Hello,

Welcome back!

The Iribe Initiative for Inclusion and Diversity in Computing (aka I4C) aims to create a vibrant, inclusive community of students, educators, and researchers coming together to increase the involvement—and success—of underrepresented populations interested in computing.

This semester, our team of faculty, staff, and students are ready to support you in your academic journey at UMD. Throughout the semester, we plan to offer a blend of in-person, hybrid, and virtual events and opportunities programming to support you.

You can connect through these resources in the following ways:

- **Bi-weekly newsletters**
- **DICE Lounge Slack**
- **LinkedIn**
- **Instagram**
- **Twitter**
- Come visit us in the DICE Lounge (IRB 1104)

If you wish to include information in this newsletter, or if you need any additional support, please email i4C@umd.edu. Please let us know how we can best support you during the Spring 2022 semester.

**Scholarships and volunteer opportunities**

- **Apply for a Spring 2022 Diversity Conference Scholarship** – I4C scholarship applications are open for students who wish to attend Spring 2022 conferences, including BEYA STEM, Capital Region Celebration of Women in Computing, Latinas in Tech Summit, and more. [Application.](#)
Lockheed Martin STEM & Vocational scholarships

- The Vocational Scholarship is geared towards high school seniors and students pursuing associate's degrees, credit-bearing certificates, or industry-recognized credentials in technology and advanced manufacturing disciplines.
- The corporation's four-year STEM Scholarship program is focused on high school seniors and undergraduate students who are or are planning to pursue a major in various engineering disciplines or various disciplines of computer science.

SACNAS at UMD is organizing an outreach event with BlairHacks, an annual and free hackathon hosted by Montgomery Blair High School students, a local high school. The hackathon will take place virtually on February 18-20, 2022. They are recruiting volunteers to help the event run smoothly; these positions include judging, serving as a mentor, and/or running a workshop on a computer science topic. If you are interested, please fill out this form.

Events and Opportunities

- I4C Spring Welcome Social is a great time to meet I4C staff, hear about our incoming events and programs, get snacks, and pick up some swag. February 2, 3-5 pm, DICE Lounge (IRB 1104).

- I4C Spring Peer & Alumni Mentoring Info Session. Join us to learn more about the Spring 2022 Peer & Alumni Mentoring Program and other I4C opportunities. All UMD majors are welcome! January 28, 12 - 1 p.m. (virtual) RSVP.

- I4C Tutoring-Spring 2022. Are you in CMSC 122, 125, 131, 132, 216, 250, 330, 351? I4C provides a hybrid tutoring experience for the spring semester. Tutoring is open to all students enrolled in the courses.
  
  1:1 Begins: January 31st  
  GSS Begins: February 7th  
  To learn more and schedule

- The DICE (Diversity and Inclusion in Computing Education) Lounge is OPEN! Come by the DICE Lounge (IRB 1104) to connect with us, learn more about our programs, and create a community within I4C. Open Monday- Friday 8:00 am-6:00 pm
• **SHPE** is hosting its first general board meeting next Tuesday on February 1st at 6 PM (mostly an introductory meeting, will be fun)!! Make sure to join them in KIM1107, snacks will be included.

• **SACNAS at UMD spring semester social** that will take place on February 9 at 5 pm, BRB 1103 & 001. [RSVP](#)

• **Capital One Presents**: Being a Woman in Tech- February 8th, 5-6 pm ET  [Register here](#)

• **M&T Tech Women’s Panel Discussion** Join M&T Tech for a candid conversation led by several mentors in the Women in Networking (WIN) Employee Resource Group. [Register here](#)

• **Lockheed Martin’s Virtual Network of Women Series** meet and speak with women working in STEM and Business – women who thrive, lead, and positively impact their communities.
  - January 25 - [Making HERstory in Industry](#)
  - February 8 - [From HERitage to Belonging](#)

• **HackViolet**, previously known as SheHacksVT, is the fifth annual female-empowerment hackathon at Virginia Tech and will be held in a hybrid format Saturday 1/30 - Sunday 1/31 2022. They welcome students of all genders, majors, and backgrounds to attend. [Register here](#)