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WOMEN IN COMPUTING ASSOCIATION

The Computer Systems Department is proud to announce the formation of its Women in Computing Association. This is thanks to the efforts of Drs. Ilknur Aydin and Sheryl Schoenacher who received a Students First Grant that will finance the operation of this association. The Computer Systems Department recognizes a need to actively engage with its female students. This includes providing our students the opportunity to participate in activities that will enrich their knowledge of career opportunities, techniques for addressing the challenges that face women in computing, information about continuing their education, the latest trends in the field, and practices to handle work and family life.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS KATHY KOLLAR WINS THE FARMINGDALE STATE CARES AWARD

The President’s CARES Award was created to award those members of the FSC community who consistently go beyond the call of duty to make Farmingdale a better place for students and faculty. CARES stands for Commendation and Recognition for Exceptional Service. Congratulations Kathy!

COMPUTER SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Gaming and Anime Club @ Farmingdale is an action packed organization that meets weekly to watch anime and play video games. With a strong cult following of over 20+ members, each week the club divides its time between watching new and retro anime (aka, Japanese animation), and playing and showcasing new and retro video games. If you have it and want to share with the club, bring it along!

The is the Farmingdale Tech Club at PAX 2013 in Boston, Massachusetts. We are in front of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. A good time was had by all. The club is planning many more activities for those interested. The club advisors are Dr. Hoskey, Dr. Aydin and Professor Greenidge. New members are always welcome!

Check out our department Website for information on jobs, internships, and upcoming events! http://www.farmingdale.edu/academics/business/bcs/internship/internships.shtml
Spotlight on CS Grads

Greg Siele

Greg Siele graduated in December 2012. He landed his job at Mednet Technologies of Melville, New York, in November of that year even before he had graduated. He works as a Computer Information Systems Specialist. Greg was a Web Track student and says that the Computer Systems Department gave him the confidence he needed to succeed. Way to go, Greg!

Congratulations to Michael Londis who graduated in the May 2011 class. Michael is currently working as an Instructional Support Associate in the Tutoring Center at Farmingdale State College. Michael realized his love of teaching while serving as a BCS Tutor for the Farmingdale State College Tutoring Center. He is currently a graduate student at Stony Brook University enrolled in the Master of Arts, Higher Education Administration program. Michael shared his story, “As an undergraduate student in the CPIS program (web track), I was actively involved in the Campus Activities Board, Student Government, New Student Orientation and as a tutor for the web track BCS courses. After working in IT for a short time, I soon realized that I wanted to work back again in a college environment. The skills and tools I learned from the CPIS program have been invaluable, allowing me to explore and implement new technologies by keeping me on top of the latest technological trends.”

Eddie Lopez

Eddie Lopez who graduated in December 2012 began work in January 2013 at Curran & Connors of Hauppauge, New York. He was a Web Track student and now serves as a Junior Web Developer. Eddie tells us, “The Computer Systems Department at Farmingdale State College has given me a strong foundation in web development. The courses at Farmingdale have given me the true knowledge and confidence that I needed.” Congratulations to Eddie!

Steven Pernice

Steven is another December 2012 graduate who landed his job in December of 2010. He works for Cablevision of Bethpage, New York, as a User Account Administrator for all wireless devices. Steve was a Programming Track student who stated that the Computer Systems Department gave him the foundation he needed to receive this job. Nice work, Steven!

Articles and information to be included in this newsletter can be sent to: Dr. Schoenacher or Dr. Pullan at sheryl.schoenacher@farmingdale.edu or pullanm@farmingdale.edu. We welcome participation from students, faculty and staff!