



We are pleased to present the Fall 2024 edition of the College of Communication and Information student newsletter: The Connector! As the semester comes to a close, we're continually impressed by the outstanding accomplishments of our CCI students and alumni, from extensive research and professional growth to inspiring stories that connect our community. In this 33rd edition of The Connector, we're excited to highlight these achievements. Thank you for making the College of Communication and Information an incredible space for learning and collaboration. We hope you enjoy reading!



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CCI hosted its Fall 2024 barbeque.



CCI celebrated our summer grads at our SCOM, SCSD, and iSchool graduation events!



CCI welcomed new students at New Nole Orientation.



Students enjoyed welcome back donuts to celebrate the beginning of the semester.



CCI hosted a Summer Meet and Greet with local employers.



DMP students participated in the production of Homecoming Live.



Students, faculty, and staff represented CCI at the FSU Study Abroad Fair.



CCI hosted the FSU Foundation Board of Trustees.



CCI students, faculty, and staff traveled to Philadelphia to present at the AEJMC conference.



Students received free headshots at our event.



Alumna Martha D. Saunders was named one of Florida's 500 Most Influential leaders



CCI students hosted free hearing screenings at the FSU Health Expo.



CCI faculty dressed up for Halloween.



The Ad Club traveled to New York on a networking trip.



SCSD tabled at Worlds of Work to introduce career paths to local students.



SCSD members completed the ASHFoundation 5K.



CCI walked in the Homecoming Parade.



Members from all three schools met at the annual CCI retreat.



The Dean's Office celebrated Friendsgiving.



FSU IT hosted a coffee Hour to discuss the future of AI.



Students presented research to peers and faculty at the SCOM conference.



Students and staff spread holiday cheer through the Angel Card Project.



CCI students participated at the Seminole Futures Career and Internship Fair.



WFSU Media hosted Digital Media Production students.



Delta Zeta gave a generous donation to the Speech and Hearing Clinic.



SCSD visited the College of Medicine for Brain Day.





CCI celebrated students at the Scholars and Stars reception.

Students and faculty attended and judged a pitch contest at Domi Station.



CCI sponsored the Florida Government Leadership and Innovation Summit.



SCOM student Amanda Golson hosted Homecoming Live.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION EVENTS

CCI Hosted 7th Year of iCamp

The College of Communication and Information (CCI) finished its 7th year of iCamp, where 25 local high school students participated in four weeks of computing and technology-based learning and activities. The college teamed up with the US Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) and the National Technology Student Association (TSA) to create FSU iCamp in 2018 in efforts to provide precollegiate summer opportunities for local students and create a pipeline to FSU. The camp is reviewed annually by AEOP, and FSU has always exceeded expectations, continuously receiving funding. Ebe Randeree and Dr. Faye Jones have been co-directors of the camp since the beginning, seven years ago. Each week, a topic is taught by a different person in that specific field of learning. Randeree and Jones co-taught week four, Data Mining/Research.





CCI Hosted Fall 2024 Career Fair

On October 8, 2024, CCI hosted its semesterly career fair. Held at the Florida State University (FSU) Alumni Center, the College welcomed over 21 companies from around the Tallahassee community and over 120 students. Students who attended had the opportunity to connect with potential employers and recruiters about internships and job opportunities, many of which begin as early as the upcoming spring addition, several employers semester. In in attendance were FSU alumni themselves. Proudly marked with garnet FSU pins, these former students offered current students insight into their career paths and experiences. The next CCI Career Fair will be held on February 3, 2025.

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FSU STARS Students Volunteered at Killearn Lakes STEM Day

Ten STARS (Students & Technology in Academia, Research & Service) students were joined by a STARS alumna at Killearn Lakes Elementary School's Fall Festival on October 19th to volunteer and contribute their service by tabling stations to bring more attention to the world of technology. The event attendance exceeded 800 kids and parents. This year they were joined by Ruvos, a local company whose leadership has shown a strong commitment to improving local education. STARS hosted five tables with hands on displays and giveaways engaging attendees in experiences that inspire them to explore tech careers.

CCI Students Presented at the National Technology Conference

From June 26-30, 2024, ten CCI students and one CCI alumna presented at the National Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference in Orlando, Florida. <u>TSA</u> is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing personal development, leadership, and career opportunities for high school and middle school students in STEM. The students who attended, all members of the STARS Alliance, presented in seven sessions. Ebe Randeree, the director and coordinator, also traveled with the STARS students and ran two sessions for TSA Advisors and State leaders.





Arrowhead Advertising Placed Top 8 in 2024 National Student Advertising Competition

Florida State's <u>Arrowhead Advertising</u> reached the final round of the 2024 National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC). The team advanced through the district and semi-final rounds, ultimately ranking sixth out of the 103 schools that initially entered. Arrowhead Advertising is Florida State's team of about 20 undergraduate students who compete in the American Advertising Federation's (AAF) annual NSAC. This year, students created an integrated marketing campaign for NSAC client, Tide.

The Center for Hispanic Marketing Communication Celebrated its 20th Anniversary with Gala Event

The Center for Hispanic Marketing Communication (CHMC) at FSU celebrated its 20th anniversary with a gala on October 11, 2024, held at the FSU Alumni Center. This special event marked two decades of groundbreaking work in the field of Hispanic and multicultural marketing. The gala featured live music from talented performers, including the FSU Mariachi, the Heartwood Court band, and the Latin Soul Orchestra. The event brought together students, alumni, Advisory Board members, faculty, and notable guests, including FSU President Richard McCullough and First Lady Dr. Jai Vartikar.





CCI Alumnus Jazmen Darnell Brown Won a 2024 Writers Guild Award

SCOM alumnus Jazmen Darnell Brown (B.S. '07) received a 2024 Writers Guild Award for "Daytime Drama" for his writing on *Days of Our Lives*. While in the DMP Program, Brown spent the summer of his junior year in Los Angeles for an internship where he connected with people in the film industry. His opportunity to write for *Days of Our Lives* came from the reputation preceding him from these relationships. Over time, Brown developed from a staff writer to Executive Story Editor throughout three seasons of the Starz drama series, "Black Mafia Family", and is currently the co-creator of a spinoff series.

SCOM Ph.D. Student Earned Research Grants to Investigate Violence Prevention

Doctoral Candidate and Graduate Teaching Assistant Pooja Ichplani recently received a variety of grants to fund her dissertation work focused on the part intervention plays in preventing violence in close relationships. "It strengthens my ability to conduct field research but also positions me to pursue multidisciplinary work in the future as I borrow from the fields of social work, psychology, public health, and criminal justice and integrate communication science to bring social justice," Ichplani said. Alongside the FSU dissertation grant, she received the Grant Haley Travel Grant and the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Materials Grant. "The School of Communication is making its presence across the Big Bend counties with this research as I am establishing some preliminary relationships with the local stakeholders whenever I am out for data collection," Ichplani said.





SCOM Class Submitted Sign for Key Civil Rights Figure

In Spring 2024, Dr. Davis Houck's rhetorical criticism class embarked on a mission to preserve the legacy of James Meredith, civil rights activist and the first African American student admitted to the racially segregated University of Mississippi. Houck tasked his students with a unique project: to create a sign commemorating James Meredith within his hometown of Kosciusko, Mississippi. Houck's 17 students then divided into groups to take on the task. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History approved the class's submission on July 12, 2024, and began working to install the sign in Kosciusko.

Sunny Park Presented at an ICA Regional Conference

Doctoral student Sunny Park and SCOM Associate Professor Rachel Bailey attended an International Communication Association (ICA) Regional Conference in Dijon, France from May 23-25, 2024. The conference was all about food communication, a main line of research for both Park and Bailey and was hosted by the University of Burgundy. Park presented a paper on "Food and/in Popular Culture" at the conference surrounding her research on TikTok "What I Eat In A Day" videos. This was her first experience as a panelist discussing how popular culture influences dietary behavior.





Student Success: Speech and Debate Team

This year's Speech and Debate team capped off a successful season with a winning performance at the National Championship in April. The team was led by Dr. Avery Henry, Director of Forensics at the School of Communication. Under his guidance, the team amassed ten individual awards and secured eight spots for students in the National Championship. The team began the season attending the Washburn Warm-up where Sebastian Glos placed as a quarterfinalist. In September, Joshua Powell secured second place in After Dinner Speaking and third place in Informative Speaking at the University of West Florida tournament.

SCOM Alumna Ginette Grey Received Fellowship

SCOM alumna Ginette Grey was awarded a fellowship from the New Leaders Council (NLC) institute experience. "There is something special about being a part of a larger network, being that NLC is nationwide. I chose to apply to NLC out of my own desires to grow and learn, which is very empowering," Grey said. NLC's mission is to develop, connect, and uplift inclusive, crosssector leaders who transform the country through social and political change rooted in equity. NLC views leadership as a collaborative process, where individuals share their unique skills and expertise to solve problems together.





Ph.D Student Sunah Lee Attended 2024 NCA Doctoral Honors Seminar

Ph.D. student Sunah Lee was one of only 30 students nationwide chosen to attend the esteemed <u>National</u> <u>Communication Association</u> (NCA) Doctoral Honors Seminar. Held from June 4-7, 2024, at the University of Utah, this seminar brought together the nation's most promising scholars to discuss current topics in communication. "The program was well thought out and spot-on for the students, as most of us there are at the late stage of our Ph.D. program. I enjoyed every moment and came home fully recharged and inspired," Lee said.



Doctoral Student Trayana Kaleycheva Presented at IARR Biennial Conference

SCOM doctoral student Trayana Kaleycheva presented at the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) biennial conference, which took place July 5-9, 2024, in Boston, Massachusetts. Kaleycheva presented "Anxious Attachment, Hyperpersonal Effect, and Risky Behavior in Online Dating," in a poster session on July 7. <u>IARR</u> is an interdisciplinary organization that strives to promote advances in the scientific study of personal and social relationships and encourage collaboration among students, new scholars, and experienced scholars.

Double CCI Alumnus Published Third Book

Michael Ciccarelli-Walsh, a double CCI alumnus and CCI Marketing and Communication Coordinator, released his third book in The Zoboros Series, <u>Beyond the Rift</u> on October 16, 2024. Ciccarelli-Walsh described the series as a superhero space opera saga, "think Star Wars meets X-Men." In this installment, the characters find themselves on the run, seeking refuge in a mysterious realm beyond the Rift an expansive space, nearly impossible to cross that challenges their very survival.





MCS Student Presented At World Summit of Nobel Peace

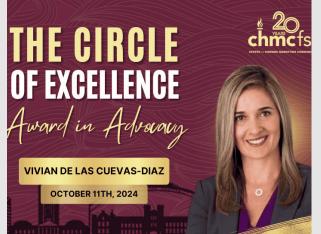
Nair Perez-Torres, a Media Communication Studies student, was accepted as a presenting delegate for the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates. The conference was held September 16-21, 2024, in Monterrey, Mexico. Her conference travel was funded by a scholarship provided by former CCI Dean Larry Dennis. Perez-Torres served as a principal copresenter with the PeaceJam Foundation at a session titled "Ignite Your Impact: Crafting Campaigns for Change." Her session focused on equipping participants with the tools necessary to build effective campaigns for social change.

How Sunah Lee's Research Portfolio Reflected a Commitment to Social Justice

Sunah Lee, a doctoral candidate and graduate assistant at the School of Communication, conducted research that had a profound impact on current social issues. Her research illuminates relevant facets of South Korean culture by examining feminist movements, media privatization, and gender portrayal in the media. Lee's study covers a wide range of subjects, including an in-depth examination of the feminist hashtag movement in South Korea, which demonstrates how digital activism is upending long-standing gender stereotypes.



CCI Alumna Honored with the 2024 Circle of Excellence Award in Advocacy



The CHMC announced that Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz was awarded the Circle of Excellence Award in Advocacy at their 20th Anniversary Gala. The award is a prestigious recognition given to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and leadership in advocacy. This award acknowledges those who have made significant contributions to advancing causes, raising awareness, and implementing effective advocacy strategies. Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, an FSU alumna, is also the first Latina to be appointed to the FSU Board of Trustees.

Student Awarded Jay Rayburn Scholarship

Kaylan Williams, a Public Relations student, was awarded the Jay Rayburn Scholarship through the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA). Williams was honored at the FPRA statewide "PR & Comms Summit" in August. "Receiving this scholarship is a testament to my dedication to FPRA and my career in public relations. FPRA has already opened so many doors to networking and growth opportunities with other scholars, professionals, and leaders," said Williams. "I can't wait to continue building connections at the President's Luncheon during the FPRA Summit in Tampa in August."



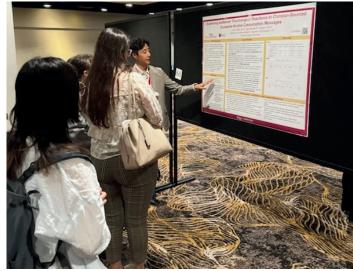


Alumna Krista Witiak Awarded Emmy

SCOM alumna Krista Witiak was awarded an Emmy for her series "Outdoor Colorado!" Witiak graduated from FSU in 2019 with a degree in Media and Communication Studies and now serves as a full-time lifestyle anchor and reporter for FOX21 News. Her series "Outdoor Colorado" is a part of FOX21's lifestyle show, *Loving Living Local*. In the series, Witiak is seen engaging and encouraging Southern Colorado viewers to explore various Colorado outdoor locations and activities. The 2023 season explored The Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad, the Capella Ranch Bee Huts, and Collegiate Peaks Off-Road.

SCOM Faculty and Students Attended AEJMC

The School of Communication was represented well at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from August 8 to 11, 2024. AEJMC is a nonprofit, educational association of journalism and mass communication educators, students, and media professionals. This year's theme for the conference was Representation and Voice — The Future of Democracy. The conference provided exposure to a wide range of innovative studies and insights into the academic job market and industry trends.



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SCOM Doctoral Student Published in Top Journal

Sunah Lee, a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Communication, published her research in the Social Media + Society, a top journal in the communication and media studies field. The article, <u>"I Had My Hair Cut Today</u> to Share #Women_Short Cut_Campaign": Feminist Selfies <u>Protesting Misogyny</u>,' examines the hashtag activism that South Korean women initiated on Twitter (now X) in 2021 to defend South Korean Olympic gold medalist An San from misogynistic attacks over her short hairstyle.

Double SCOM Alumna Begins New Role at FSU Office of Research

Dr. Tracy Ippolito, a double alumna of the School of Communication (M.S. '20, Ph.D. '23), recently started a new role as Program Director of Strategic Research Advancement in the Office of Research at Florida State University. Ippolito works with faculty to form, develop, and manage research proposal teams that go on to conduct highly collaborative research once their proposals are funded.



Laura J. Downey Walks Through Her Media Journey

At FSU, Downey majored in Communication for Business because of its flexible career options. Currently, Downey works as the executive editor of WebMD Magazine and its point-of-care products which explain health conditions to patients. On September 13, 2024, Downey visited CCI students during an Alumni Lunch Hour. The executive editor relayed her career timeline and provided students with media expertise. Among her multitude of advice, Downey emphasized that voicing your ideas is a powerful way to be seen and heard in the workplace.



ESPN Senior Editor and FSU Alumnus Jeremy Willis spoke with FPRA

On September 18, 2024, the Florida Public Relations Student Capital Chapter (FPRA) hosted Jeremy Willis, an ESPN Senior editor, writer and FSU alumnus, to discuss sports journalism and media with aspiring public relations professionals. The meeting marked the professional student organization's first guest speaker meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year. While attending FSU as an English major, Willis explored interests as the sports editor at FSView & Florida Flambeau and as the equipment manager for the FSU football team.





Alumna Recognized among Top Women in Media

SCOM alumna Brooke Garringer was chosen as an honoree for the 2024 Cynopsis Top Women in Media in the "PR Gurus" category. The award celebrates the past achievements and future potential of women in media, reaffirming their vital role in driving innovation, creativity, and positive change. Currently serving as Head of Communications at Tastemade, she successfully built a full-service marketing team from the ground up.

Alumna Awarded for Hurricane Relief Work with Red Cross

SCOM alumna Sandi Poreda led critical relief initiatives as a volunteer for the American Red Cross in response to the effects of Hurricanes Helene and Milton on the State of Florida. During the response to Helene and Milton, Poreda was asked to join Florida's statewide sheltering team. After the storms had passed, she transitioned to the role of providing hot meals to shelter clients. To honor her hard work, Poreda was awarded the Golden Cambro Pin, a special symbol within the Red Cross community. The pin, specially created by Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) volunteers, is rare and symbolizes extraordinary service under special circumstances.



SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCE AND DISORDERS



FSU Speech and Hearing Clinic Named Best in Tallahassee

The FSU Speech and Hearing Clinic was selected as the Best Hearing Aid/Hearing Specialist Center in Tallahassee in the 2024 Tallahassee Community Choice Awards this September. The award was achieved through a three-part process, beginning with public nominations, followed by voting by members of the Tallahassee community, and finalized with the announcement in the Tallahassee Democrat in September 2024. The audiology team says they are grateful for the opportunity to serve in the Tallahassee area for its rich array of patient experiences, aiding in the enhancement of students' learning and professional development.

SCSD Doctoral Candidate Miguel Garcia-Salas Received Award

Doctoral candidate in SCSD Miguel Garcia-Salas was selected as the recipient of the prestigious Vanderbilt Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences Rising Star Award. The Rising Star Award is given to early-career researchers whose work stands out for its contributions to the field of communication sciences and disorders. The award specifically celebrates research that amplifies diversity and inclusivity in the field. The award directly aligned with Garcia-Salas's focus on supporting the language and literacy development of children from vulnerable and underrepresented communities.



SCSD Faculty and Students Presented at SSSR Conference in Denmark

Faculty and graduate students from the SCSD presented at the <u>Society for</u> <u>the Scientific Study of Reading</u> (SSSR) conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, on July 11-13, 2024. SSSR hosts an annual international conference on literacy research that draws top researchers in the field. Presentation topics include classroom instruction and intervention for children (and adults) who struggle with reading and writing. SCSD had a significant amount of involvement in the conference, with the following attendees: professors Hugh Catts, Kelly Farquharson, Sana Tibi and Carla Wood, as well as doctoral students Mary Allison Moody, Lydia Kim, and Audrey Hendrix.



SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCE AND DISORDERS

SCSD Launched Listen, Speak, and Sing

SCSD launched "Listen, Speak, & Sing" in collaboration with Music Therapist Jessica DeKleva. The program supports early language development and strengthens the bond between young children and their caregivers through music. "Listen, Speak, & Sing" aims to make early language learning accessible, fun, and interactive by using music as a natural medium to engage children in meaningful ways. Through this program, graduate student clinicians are learning the critical components of caregiver education and interprofessional practice by preparing and presenting lessons every week.





SCSD Student Presented Research at ASHA

Communication Science and Disorders senior Samantha Bikulcius presented her Honors in the Major research at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association conference in Seattle, Washington, on December 7, 2024. Bikulcius's research was selected as a Meritorious Poster at the convention, a special designation for proposals judged to be exceptional during their review process. Her study, "The Relationship Between Listener Cognition and Listening Effort During Dysarthric Speech Perception," examined the relationship between cognitive factors and the listening effort required to comprehend intelligible, dysarthric speech.

SCSD Students, Faculty, and Alumni Participated in Special Olympics Healthy Hearing

This May, a group of clinical audiology students, faculty, and alumni from SCSD participated in Healthy Hearing, a venue for the Special Olympics Florida (SOFL) Healthy Athletes Program. The group aims to offer Special Olympics athletes free health screenings and education in а welcomina environment. The SCSD program has participated in Healthy Hearing for 19 years. Dr. Selena Snowden, the Director of Audiology Services at FSU and SOFL's Clinical Director, helps manage various regional screenings each year. Students can participate in up to five local events and two state events annually, including the Fall Classic in November, and The Summer Games in May.



iSchool Launched the Cyber Intelligence Certificate Program

iSchool launched the <u>Cyber Intelligence</u> <u>Graduate Certificate Program</u> this year. This certificate program is focused on contemporary issues of cybersecurity, cyber defense and investigation, privacy, and modern ethics in society. Throughout this 12-credit program, students have two areas of study which they may pursue: intelligence analytics, which focuses on information behavioral analysis and information policy analysis, and cybersecurity.



iSchool Courses Recognized by National Institute of Standards and Technology

Over 60 <u>undergraduate</u> and <u>graduate</u> courses in the School of Information were officially recognized as aligned and in compliance with The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity (NICE Framework). This resulted in the addition of these courses to the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies' (NICCS) <u>online education and</u> <u>training catalog</u>.



Alumna Dr. Aisha Johnson, Named a 2024 Mover and Shaker

Dr. Aisha Johnson (M.S. '09, Ph.D. '15) was named a 2024 Mover and Shaker for her contributions to the Library and Information Sciences profession. "Movers and Shakers" awards are granted to leaders with a record of excellence in their work, civic engagement, and philanthropic efforts. Johnson currently serves as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Outreach at the Georgia Technology Library.





Celebrating Florida Library Association Award Winners From The College

iSchool alumnus Joseph Dellosa (M.S. '23) and current Information master's student Jazmin Jimenez were awarded Florida Library Association (FLA) Awards earlier this year. FLA awards honor different individuals, organizations, and additional library supporters who extend help to their library system. Dellosa and Jimenez were both awarded The Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award, which recognized their outstanding program creation, "Storytimes Together," offering service to youth.

Alumna Named Program Director for Social Justice Event

Information Science alumna Shayla C. Perry (B.S. '02) served as Program Director for the 48in48 2024 Social Justice Event. 48in48 is an organization that aims to create 48 free websites for 48 nonprofits in 48 hours. Perry started as a volunteer with 48in48 for their 2023 Global Event and was later extended the opportunity to be an Event Project Manager for the 48in48 2024 Women's Build.



iSchool Alumnus Sang Hoo Oh Started New Role as Assistant Professor

Dr. Sang Hoo Oh, an iSchool alumnus, joined Catholic University of America's faculty as a tenure-track assistant professor after finishing his postdoctoral research at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Oh plans to continue his research on Al policy and Al workforce development. Specifically, he will examine how Al can be responsibly integrated in education, government, and other sectors.



iSchool Doctoral Candidate Received Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

iSchool Doctoral Candidate Vashalice Kaaba received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for the 2024-2025 academic year. "This Fulbright Assistantship will take me to Kenya in January 2025. My mission there involves teaching English and spearheading a community project focused on enhancing library access," Kaaba said.





IT Alumna Jaliya Wilson Landed New Position

Information Technology alumna Jaliya Wilson (BS '21) landed a new position as a Public Affairs Officer at the United States Navy. This position disseminates information to the public and press in hopes to deter misinformation regarding the U.S. Navy. Wilson is excited for what's to come as a Public Affairs Officer, which includes her upcoming assignment in Yokosuka, Japan.

Brittany Baum Presented at ALISE

iSchool doctoral candidate Brittany Baum presented a paper and served on two panels at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) on October 14-17, 2024. For the past year, Baum has been working as an RA on an IMLS-funded research project alongside Dr. Melissa Gross and Dr. Don Latham exploring social services in public libraries. They completed the first of two phases, which were conducted with public library administrators and public adult/youth services librarians. The findings were presented at ALISE.



iSchool Alumna Recognized for ALISE Connie Van Fleet Award

iSchool alumna Dr. Amelia Anderson was selected for the 2024-2025 ALISE Connie Van Fleet Award for Research Excellence in Public Library Services to Adults. The award recognizes an individual for research contribution in the field of public library services to adults, including special adult populations such as people with disabilities, minority groups, and older adults.





IT Student Attended the Multicultural Career Workshop

From November 7-8, 2024, Information Technology student Jennifer Sterling attended the International Radio & Television Society Foundation (IRTS) Multicultural Career Workshop in New York City. During the two-day workshop, Sterling attended panels, listened to guest speakers, engaged in Q&A sessions, and met with recruiters and representatives from a variety of media companies. Sterling shared that her biggest takeaway was discovering how IT intersects with the media industry.

IT Alumna Launched New Initiative in Al

Information Technology alumna Sara Beeler (BS '19) landed a new role as the Senior Supervisor of the Enterprise AI team at L3Harris Technologies. The position entails overseeing a team of AI developers, providing mentorship and career development opportunities, and fostering a collaborative environment that encourages innovation and productivity. In the summer of 2023, Beeler began her career as an AI developer. As one of the pioneering developers in the company she found herself transition from mastering algorithms to supporting the orchestration of an entire Enterprise AI team as Senior Supervisor.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH CCI

Student Leadership Council

The CCI Student Leadership Council (SLC) meets monthly with the Dean of CCI to discuss student affairs and what is going on within the College from a student's perspective, as well as hosting events around the College, promoting student involvement, and gaining professional experience!

To learn more and get involved, contact: Betsy Crawford <u>Betsy.Crawford@cci.fsu.edu</u>





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- Sign up for the end-of-semester alumni newsletter, *Connection*.
- Fill out the <u>Alumni Keep in Touch form</u> by following the steps after scanning the QR code to the right.
- If you're looking to join CCI for a master's or doctoral degree, please reach out to Betsy Crawford at <u>Betsy.Crawford@cci.fsu.edu</u> for more information.

