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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

5:00PM

Registration, Networking, Food
and Beverage

6:30PM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

7:00PM

WIT Awards Program Part 1

3 Awards and 2 Scholarships

7:20PM

Networking / Food and Beverage

7:40PM

WIT Awards Program Part 2

4 Awards and 1 Scholarship

8:00PM

Networking / Food and Beverage

8:30PM

Event Ends

*All times are approximate with the exception of
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The Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania (TCCP) connects technologists from diverse industries, backgrounds, and experiences with opportunities to learn, collaborate and innovate while also raising the profile of the technology community throughout the Central Pennsylvania region and beyond. More information about the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania can be found at **www.tccp.org**.

**TCCP CONGRATULATES THE 2026
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WINNERS AND SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS!**

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To the 2026 Women in Technology nominees, finalists, and scholarship recipients: your work makes our entire region stronger. We're proud to celebrate you.

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ABOUT TCCP'S WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

2026 marks the 10th anniversary of the Women in Technology Awards and the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania's continued commitment to celebrating women who are innovators, role models, trailblazers, and inspirations within the technology community throughout our region. In addition to the Women In Technology Awards, TCCP offers a variety of Women In Technology (WIT) activities as part of its broader WIT initiative that strives to create an inclusive and level playing field regardless of gender within the technology industry. More information about TCCP's Women In Technology initiative can be found at **www.tccp.org/wit**.

THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S WOMEN IN TECH SUBCOMMITTEE

WOMEN IN TECH SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Lori Montgomery, Members 1st FCU

Reesy Neff, Omega Ecycles

WIT Awards Nominations Workgroup

Sheetal Patangay, Rensel Consulting (**LEAD**)

Emily Franklin, McKonly & Asbury

Heather Hiester, KPMG

Kayla Underkoffler, Zenity.io

Mary-Anne Westfall, Zadara

Shilpa Mandadi, Members 1st FCU

WIT Awards Support & Promotion Workgroup

Weston Miller, Itero Group (**LEAD**)

Don Demcsak, Dell

Heather Hiester, KPMG

WIT Awards Logistics Workgroup

Jill Yocum, Capital Blue Cross (**LEAD**)

Kathryn Hartzell, PA Turnpike Commission

Lori Montgomery, Members 1st FCU

Rachel Alden, Sheetz

Sue Engels, Momentum, Inc.

Susan Lehr, IBM

WIT ChATHER Workgroup

Laura Gutshall, Abel Personnel (**CO-LEAD**)

Marion Adams, Abel Personnel (**CO-LEAD**)

Alicia Luciani, Capital Blue Cross

Patrice Lynch, coLAB

Ronay Hershey, Quantum Accounting Associates

WIT Mentor Program Workgroup

Shanice Mariluz, Members 1st FCU (**LEAD**)

Amy Gangl, Listrak

Renee Flasher, PSU

Sam Kramer-Knisely, enGen

WIT Breakfast Club Workgroup

Denise Murren, enGen (**LEAD**)

Cindi Schnetzka, Info-Matrix Corporation

Connie Ogle, HACC

Lori Montgomery, Members 1st FCU

Susan Lehr, IBM

WIT Pop Up With Purpose Workgroup

Sam Kramer-Knisely, enGen (**LEAD**)

Connie Ogle, HACC

Haripriya Tadiboyina, Highmark Health

Jill Yocum, Capital Blue Cross

Kim Krug, e&e IT Consulting Services

Lori Long, Capital Blue Cross

Lynzie Wagaman, Harrisburg University

Rabiah Muhammad, Focal Point Business Coaching

Behind every successful Women In Tech initiative is a dedicated team of volunteers who generously share their time, talents and ideas to make it all possible. From brainstorming new ideas and planning programs to welcoming new faces, solving last-minute challenges and cheering others on from behind the scenes, they show up with passion, purpose and an unwavering commitment to creating opportunities for people to connect, learn, grow and lead.

To our Subcommittee Co-Chairs and every member of the Women In Tech Subcommittee, thank you for your leadership, your creativity and your willingness to serve. Your impact reaches far beyond tonight's celebration and our community is stronger because of each of you.

The future isn't built in one extraordinary moment. It's built by ordinary people who choose, again and again, to show up, lift others and leave every community better than they found it. Thank you for being those people.



2026 EVENT EMCEE



ALICIA RICHARDS

News Anchor / Reporter
ABC27

Alicia Richards co-anchors ABC27's 5:00, 6:00 & 11:00 p.m. newscasts. She also does special reporting throughout the year. Most recently, Alicia was focused on the opioid crisis, winning a Keystone Media Award for her coverage.

When Alicia turned her attention to domestic violence, she won an Emmy award after revealing that Pennsylvania does not track how judges rule in these cases. She was also the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters television broadcaster of the year in 2020.

Alicia interviewed the first female CEO of The Hershey Company, Michele Buck. Alicia traveled to Kosovo to report on the Pennsylvania National Guard's peacekeeping efforts. She accompanied heart specialists from Penn State Hershey Medical Center on a life-saving medical mission to Ecuador. She covered the 2016 Democratic National Convention and the 2000 Republican National Convention – both in Philadelphia. She interviewed Hillary Clinton in Harrisburg and was there as Central Pennsylvanians poured into Washington for the Ronald Reagan Memorial.

Alicia spent a decade advocating for breast cancer awareness. Her Buddy Check 27 series won two Pennsylvania Association of Broadcaster awards and she and her mother Karen appeared in public service announcements promoting the importance of early detection. In addition, Alicia was awarded a first-place Associated Press award for "Lori's Story," a moving 10-part series on a local woman's determined battle against breast cancer.

Alicia takes great pride in her extensive involvement with the Central Pennsylvania community through regular speaking engagements.

Travel is one of her primary interests. With her family, she has gone on safari in Africa and has been to Egypt, Russia, Argentina and throughout Europe. Alicia and her partner of 25 years, Elise, have a Goldendoodle named Moxie.



2026 EVENT KEYNOTE



BRY PARDOE

Chief Information Officer
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Bry Pardoe was named the Commonwealth's Chief Information Officer in October 2025. In this role, she has overall responsibility for the management and operation of IT services for all executive agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction.

Bry previously served as the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Office of Digital Experience (CODE PA) since May 2023. Under Bry's leadership, CODE PA has infused new energy and resources into ongoing customer service transformation efforts and projects to improve digital experiences for Pennsylvanians.

As Executive Director, Bry led the implementation of numerous CODE PA digital products, including PAYback, a transformative digital system that allows residents and businesses to check the standard turnaround time for a permit, license, or certification and request a refund of their application fee if they have been waiting longer. Bry also oversaw the redesign of PA.gov, and launched several high-priority online experiences, including a fully online clemency application with the Board of Pardons, an eligibility checker and online application for the Keystone Challenge Academy with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, a searchable directory of 300 state grant programs, the property tax / rent rebate lookup tool with the Department of Revenue, and a new website and form to request through the Insurance Department to have independent medical experts review a claim denied by their insurer.

Prior to joining the Commonwealth, Bry served as the Director of Web and Digital Experience at Main Line Health since 2021, where she focused on efforts to improve website accessibility and make it easier to find and schedule an appointment with a provider. She also previously worked for Geisinger as a Digital Marketing Strategist and was promoted to Digital Product Manager and later Director of Digital Engagement. Bry started her digital experience career at Lycoming Engines in 2015.

CONGRATULATIONS

to this year's distinguished nominees & scholarship recipients



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DENISE MURREN

IT Manager
enGen

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Beginning her career as a software developer before advancing into leadership roles, Denise has developed a deep, hands-on understanding of both mainframe and open systems technologies. This diverse technical background enables her to effectively support critical enterprise systems and lead large-scale operational initiatives.

Denise's expertise encompasses program and project management, application release delivery, change management, and DevSecOps practices. She is passionate about improving operational efficiency through continuous process improvement and innovative automation initiatives, including Robotic Process Automation and automated testing strategies.

A collaborative and customer-focused leader, Denise is committed to clear communication, strong stakeholder engagement, and exceptional service delivery. She consistently leads teams to deliver high-quality, cost-effective solutions that align with business objectives and on schedule.

Dedicated to lifelong learning and professional development, Denise holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). She has also completed the Harrisburg University IT Manager Program and the Leadership Harrisburg Area Community Leadership Series (Class of 2025). She is an active member of the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania (TCCP).

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JESSICA COLEMAN

VP of Digital Products

Members 1st Federal Credit Union

Jess Coleman is Vice President of Digital Products at Members 1st Federal Credit Union, where she leads digital strategy, product innovation and digital experience initiatives. With a career that began as a web developer in the credit union industry, Jess has grown into a digital transformation leader focused on building user-centric solutions that drive growth and deliver meaningful results. Her expertise spans digital banking, SaaS platforms, product development and user experience, with a passion for leveraging technology and design thinking to create impactful experiences for both members and organizations. Guided by Agile principles and a collaborative leadership style, she empowers teams to innovate, challenge convention and continuously improve.



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TRIVENI CHAVA

Senior SQL Database Administrator
Select Medical

I am a Senior SQL Database Administrator with over 18 years of experience designing, optimizing, and supporting enterprise-scale SQL Server environments across healthcare, government, and technology organizations. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology and have built my career around delivering secure, high-performing, and highly available data platforms that support critical business operations.

In my current role at Select Medical, I manage and optimize more than 350 SQL Server environments that support mission-critical applications used across thousands of healthcare facilities. My areas of expertise include database architecture, performance tuning, high availability, disaster recovery, cloud integration, automation, and enterprise security. Throughout my career, I have led major SQL Server migrations, Always On Availability Group implementations, compliance initiatives, and modernization projects that have improved system reliability and operational efficiency.

I was honored to receive Select Medical's iSTAR (Information Services Talent and Recognition) Award in recognition of my contributions to critical healthcare applications, database performance optimization, and system reliability. I have also received multiple Living the Way recognitions and was nominated for the Women in Technology Award in both 2025 and 2026.

Beyond my technical responsibilities, I am passionate about mentoring others, sharing knowledge, and promoting best practices within the technology community. I take pride in solving complex technical challenges and building scalable, future-ready solutions that support healthcare professionals and ultimately contribute to better patient care.

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Tonight, we're proud to honor the women driving
technology forward across Central Pennsylvania.

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A photograph of Reesy Neff, Founder/President of Omega Eycles, wearing a red blazer and red pants, standing with her hands on her hips.

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ANGELA FARETTA

Services Manager

TREYSTA technology management

First and foremost, I'm a mother, a veteran, and the Services Manager at TREYSTA technology management. At my core, I've always wanted to help people and I enjoy learning new things, which is what ultimately led me to the technology field in the first place.

Throughout my career, I've worked with nonprofits, small businesses, and the technicians who support them. One of the most rewarding parts of my job is mentoring others, helping team members grow their skills, build confidence, and advance in their careers. I'm also passionate about cybersecurity. I thrive on helping clients improve their security posture, coaching engineers through building security processes, and supporting a nonprofit's mission by raising security awareness.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending my time with family, being outdoors, mentoring people who are interested in tech careers, and, when it aligns, I volunteer in efforts to raise awareness about human trafficking. I also refurbish computers for families in need and previously led a college e-waste recycling initiative.

My parents instilled in me the importance of always leaving things better than I found them. I've carried that throughout life and strive to go above and beyond in every interaction I have. Whether it's helping the people who use tech or supporting the techs that fix it, it's my hope to continue carrying on my family's values.



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JENNIFER MARIANI

CEO

CourseVector, Hosting • Web • Marketing

Jennifer Mariani is the CEO of CourseVector, Hosting • Web • Marketing, a company built on a simple but powerful mission: helping under-served communities get online without breaking the bank. Since launching CourseVector with her dad and husband in 2013, Jennifer has focused on making technology genuinely accessible, not just in theory, to the people and communities who need it most.

Jennifer's path to entrepreneurship started in an unexpected place: the military, where she worked as an instructional designer in the early 2000s, learning how to break down complex systems into training that sticks. That skill has shaped everything she's built since. She also writes for Borough News magazine, translating technical topics into practical, approachable guidance for everyday readers.

Jennifer holds a BA in Communication from the University of Central Florida, a foundation that shows up in her ability to connect with people across all levels of tech comfort and turn jargon into clarity.

Beyond her professional work, Jennifer is a two-time cancer survivor and brings that same resilience and perspective to everything she does. She's a proud mom of two, a Pennsylvania enthusiast who loves exploring the state she calls home, and an avid knitter who finds joy in the quiet, hands-on craft. Whether she's untangling yarn or untangling someone's relationship with technology, Jennifer approaches challenges with patience, warmth, and a belief that everyone deserves a seat at the table, digital or otherwise.



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SUSAN CANFIELD

Senior VP, Head of Analytics
Profit Insight

With over two decades in banking operations and business intelligence, Susan has built a career on spotting the inefficiencies nobody else sees and turning them into real money.

A Six Sigma Black Belt with a mathematics degree and an actuary's eye for risk, Susan has spent her career at the intersection of finance and technology — long before “data-driven” became a buzzword. These days, that means bringing AI tools into her team's workflow, not as a novelty, but as another lever for speed and precision in an industry that never stops changing.

Currently Senior VP of Data Analytics at Profit Insight, Susan works with banking clients across the World to turn operational noise into strategic clarity and increased revenue.



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AMY TOWNSON

Director of Service Delivery
Momentum, Inc.

Amy Townson is the Director of Service Delivery at Momentum, Inc. She focuses on improving how people, processes, and technology come together to deliver exceptional results. Amy is a consultant at heart and enjoys tackling complex challenges, finding practical solutions, and helping organizations and people strengthen and grow.

Over the course of her career, Amy has led initiatives in service delivery, organizational change, process improvement, and workflow automation. Her work has supported public and private sector organizations as they navigate change, modernize operations, and improve the way services are delivered. She is passionate about creating systems that support people.

Amy believes in leaving things better than she found them. Whether that's helping others grow and mature their skills, streamlining a process, or introducing a fresh approach to an old problem, this philosophy guides her work. She is known for bringing people together, connecting ideas across disciplines, and turning challenges into meaningful, lasting improvements. While she enjoys solving complex problems, Amy has learned that curiosity, collaboration, and a sense of humor are just as important as the solution itself.



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SHANTHI MAHESH

Senior Applications Developer
(Senior Data Analytics Specialist)

Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission

A dynamic IT specialist and leader with twenty years of experience driving digital transformation across United States and United Kingdom government agencies, Shanthi Mahesh specializes in enterprise data architecture, cloud engineering, and agile project delivery. Currently serving as a Senior Applications Developer and Senior Data Analytics Specialist at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, she steers critical analytics, reporting, data strategy, and emerging AI strategy to modernize public sector infrastructure.

Throughout her career, Shanthi Mahesh has successfully bridged the gap between complex software engineering and practical public administration. Her expertise includes building end-to-end Python ETL-pipelines and Power BI dashboards, alongside a rich background in database-management systems like SQL Server and Oracle, GIS development and management, Java Enterprise applications, and IBM FileNet development. Known for breaking down operational silos, she leverages her credentials as an AWS Certified Solutions Architect and Professional Scrum Master to transition legacy environments into high-performing, agile units.

Committed to continuous technical excellence, she holds an MSc in e-Business Systems from City, University of London, a GIS certification from the University of Oxford, and specialized cybersecurity training from the SANS Institute. Beyond her technical achievements, Shanthi Mahesh is deeply dedicated to community impact. From supporting Hershey High School Music fundraisers to mentoring emerging tech talent, she consistently demonstrates what it means to lead with purpose and to elevate underrepresented voices in STEM. As a finalist for the Technology Council of Central PA's Women in Technology Award, she continues to push the boundaries of what data-driven civic infrastructure can achieve.



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TAMI ANDERSON

**Manager of Technical Assurance & Governance
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission**

Tami Anderson is the Manager of Technical Assurance and Governance at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Her responsibilities include oversight and governance of IT Service Management, Enterprise Architecture, IT Asset Management, and Quality Management initiatives that strengthen operational performance, improve service delivery, and promote practical technology solutions across the organization.

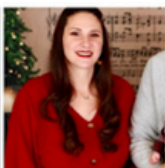
Tami has 24 years of experience in Information Technology and holds a B.S. in Business Administration Management from Elizabethtown College. She also serves as a founding project sponsor for the PA Turnpike's Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign, supporting collaborative efforts that use education, outreach, and technology to help employees, customers, and the public recognize and report suspected human trafficking activity.

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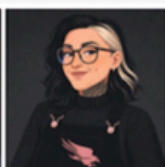


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JESSICA HOFFMAN

Deputy Chief Information Security Officer and
City HIPAA Security Officer
City of Philadelphia

Jessica Hoffman, CISSP is the Deputy Chief Information Security Officer and City HIPAA Security Officer for the City of Philadelphia's Office of Innovation and Technology, Information Security Group. With more than 20 years of experience in IT and cybersecurity, she has dedicated her career to public service, governance, risk, and compliance (GRC), and protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of critical systems and the data of millions of Americans.

Jessica leads enterprise cybersecurity initiatives that strengthen the resilience of one of the nation's largest municipalities while preparing the City for major global events, including the America250 celebration and the FIFA World Cup 2026. She is also an adjunct instructor at Temple University, Penn State Harrisburg, and Harrisburg University, where she is passionate about preparing the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

A firm believer that cybersecurity is a team sport, Jessica is committed to mentoring and developing future leaders in the industry. She is a founding leader of the Blacks In Cybersecurity (BIC) Mentorship Program, serves on the Dark Reading CISO Advisory Board, volunteers at DEF CON and numerous BSides conferences, and actively supports initiatives that expand access, foster collaboration, and strengthen the cybersecurity community.

When she's not securing critical infrastructure or teaching, Jessica enjoys speaking at conferences, connecting with cybersecurity professionals around the world, and yes—taking long walks on the beach.



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SHANICE MARILUZ

Vice President, Enterprise Portfolio
Management Office

Members 1st Federal Credit Union

Driven by a passion for service and equity, Shanice Mariluz is dedicated to breaking barriers, creating opportunities, and uplifting underserved communities. As Vice President of the Enterprise Portfolio Management Office at Members 1st Federal Credit Union, she brings expertise in strategy, governance, and organizational leadership, but her greatest passion lies in creating pathways for others to succeed.

Her commitment to service began as a teenager volunteering at the Harrisburg Boys & Girls Club and has grown into a lifelong dedication to advancing equity in healthcare, education, and technology. As Chair of the Board of Directors for Hamilton Health Center, she provides strategic leadership focused on improving health outcomes and expanding access to care. She also serves on the Board of Directors for AAA Central Penn, where she leverages her expertise to strengthen organizational impact and support long-term community prosperity.

An active member of the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania (TCCP), Shanice serves on the Board of Directors and is Co-Chair of the Together in Tech Committee and Lead of the Women in Tech Mentoring Workgroup. Through these roles, she champions inclusion, mentorship, and greater access to technology careers for underrepresented groups.

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CONNIE ZULICK

Director Testing Services
enGen

Connie Zulick serves as an influential IT Director for Testing Services at enGen, Highmark Health's health tech subsidiary. With over two decades of significant contributions across various roles at Highmark, her current leadership in the Enterprise Quality Engineering department is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of code delivery for critical healthtech. Connie's career is defined by strategic leadership and a profound commitment to fostering inclusive environments, consistently breaking barriers for women in technology and STEM.

Connie's leadership shines in her ability to navigate and influence diverse cultural landscapes, particularly within the highly male-centric environment of her team in India. This demonstrates not only exceptional cross-cultural communication but also a deep-seated dedication to empowering women globally within the tech sector. She actively champions and sponsors women, facilitating invaluable cross-cultural learning and growth.

Beyond her technical prowess, Connie is a passionate advocate for mental health awareness, especially in high-demand corporate settings. Her involvement in the corporate Mental Health Interest Group and Mental Health First Aid (USA) certification underscore her holistic leadership approach. Drawing from her modest upbringing as the first woman in her family to earn a higher degree, and overcoming significant personal adversities, Connie also advocates for understanding the social determinants of health. Her resilience and empathy drive her commitment to mentoring disadvantaged employees through partnerships like Code Differently, LLC, building a more supportive and equitable technology community. Connie strives to lead with empathy, break down barriers, and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.



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STEPHANIE LAKE

Manager of the Makerspace, **Harrisburg University**
Founder and CEO, **Subcomponents Plus LLC**

Stephanie Lake is the Manager of the Makerspace at Harrisburg University and Founder & CEO of Subcomponents Plus LLC. Since beginning her manufacturing career in 2012, she has built expertise in additive manufacturing, automation, quality systems, analytics, and product development. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science with a minor in Nanotechnology and a Master of Science in Analytics, combining engineering expertise with data-driven decision making.

At Harrisburg University, Stephanie leads the Makerspace, where she helps students, faculty, entrepreneurs, and community partners gain hands-on experience with emerging technologies including additive manufacturing, 3D scanning, robotics, digital fabrication, and rapid prototyping. She also teaches Materials Science laboratory coursework at York College of Pennsylvania, helping students connect engineering theory with practical application.

Through Subcomponents Plus, Stephanie works to strengthen Central Pennsylvania's manufacturing ecosystem by connecting education, innovation, and industry. Her company helps organizations solve complex manufacturing challenges through reverse engineering, product development, and distributed manufacturing while creating pathways that connect students, makers, universities, and manufacturers. Her passion is building a stronger regional technology community by developing talent, accelerating innovation, and transforming ideas into real-world solutions.



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CHELSEA BESIC

Senior Project Manager

Members 1st Federal Credit Union

Chelsea Basic, PMP, CSM, LSSBBP, is a Senior Project Manager at Members 1st Federal Credit Union, where she leads complex technology initiatives that enhance member experience, improve operational efficiency, and drive digital transformation. Known for her ability to connect business strategy with technology delivery, she helps organizations successfully adopt innovative solutions that create measurable value.

Throughout her career, Chelsea has led enterprise technology initiatives spanning artificial intelligence, infrastructure modernization, digital banking, data governance, and process automation. Prior to joining Members 1st, Chelsea supported large-scale Pennsylvania government technology programs focused on child welfare, Medicaid enhancements, and public assistance services, helping improve access to critical resources for residents across the Commonwealth.

Outside of her professional role, Chelsea is passionate about mentorship, community service, and demonstrating values through action. She is dedicated to encouraging the next generation of leaders, particularly women pursuing careers in technology. She serves as President of the YWCA Junior Board and is a member of the Community Outreach Committee for Randi's House of Angels, supporting initiatives that strengthen and uplift the Central Pennsylvania community.

Chelsea is also the proud mother of two young daughters, who inspire her commitment to service, leadership, and creating positive change. She believes in leading through example, fostering meaningful connections, and making a lasting impact both professionally and in her community.



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HEMA RAVINDRAN

Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer
KiposTech Inc.

Hema Ravindran is the Co-founder and CEO of KiposTech, a deep-tech startup transforming how the livestock industry approaches airborne disease prevention. With a background in environmental engineering and bioaerosol science, she is leading the commercialization of AI-enabled air biosecurity hardware and software that reduce airborne pathogens, dust, and ammonia in animal production facilities, improving animal health, farm productivity, and sustainability.

Before founding KiposTech, Hema completed her Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering and pursued postdoctoral research in environmental biotechnology and public health, focusing on airborne pathogens and wastewater-based epidemiology. She later joined Eurofins as a Principal Scientist in the Pandemic Prevention business unit, a role that brought her to Pennsylvania. While living in Lancaster, she witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by farmers, which inspired her to build solutions for problems she had researched for over a decade. She went on to co-found KiposTech with her husband, Raj Singh, also a scientist-turned-entrepreneur, building the company from the ground up into a growing venture now scaling commercially in poultry and swine production. She is also a new mother, a role that has further strengthened her resolve to build technologies that protect the health of future generations and the food systems they will depend on.

Under Hema's leadership, KiposTech has earned national recognition, including grants and funding from Ben Franklin Technology Partners, seed investment, Runner-Up in the American Farm Bureau Federation Ag Innovation Challenge, a Top 10 Innovate for Impact distinction from the World Food Prize Foundation, and multiple innovation and commercialization awards.

Hema believes the most meaningful innovations emerge when curiosity, resilience, and conviction come together to solve problems that matter.



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PRIYADHARSHINI RAJMOHAN

IT Technology Analyst II
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Priyadharshini Rajmohan is an "IT Technology Analyst II" in the Business Intelligence and Data Analytics team at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, where she develops reporting and analytics solutions that support data-driven decision-making and operational efficiency. She is passionate about using data, AI, and emerging technologies to solve real-world challenges and improve public services.

Originally from South India, Priyadharshini was the first graduate in her farming family. She moved to the United States in 2023 to pursue her passion for technology and earned a Master's in Analytics from Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

Beyond her professional role, Priyadharshini is committed to giving back to the Central Pennsylvania technology community that has supported her journey. She currently serves as the FY27 Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Philadelphia Vice President of Professional Development, Social Media Chair for Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) Central Pennsylvania, and a Council Member for the Harrisburg University Alumni Association. She is also an active member of organizations including Women in Data, WTS International, Women Who Qlik, AnitaB.org, TCCP and Women in Tech Global.

Priyadharshini has presented at the Harrisburg University Data Analytics Summits on topics including data visualization, spatial analytics, and AI-driven transportation safety. Her leadership has been recognized through honors including the 2024 Harrisburg Young Professionals "20 in Their 20s" award and selection to the 2026 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Emerging Leaders Academy.

She believes technology is most meaningful when it creates opportunities, strengthens communities, and empowers others to succeed.



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Become a TCCP Member

Membership connects you to Central PA's tech ecosystem. Expand your network, gain visibility, access professional development, and show your commitment to advancing tech in the region.

Join a Committee

Committees are where collaboration takes shape. Get involved, lend your expertise and help shape TCCP's programming while building lasting connections.

Speak at a Program or Event

Share your expertise and position yourself as a thought leader. From panels to summits, TCCP offers platforms to inspire, educate, and spark meaningful conversations.

Mentor Future Talent

Support the next generation of tech professionals. Through the Women In Tech Mentoring Program, you can share guidance, real-world insights, and connections that help students and young professionals succeed.





Sponsor or Partner

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Attend Programs or Events

From networking mixers to flagship annual events like Power In Tech, Power In Us, Central PA Tech Fest, PA TechCon and the Women In Tech Awards, TCCP gatherings bring people together to connect, learn and celebrate tech in our region. Come for the knowledge and networking, stay for the community.



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We believe in shining a light on the incredible work of our members. From company milestones and product launches to individual achievements, TCCP provides opportunities to showcase your story through our communications channels, helping amplify your success across Central PA's tech ecosystem.



Stay Connected

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ASHLEE HENNEY

Business Systems Analyst
WellSpan Health

Ashlee Henney is a Business Systems Analyst at WellSpan Health with 20 years of experience supporting healthcare operations and technology. Throughout her career at WellSpan, she has demonstrated a commitment to continuous learning, professional growth, and process improvement.

Ashlee earned an Associate's Degree in Web Design and Development from HACC in 2011, further strengthening her passion for technology, problem-solving, and innovative solutions. She began her career at WellSpan as an Office Clerk and has since advanced through several roles, including Database Librarian and Referral Specialist. These diverse experiences provided her with a strong foundation in data management, customer service, healthcare operations, and workflow optimization.

In her current role as a Business Systems Analyst, Ashlee combines her extensive healthcare knowledge with her technical expertise to improve systems, streamline processes, and support the teams that deliver quality patient care. She is passionate about leveraging technology to solve complex challenges and create meaningful improvements. After two decades with WellSpan Health, Ashlee is proud to contribute to an organization where she has found lasting professional fulfillment and the opportunity to make a positive impact every day.



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DR. RODERICK LEE

Associate Professor of Information Systems
Penn State Harrisburg

Dr. Roderick Lee is an Associate Professor of Information Systems in the School of Business Administration at Penn State Harrisburg. He holds a joint appointment as Associate Professor of Human-Centered Computing and Social Informatics in the College of Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State University Park.

During the 2024-25 academic year, he served as an Administrative Fellow to the Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses and Executive Chancellor at Penn State. He was recently selected as a National Science Foundation (NSF) National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource (NAIRR) AI Education Fellow and is actively involved in national initiatives advancing AI and computing education, including the NSF LEVEL UP AI Initiative.

A committed educator, researcher, and academic leader, Roderick works to broaden participation in AI and computing education and careers by helping institutions create inclusive, equitable, and identity-affirming environments. His work focuses on expanding access to emerging technologies, strengthening interdisciplinary AI and computing education, and creating inclusive pathways into technology careers.

He has served in leadership roles focused on expanding educational opportunity and strengthening the technology workforce including membership on the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania Board of Directors and leadership roles with The PhD Project, including serving as the inaugural Chair of the Faculty Advisory Council and as a member of the Board of Directors.

His contributions have been recognized through numerous honors, including the 2026 Sloan Scholars Network Higher Education Professional of the Year Award, the Kathryn Towns Women's History Month Award, the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania Women in Technology Diversity and Inclusion Award, the Greater Harrisburg Area NAACP President's Award, and the Pennsylvania Conference for Women Agate Award.

He holds a PhD in Information Sciences and Technology from Penn State University Park and an MBA and MS in Information Systems from Penn State Harrisburg.



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Amanda Minner • Rita Reynolds • Sarah Shirk • Debbie Houser
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2021

Melissa Wall • Carol Wellington • Lindsey Chimel
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2026

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JESSICA UGWOAGA '28

Bachelor of Computer Science
The Pennsylvania State University (Harrisburg)



Jessica Ugwoaga is pursuing a Bachelor of Computer Science degree at Penn State Harrisburg, with a concentration in Security and Risk Analysis. A National Science Foundation (NSF-STEM) Scholar and member of the Capital College Honors Program, Jessica has distinguished herself through academic excellence, leadership, and service, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA while earning both the President Walker Award and President Sparks Award.

Jessica currently serves as Treasurer of the STEM Club, where she helps create opportunities for students to engage with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through educational events, workshops, and industry connections. She is also an active member of the Cyber Lions cybersecurity club and several student leadership organizations.

Passionate about mentorship and lifelong learning, Jessica believes that one of the most meaningful ways to contribute to the technology industry is by helping others grow and succeed. Inspired by the mentors and educators who have supported her academic journey, she hopes to provide the same encouragement and guidance to future students, interns, and colleagues.

Whether pursuing graduate studies or entering the workforce, Jessica is committed to advancing innovation, fostering collaboration, and using her knowledge to create opportunities for others while continuing to learn and lead throughout her career.



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CHARLENE CRUZ '28

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
York College of Pennsylvania



Charlene Cruz is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at York College of Pennsylvania, where she has distinguished herself as a scholar, leader, researcher, and advocate for greater access to STEM education. Originally from the Philippines, Charlene's early experiences with limited access to technology inspired her commitment to ensuring that future generations have the opportunity to explore, learn, and innovate without barriers.

With a 3.92 GPA, Charlene combines academic excellence with meaningful leadership and service. She currently serves as President of the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Student Club and Vice President of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) student branch. Through STEM outreach initiatives, she helps introduce engineering concepts to young students and encourages greater participation among underrepresented groups.

Beyond the classroom, Charlene has gained hands-on experience through research, internships, and engineering design projects, including work in systems engineering, process design, and mechatronics. Her long-term goal is to develop innovative technologies that prioritize usability, accessibility, and inclusion while expanding opportunities for others to pursue careers in STEM.

Charlene is committed to using engineering not only to solve technical challenges, but also to create pathways that empower future generations of innovators.



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JANET DOOLEY '28

Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
Penn State University



Janet Dooley is a non-traditional student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems at Penn State University, with minors in Data Visualization and Finance. While balancing her academic studies with a full-time career, Janet has maintained a 3.76 GPA and demonstrated a strong commitment to lifelong learning and professional growth.

For more than 20 years, Janet has served at the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), where she progressed from Customer Service Representative to her current role as a Requirements Analyst within the Business Intelligence & Reporting department. Through her work, she serves as a bridge between business and technical teams, helping develop solutions that support PHEAA's mission of expanding access to higher education.

Janet is passionate about using technology to solve real-world problems and improve accessibility. Her interests include developing tools that promote financial literacy, streamline complex processes, and empower individuals to make informed decisions. She is also committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive technology community by encouraging and mentoring others pursuing technical careers.

As she continues her educational journey, Janet hopes to combine her professional experience and technical expertise to create solutions that make information more accessible, systems more effective, and opportunities more attainable for those they serve.

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