Title:	Project Manager
Biography:	Margaret began her Pearson journey as a Pearson Campus Ambassador in 2019 at The Ohio State University. Margaret was a Pearson intern in 2020 prior to working for Pearson full-time in 2021 as Human Resources Business Partner supporting the Digital and Technology division. After one year of working in HR, Margaret pivoted to a Project Manager position, running the Summer Internship program within Strategy and Business Operations. In addition to running the internship in the summer, Margaret enjoys coaching Pearson's very own corporate kickball league. When she isn't working, Margaret enjoys reading, hiking, and exploring downtown Durham.
UNCW Alum:	No; Major: Business Administration (Human Resources)
Speaking Topic:	What is Site Reliability Engineering?

Company:	**SAS**
Name:	**Antton Hammarskjöld**
Email:	Antton.Hammarskjold@sas.com
Job Title:	Senior Associate Analytical Consultant
Biography:	Antton Hammarskjöld works in the Analytical Consulting and Enterprise Solutions (ACES) team at SAS at their global headquarters in Cary, NC. In his final months in UNCW's MSc Data Science program, he worked with UNCW's Career Center to help in his transition into SAS' Technical Enablement Academy where he earned many certifications in SAS programming and Visual Analytics during his first four months with the company for SAS Base 9.x, SAS Viya 3.5, and SAS Viya 4.x. Currently, he works with the State of Wisconsin in their transition to use SAS to manage their healthcare data, and he's also had the opportunity to work with Turkey on their carbon emission mitigation efforts.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: BA Chemistry, MSc Data Science
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Business Analyst

Company:	**SAS**
Name:	**Susan Lawhead**
Email:	Susan.lawhead@sas.com
Job Title:	Test Engineer
Biography:	Susan Lawhead works as a Test Engineer at SAS in Cary, NC after spending two years working as a data analyst utilizing multiple tools to develop descriptive and some predictive reports for sales, human resources, and consulting management. She now serves as a midpoint between customers and analysts to ensure products across industries meet the business needs. She successfully transitioned into a data analytics role after a career in student affairs with the assistance of the MSBA and the career services of UNCW. When not working, Susan can be found on trail or camping in nature.
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: MS Business Analytics
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Business Analyst

Company:	**UNCW Information Technology Services (ITS)**
Name:	**Seth Thompson**
Job Title:	IT Security Analyst
Biography:	Seth Thompson moved into the cybersecurity industry after 16 years of law enforcement, where he specialized in complex conspiracy investigations, undercover operations, administrative compliance, and data analysis. He leveraged this experience to focus his cybersecurity career on addressing the human element of cyber risk. He holds several technical certifications and a M.A. in Organizational Leadership from the University of Oklahoma. Seth enjoys sharing his story and answering questions from anyone looking to "break into" cybersecurity.
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of an IT Security Professional

Company:	**UNCW Congdon School**
Name:	**Leo Emre Gokce**
Email:	gokcey@uncw.edu
Job Title:	Lecturer of Information Systems
Biography:	- Born and raised in Istanbul/Turkey - Undergraduate in Business Administration with a Supply Chain concentration

	• Master's degree in Comp Sci and Info Systems • Taught MIS 213 as part-time faculty • Work experience as full stack developer on a web application for 4 years. • Full-time faculty since Jan 2023 • Interested in AI and Machine Learning
UNCW Alum:	Yes; Major: MSCSIS
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Software Engineer

Company:	**U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Information Resource Management**
Name:	**Andrew Herrmann**
Job Title:	I.T. Recruitment Division Chief
Biography:	 Mr. Herrmann is Division Chief in the Strategic Workforce Planning Office where he oversees IT outreach and recruitment. He's served in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Jakarta, Indonesia and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan over his 8-year career with the Department of State. Prior to joining the Department of State, he worked in the private sector as a Software Engineer at GE, JP Morgan Chase and Credit Suisse. He holds a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and an Undergraduate Degree in Graphic Design from Appalachian State University. He speaks fluent Japanese and less-fluent Russian.
UNCW Alum:	**Yes /** No Major: Master's degree in Computer Science
Speaking Topic:	A Day in the Life of a Foreign Service IT Specialist

Company:	**Vantaca**
Name:	**Adam McCombs**
Email:	Adam.mccombs@vantaca.com
Job Title:	Chief Product Officer
Speaking Topic:	Becoming a Product Manager in a Startup / Growth Company