

IUP Cybersecurity Scholarship Program Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 3034 - 11:15 AM

- Attended by: Dr. Waleed Farag (PI), Dr. Soundararajan Ezekiel, Meghan Schilpp, Jared Giesen, Thomas McGillan, James Saylor, Noah Suley, Noah Oberholtzer, James Searer, Brody Rife, Evan Crooks, Julia O'Brien, Ben Reno, Malcolm Holden, and Vincent Emery

Announcements:

- All should have received tuition/Fee Waivers: ALL CONFIRMED
- All should have received 13,500 Stipend: ALL CONFIRMED
- New CySP Scholars can purchase a new laptop/desktop (Up to \$1,500), Scholars need to send Dr. Farag their specs ASAP by the end of the week. should purchase the laptop after sending specs and will get refunded. Must show payment method (name of account), total price, and item list.
- There is one upcoming major cybersecurity event at IUP. So far, we have three-four personnel from the DoD who will be presenting at this event including the director of the DoD STEM. **ALL CySP recipients are strongly encouraged and expected to participate in this event:**
 - The 16th annual Cybersecurity Day on Oct. 31th. Website is <https://www.iup.edu/cybersecurity/activities/cyber-security-day/index.html>. We need to recruit helpers to manage this event, see also the following discussion section.
- In addition, the PC4A project is sponsoring a regional Cybersecurity conference called [BSides](#) to be held in **Johnstown on Oct. 26, 2023**. If any of you are interested, we have discount codes and registration **will cost students only \$10 after the discount**.
- Scholars should create a portfolio for the scholarship, Malcolm will be sending an example.

Discussion on Promoting the CySP program at IUP:

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- Every CySP recipient is expected to continue to promote the program and participate at satisfactory levels on various selected and/or assigned activities to achieve this goal.
- So far, most of you are helping with various projects and activities but those who are not are strongly encouraged to contribute to the program.
- Opportunities for all CySP students include:
 - Signing up to help with the upcoming CSD on Oct. 31. **Please contact Meghan for detailed assignments.**
 - Actively participating and playing leading roles in the Cybersecurity Club.
 - Participating in the upcoming CAE NE Hackathon in early spring 2024.
 - Participating in Cyber Competition and/or Hackathon such as the CAE NCX, NSA Code Breaker, etc.
 - Involvement into research projects with project Co-PIs.

- Actively participating in the peer-mentoring program, see also below

Registration for Spring Courses:

- All CySP recipients are reminded with our previous discussion last meeting. The scholarship is ONLY covering your academic semester courses (fall and spring). No winter nor summer courses are covered. If you have any special situation, make sure you discuss this with the PI ASAP.
- Graduating Students reported that they are all on track to graduate in the spring

Renewal

- Scholars who are renewing should be preparing for next CySP cycle including maintaining GPA requirement

Question:

- Honors college has another session towards end of the semester, do we still have accesses to book accounts
 - Yes you will be able to use your account
- Do we get refunded extra money from book accounts
 - No direct refund, but you can use it to buy a E-Reader
- Does laptop fund include tax
 - Yes, students will be reimbursed up to \$1,500 for the laptop.

Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 11:15 am. All scholars confirmed they will attend