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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach the close of another remarkable semester, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many events and achievements that continue to make Capitol Technology University a leader in innovation and applied learning.

This year's Founder's Week was celebrated with a series of firsts. A special Honors Convocation and Awards Ceremony was held in recognition of student achievements, our first Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Dr. William Bassett, and our Board of Trustees Chair André Mendes, who received an honorary doctorate for his dedicated service and contributions. Our inaugural GreyCon conference closed out the week and was a tremendous success, bringing together professionals from the space, AI, and cybersecurity communities for a day of exploration, collaboration, and discovery. We are already looking forward to next year's Founder's Week. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this celebration of Capitol Tech.

We have hosted additional new and recurring student and community events this fall, including Aviation Visitor Days, VOLT lab tours, Cyber Saturdays, astronautical engineering events like Observe the Moon Night, and our bi-annual Career Fair. I hope you'll join us on-campus at one of these events soon.

I am thrilled to share that our laboratory renovations are now fully underway. These upgrades will expand learning opportunities, integrate state-of-the-art technology, and ensure our facilities continue to support the innovators of tomorrow.

We also continue to strengthen several strategic partnerships with alumni and organizations to create new opportunities for growth, outreach, and to prepare our graduates for success in rapidly evolving technological fields. Our aviation professional pilot program joined both the Women in Aviation International and the University Aviation Association, expanding our outreach to potential students. This year, we welcomed distinguished guests from the International Space University, Royal Aeronautical Society, U.S. Space Command, FIRE STEM, Maryland Blockchain Association, and Sigma Gamma Tau. We were honored to host esteemed alumnus Dr. Kam Ghaffarian, founder and CEO of IBX, during our ISU Executive Space Course in November—a proud moment that demonstrates the lasting impact of a Capitol Tech education.

Thank you for your continued dedication, innovation, and pride in Capitol Tech. Together, we are shaping the future of technology.



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Celebrating 98 Years of Capitol Tech with a Series of Firsts

Founder's Day, celebrated on October 9, has historically honored not just the institution's history, but our evolving role as a leading STEM university. For this year's Founder's Week, we commemorated our 98th anniversary with several landmark events, including an Honors Convocation and Awards Ceremony and our first GreyCon professional conference. Each event underscored the many different dimensions of our university's mission: academic achievement, student opportunities, alumni recognition, donor appreciation, and industry partnership. Today, Capitol honors this tradition, upholding the visionary values of our founder and providing unmatched professional opportunities to our students. The proven success of this tradition has recently been shown through studies conducted both nationwide and locally in Maryland.

Honors Convocation and Awards Ceremony

One of our new Founder's Week events was the Honors Convocation and Awards Ceremony that recognized student achievement and conferred special honors to alumni and impactful members of our community.

Over fifty students were recognized for academic excellence, leadership, service, and honors. Students were also inducted into the honor societies of Alpha Chi, Upsilon Pi Epsilon, and Sigma Beta Delta.

Among the many standout moments of the evening, special guest and Trustee Emeritus Dr. Haden Land introduced the proud recipient of a Doctor of Science,

honoris causa: André Mendes, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"Convocations provide Capitol Technology University with the formal opportunity to recognize well deserved alumni, high performing students, and dedicated supporters for their accomplishments, contributions, and leadership," said Dr. Land. "It is my honor to introduce André Mendes as the recipient of this prestigious recognition."

This honorary doctorate recognizes Mendes' enduring commitment to our university's mission and since joining the Board of Trustees in 2017, he has played a vital role in shaping its future. In 2021, Mendes became a member of the Academic Affairs, Planning, and

Enrollment Committee, serving as committee chair. He also accepted the role of Vice Chairman in 2021 and was appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees in July 2022.

Beyond his leadership on the Board, Mendes has demonstrated a deep dedication to expanding access to STEM education. His generosity established the Fernando & Rosa Maria Mendes Scholarship, which prioritizes students who speak Portuguese, have heritage from a Lusophone country (Portugal, Angola, Brazil, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, São Tomé & Príncipe), have immigrated to the U.S., or whose parent has immigrated to the U.S. Mendes exemplifies the mission of Capitol Tech through giving his time, energy, and resources, along



with actively ensuring the university achieves its mission and goals.

Distinguished Alumni Award

During the Honors Convocation and Awards Ceremony, Capitol Tech also introduced its first-ever Distinguished Alumni Award recognizing outstanding alumni who have exemplified excellence in their careers and meaningfully given back to the institution. This award was presented to Dr. William Eric Bassett, Sr.

"Dr. Bassett exemplifies the mission and values of Capitol Technology University through his commitment to innovation, leadership, and dedication to building the next generation of technology leaders," said President Sims.

After earning his electrical engineering undergraduate degree from Capitol Tech in 2000, Dr. Bassett built a distinguished career over the following 24 years in naval aviation technology. He has significantly enriched his community through dedicated mentorship, workforce development, and a deep commitment to service.

Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast

The annual Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast is held in honor of our scholarship recipients and the generous donors whose generosity continues to directly support student success. This event also reinforces our university's commitment to access, affordability, and community. This year, several new scholarship opportunities were announced, including the FSANA

AeroCamp Scholarship and the Private Pilot Scholarship.

In his welcome address, President Sims highlighted the significant role that alumni, sponsors, and partnerships play in advancing student success. Many of our university's scholarships—both merit-based and need-based—provide crucial support for students in their academic pursuits, opening doors to opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach.

GreyCon 2025

We closed Founder's Week with our first-ever on-campus professional conference, GreyCon 2025. This inaugural technology thought leadership and networking event brought together experts, innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and students to discuss the transformative role of AI and cybersecurity in space operations. Our featured keynote speaker was the Honorable Charles F. Bolden Jr., Major General, USMC (Ret.), 12th NASA Administrator, U.S. Astronaut, and Founder and CEO Emeritus of The Charles F. Bolden Group. Bolden and other distinguished speakers throughout the day gave attendees a high-level exploration of how cutting-edge developments are already revolutionizing the way we approach technological advancement, from autonomous spacecraft to AI-driven mission planning to satellite hacking and more.

The event was facilitated by Dr. William Butler, USMC (Ret.) and VP of Cyber Science Outreach and Partnerships,

who expressed enthusiasm for GreyCon's trajectory. "GreyCon 2025 is about what comes next, shaping our future in space, AI, and cybersecurity," said Dr. Butler. "All who attended helped shape a new tradition and the discussions and ideas shared set the tone for what GreyCon stands for—innovation, exploration, and collaboration. We are truly grateful for all who joined us to help launch this exciting new chapter."

We are already looking forward to GreyCon 2026 as our Founder's Week closing event again next fall, and we hope you will join us.

Looking Ahead to the Centennial

Founder's Week will continue to celebrate our legacy, community, and achievements as we approach our 100-year anniversary in 2027. In recognition of distinguished alumni, acknowledgment of student excellence, in honor of philanthropy, and by pioneering new conversations in tech—Capitol Technology University both provides outstanding outcomes for our STEM graduates and creates opportunities to participate and connect that strengthen our community.

The next two years will bring even more cause for celebration, from the 25th anniversary of the Cybersecurity program in fall 2026 to the opening of our newly renovated lab spaces, and more. These milestones are proof of Capitol Tech's long-standing commitment to innovation, growth, and opportunity. 



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Dr. William Bassett

When Dr. William Bassett learned he would receive Capitol Technology University's first-ever Distinguished Alumni Award, he described the moment as both surreal and humbling.

"It's surreal to be honored by the very institution that once stretched, challenged, and shaped me," he said. "My time at Capitol taught me that perseverance matters more than perfection and that effective time management is key to success. Just as importantly, I discovered the power of community, how collaboration and teamwork can turn complex challenges into opportunities for growth."

Dr. Bassett graduated from Capitol in 2000 with a BS in Electrical Engineering, a degree that launched his remarkable career in naval aviation and defense systems.

"I researched accredited colleges that had evening classes, and Capitol was one of them. Their schedule accommodated working students, and the drive from the Naval Research Lab, where I worked during the day, worked out," he said.

That flexibility proved transformative. His Capitol degree helped him transition from an engineering technician to a more advanced engineering role, opening doors to new opportunities.

"My electrical engineering degree allowed me to move up and take on new challenges," he said. "It opened the door to positions that weren't available to a technician."

Today, Dr. Bassett serves as Technical Director for Naval Aviation Training Systems and Ranges (PMA-205), where he applies avionics systems engineering to strengthen Navy and Marine Corps training readiness. His work focuses on accelerating capability delivery through Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) simulation environments.

"I believe in continuous learning, developing new skill sets, and working in different roles to make me more well-rounded in developing new capabilities."

After nearly two decades at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Dr. Bassett has found great fulfillment in both leadership and innovation.

To stay current in a rapidly evolving field, Dr. Bassett participates in professional work groups, industry conferences, and engineering committees. His educational background provides a strong foundation in critical thinking and problem-solving, guiding his approach to system design, integration, and mission readiness throughout a full project lifecycle and an ever-changing tech landscape.

"Never stop asking how and why things work; that mindset has guided me throughout my career," he tells students in the field. "Build a strong foundation in circuit analysis, control systems, systems integration, AI/ML, coding, and simulation tools, and approach every challenge with humility, collaboration, and a willingness to learn. This is how you grow into a trusted engineer and leader." 

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Aviation Expands at Capitol Tech:

FAA Authorization, Women in Aviation, and New Scholarship Opportunities

As the aviation field continues to evolve at a rapid pace, Capitol Technology University is proud to advance its role in shaping the future of aerospace through partnerships, diversity initiatives, and scholarship support. Capitol announced three key updates this fall to help push the envelope of our aviation program.

FAA Authorization Unlocks Fast Track for Student Pilots

We're proud to announce that the FAA has officially authorized our BS in Aviation Professional Pilot program to certify graduates for a Restricted Airline Transport Pilot (R-ATP) certificate with a reduced flight-hours requirement of 1,000 hours, 500 fewer than the standard 1,500 hours.

"The R-ATP designation offers our students a tremendous opportunity to pursue their aviation careers more efficiently," says Frank Turney, Chair of Aviation. "It accelerates their path to the flight deck without compromising the rigorous safety and training standards we uphold. Capitol Tech is proud to be one of three select institutions in Maryland and the DC metro area to offer this streamlined pathway."

This FAA authorization gives Capitol Tech aviation students a faster, more affordable path to the airlines.

Graduates can enter commercial flight careers up to a year sooner and save tens of thousands of dollars on plane rental and other expenses.

Empowering Women in Aviation

Capitol Technology University is excited to be a corporate member of Women in Aviation International (WAI), an organization dedicated to advancing the role of women in every facet of the aviation and aerospace industries. Through this partnership, Capitol Tech joins a global community of more than 20,000 members across 120 countries who share WAI's mission of creating "a world where the sky is open to all and where aviation and aerospace dreams are possible without barriers." This collaboration reflects Capitol Tech's ongoing commitment to empowerment in STEM fields.

By aligning with WAI, Capitol Tech helps connect students to an expansive network of professional development opportunities, mentorship programs, and scholarships designed specifically to support women in flight and aerospace. This partnership not only enhances classroom learning with real-world engagement but also reinforces the university's broader mission to prepare the next generation of aviation leaders.

Two New Scholarship Streams to Fuel Aviation Ambitions

In addition to partnerships with aviation organizations, Capitol Tech helps ease the financial barrier to a career in aviation through exclusive scholarship offers linked directly to our professional-pilot program. Two standout opportunities include:

Flight School Association of North America (FSANA) Aerocamp

Scholarship: Students who participate in FSANA's Aerocamp and then enroll in the BS Aviation Professional Pilot program are eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship.

Private Pilot Scholarship: High-school students who complete AVT 141 (Private Pilot Ground School) at Capitol Tech receive a reduced tuition rate and qualify for a \$5,000 scholarship once they commit full-time to the BS Aviation Professional Pilot program.

As this program continues to grow, we invite prospective students, current learners, alumni and our industry partners to engage with our aviation offerings, get informed about scholarship opportunities, and connect with our mentorship networks. Together we'll make sure more skies are open to more people. 



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July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Amelia Wear

Capitol Tech was pleased to welcome Amelia Wear as Professor of Mechatronics Engineering in Fall 2025. Professor Wear's unique blend of technical expertise and passion for teaching is already driving the program toward an exciting future.

Professor Wear's interest in mechatronics began during her undergraduate years studying mechanical engineering. "Once I took the course, I fell in love with diving into how the code and the mechanisms worked together," she said. "I began to gear my professional interests toward the space between mechanical and software, and marketed myself as such."

That passion led her to earn a master's degree in software engineering and later, work as a systems engineer controlling mechanical systems with software logic while interpreting data through the lens of how the devices functioned.

"I loved working on cool technology, but I realized what really drives me is helping others," Wear explained. "During my interview at Capitol Tech, I was impressed with the warmth and energy of the people I met, and I felt that I would be able to find a new home here."

This transition to academia helped combine both of Wear's interests into one: helping others learn about mechatronics and the innovative technology that comes with it.

Now, Wear aims to create courses that "live and breathe on their own," with content guided by student feedback and real-world application. "I aim to make my classes as hands-on as possible," she said. "I try to give real-world examples for my students and connect the material to what they might actually need to know on the job."

When asked what sets Capitol Tech's mechatronics program apart, Wear highlights our dedication to real-world experience. Alongside exciting updates like a newly renovated lab opening this spring, she is redesigning the Digital Electronics course (EL 204) to offer a more interactive curriculum. She is also hosting a series of SolidWorks workshops open to all students and community members, providing valuable 3D computer-aided design (CAD) training.

"Capitol goes out of its way to make all of its programs not only hands-on, but applicable to the real jobs students will have after graduation," Wear said. "Students graduate with a large portfolio of work to show to prospective employers."

Looking ahead, Wear sees mechatronics at the heart of the next technology revolution. And this is what keeps driving her to innovate the classroom. "Mechatronics is poised to assist the advancement of the Internet of Things (IoT) and our students will be graduating into the thick of it." 



Students from Professor Wear's EL204 Digital Electronics Lab connecting Logic Gate chips to digital trainer devices and testing their operation.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Maycold Asencio-Orozco

If you've been around Capitol Technology University over the past four years, chances are you know Maycold Asencio-Orozco. A dedicated and driven student, Maycold has played an active role in shaping campus life and supporting the success of his peers.

From leading the Student Leadership Advisory Board to captaining the Call of Duty Esports Team to serving as head of the Robotics Team, he exemplifies the spirit of leadership, collaboration, and innovation that defines Capitol Tech students.

Currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in Astronautical Engineering, Maycold's curiosity with space began at a young age. "Since I was a kid, I've always been fascinated by the wonders of space," he said. "When I learned about astronautical engineering, it combined both my curiosity for space exploration and my passion for engineering."

He also holds leadership roles across Capitol's campus that reflect his commitment to education and building community. "I've always had a passion for student advocacy and

teaching people how to advocate for themselves," said Maycold.

As president of the Capitol Robotics Club, he revitalized the organization to one of the largest active clubs on campus. Through his work with Student Leadership Advisory Board (S-LAB) and his involvement with the Student Life department, he has helped shape student experiences and amplify student voices.

These experiences have helped Maycold realize that a STEM education can open doors far beyond traditional technical fields. By combining his engineering background with his passion for leadership and service, he has found a new direction for his future.

"I want to work in student affairs," Maycold said. "Although I'm majoring in astronautical engineering, my leadership experiences have shown me how much I enjoy helping create an inclusive, engaging community where students can thrive."

He gives a lot of credit to Capitol's Residential Services Director, Anthony Dina, for helping him realize his future goals. His mentorship has been instrumental in teaching him resilience, adaptability, and the importance of creating meaningful connections.

For Maycold, Capitol has been more than just a place to study astronautical engineering—it has led to the discovery of new strengths and career pathways. Through a hands-on STEM education paired with opportunities for leadership, teamwork, and communication, he has learned that technology and human connections can go hand in hand.

As he prepares for graduation next year, Maycold hopes to continue inspiring others to explore all that a Capitol Tech education can offer, whether that means building rockets, leading organizations, or finding new ways to support the next generation of innovators. 

AI in Space:

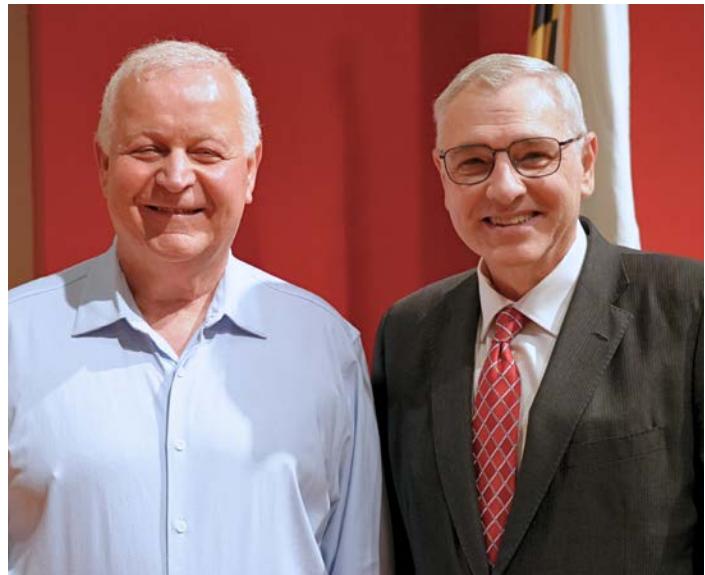
Capitol Tech Partners with ISU for On-Campus Executive Course

Capitol Technology University kicked off a new partnership with The International Space University (ISU) by planning and hosting a five-day on-campus Executive Space Course, AI in Space. Leadership from ISU's central campus in France traveled to join us, including Dr. Virginia Wotring, Chief Academic Officer. The event brought together professionals across technology sectors and from around the world for discussions on growing trends and new research in this area.

Capitol Tech alumnus Dr. Kam Ghaffarian was the event's keynote speaker and featured guest. Dr. Ghaffarian is a visionary entrepreneur and engineer, the founder and CEO of IBX, and co-founder and Executive Chairman of Axiom Space, Intuitive Machines, X-energy, and Quantum Space. He received both his BS in Electronics Engineering Technology and his PhD in Technology from Capitol Tech. Dr. Ghaffarian's inspiring presentation touched on the exciting future of AI in space, and how we are all integral to the next wave of progress. "AI will be a force multiplier, an accelerator, and an enabler that moves us much more forward—especially for space exploration," said Dr. Ghaffarian. "Humanity's destiny is to become interstellar and to achieve this, we must develop the future with deep tech and AI. One thing we can do for the next generation is to inspire them to think beyond our solar system."

Capitol Tech Director of Astronautical and Space Engineering Jeff Volosin assembled a week of activities and dynamic speakers, including leaders from NASA, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (JHU/APL), Deloitte, University Space Research Association (USRA), General Dynamics, MIT, KungFu.AI, Arctic Slope Research Corporation, The Charles F. Bolden Group, and more, along with our Capitol Tech faculty and alumni.

Throughout the week, attendees gained exclusive access to an array of presentations, Q&As, and workshops that explored how AI is revolutionizing satellite operations, mission planning, orbital analysis, space weather prediction, and autonomous systems. They also participated in hands-on demonstrations using Capitol Tech's new state-of-the-art AI Learning and Innovation Environment (CAILIE).



Dr. Kam Ghaffarian and Dr. Bradford Sims on the opening day of 'AI in Space.'



Each session emphasized not only technical understanding, but also the ethical and policy challenges that accompany the integration of AI into critical space operations.

"The AI in Space Executive Course, delivered in partnership with Capitol Technology University, has been an outstanding success and a true reflection of what collaboration in the space sector can achieve," said Dr. John Wensveen, President of ISU. "Together, we have provided professionals from diverse backgrounds with the opportunity to explore how artificial intelligence is shaping the future of space exploration, operations, and innovation. This program exemplifies the kind of forward-thinking partnership that drives ISU's Moon Shot 2030 vision—connecting academia, industry, and government to build the next generation of space leaders."

The success of this collaboration illustrates the strengths of both institutions and how Capitol Tech leverages partnerships to open pathways for students and the community through discovery, learning, and networking. By the end of the five-day program, participants gained strategic perspectives and applications for their research and careers. And as space becomes increasingly commercial, data-driven, and automated, the lessons from this executive course provided not just education, but also a look forward into an exciting future. 🚀



June 13, 1958–October 2, 2025

In Loving Memory of Dr. Juanita A. Butler

In this tribute, we remember Dr. Juanita Butler, beloved wife of Dr. William Butler and cherished member of our Capitol community. Dr. Butler served as Director of Doctoral Programs, ARB and IRB reviewer, and a Professor of Practice for master's programs at Capitol Technology University.

Dr. Juanita A. Butler, PMP, was born, raised, and educated in Washington, D.C. She earned an BS and MS degree from National Louis University, completed her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification through George Washington University, and achieved her PhD in Business Analytics and Data Science from Capitol Technology University.

Dr. Butler's professional journey began at age 15 through the Stay-in-School program at the U.S. Treasury Department, where she served for eight years. A long and distinguished career followed, including 10 years of service at Capitol Tech. She mentored and guided Capitol Tech doctoral candidates, many of whom continue to regard her not only as their Dissertation Chair, but as a true friend.

Her dedication to excellence was matched by her unwavering Christian faith. Deeply committed to ministry, Dr. Butler served as an usher, trainer, and member of the Cancer Ministry and Hands of Mercy Food Pantry. She also inspired others as a motivational speaker.

Dr. Butler generously gave her time to community service, volunteering with Special Olympics, Operation Home Front, Junior Achievement, the Caribbean Community Association, USMC Key Volunteers, Disabled Veterans, the NFL Retired Players Association, and more. She was a proud member of the charitable service organization Order of Eastern Star, LoveJoy Chapter, in Valdosta, Georgia.

Her nursing training and compassionate heart made her a devoted caretaker to many family members and friends. Her radiant smile and positive spirit uplifted everyone she encountered. In 2018, while undergoing cancer treatment, Dr. Butler demonstrated extraordinary courage by completing her PhD. Her dissertation, *Military to Civilian Job Retention: Lived Experiences of Veterans That Transition from Military to Civilian Job Culture*, reflected her deep concern for the successful reintegration of veterans into civilian life.

Her legacy is one of service, teaching, caretaking, and love. She now rests in the loving arms of the Lord, flying high with the angels. Her favorite scripture, Psalm 23, was a guiding light throughout her life.

Dr. Butler is survived by her devoted husband, Colonel William Butler, DSc; her son, Ronald Austin; her brothers, Anthony, Leonard, and Ron; her sisters, Shirley, Yvonne, and Penny; her beloved grandchildren, Jaden and Madison; a host of extended family and cherished friends; and her fearless Yorkie Terrier, Noah.

**In honor of Dr. Juanita A. Butler's life and legacy,
donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation
at www.komen.com, in lieu of flowers.**

Together, we will defeat breast cancer.



A Season of Support, Connection, and Community Action

As the seasons change, the fall semester at Capitol Tech has been about more than just midterms. It's been a season dedicated to showing what it truly means to be a supportive, service-minded campus community. From vital life-skills workshops to fitness and food drives, this semester's events have put compassion and connection front and center.

Essential Needs Series: Empowering Students for Everyday Success

Led by Student Support Specialist Dionna Thompson, the new Essential Needs Series brings practical life lessons right to campus. Covering topics like cooking meals, getting a haircut, and keeping dorm spaces tidy, this series is designed to help students transition smoothly into independent college life.

"Transitioning from high school to college can be difficult for many

students. The Essential Needs Series was developed to teach students life skills in a fun, judgment-free space," Thompson said. "Our goal is for students to succeed academically and become well-rounded individuals prepared for the world after college."

Charging Against Hunger

Running from November 3 to December 1, Charging Against Hunger brings the Capitol Tech community together for a shared cause. This campus-wide food drive encourages every department to collect high-need food items, helping support students who may be experiencing food insecurity.

"This is a powerful reminder of how our campus community can come together to support one another," Resident Services and Housing Operations Director, Anthony Dina, said. "For our undergraduate students facing food insecurity, these donations provide not just nourishment, but a sense of care and belonging."

Each donated item earns points for the university department, with spotlight weeks doubling the value of select goods. Bins and competition scores bring a spirited edge to what is ultimately a powerful community effort.

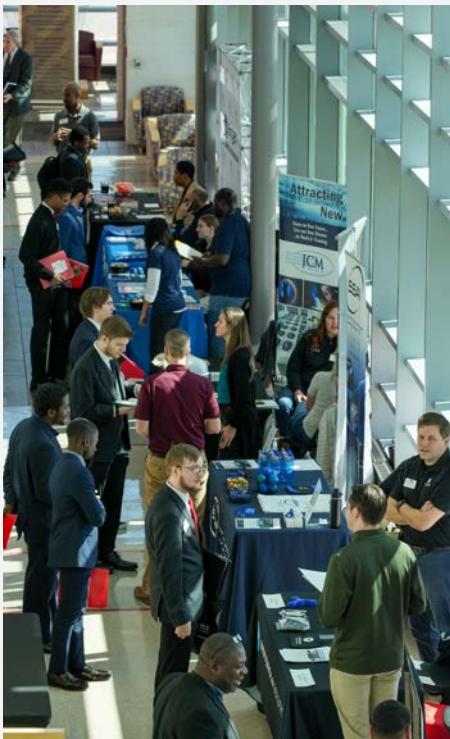
October Walking Challenge: Moving Forward, Together

Building a community starts with just one step. The October Walking Challenge invited students, faculty, and staff to team up and track daily steps for wellness and fun. Each week brought a new step leader and a new winner. Whether walking laps on the quad or pacing lab hallways, the challenge kept Chargers moving, motivated, and mindful of their health.

Alongside these new initiatives, fall also featured several signature Student Life traditions—like Zombie Week, Career Fair, and off-campus excursions like Outing with the Dean that brought students to the F1 Racing Café in DC.

This fall focus on community, well-being, and supporting one another reflects the core values we strive to practice at Capitol Tech. As finals and winter break approach, we recognize these connections and the progress made through each event, effort, and act of support. ♠





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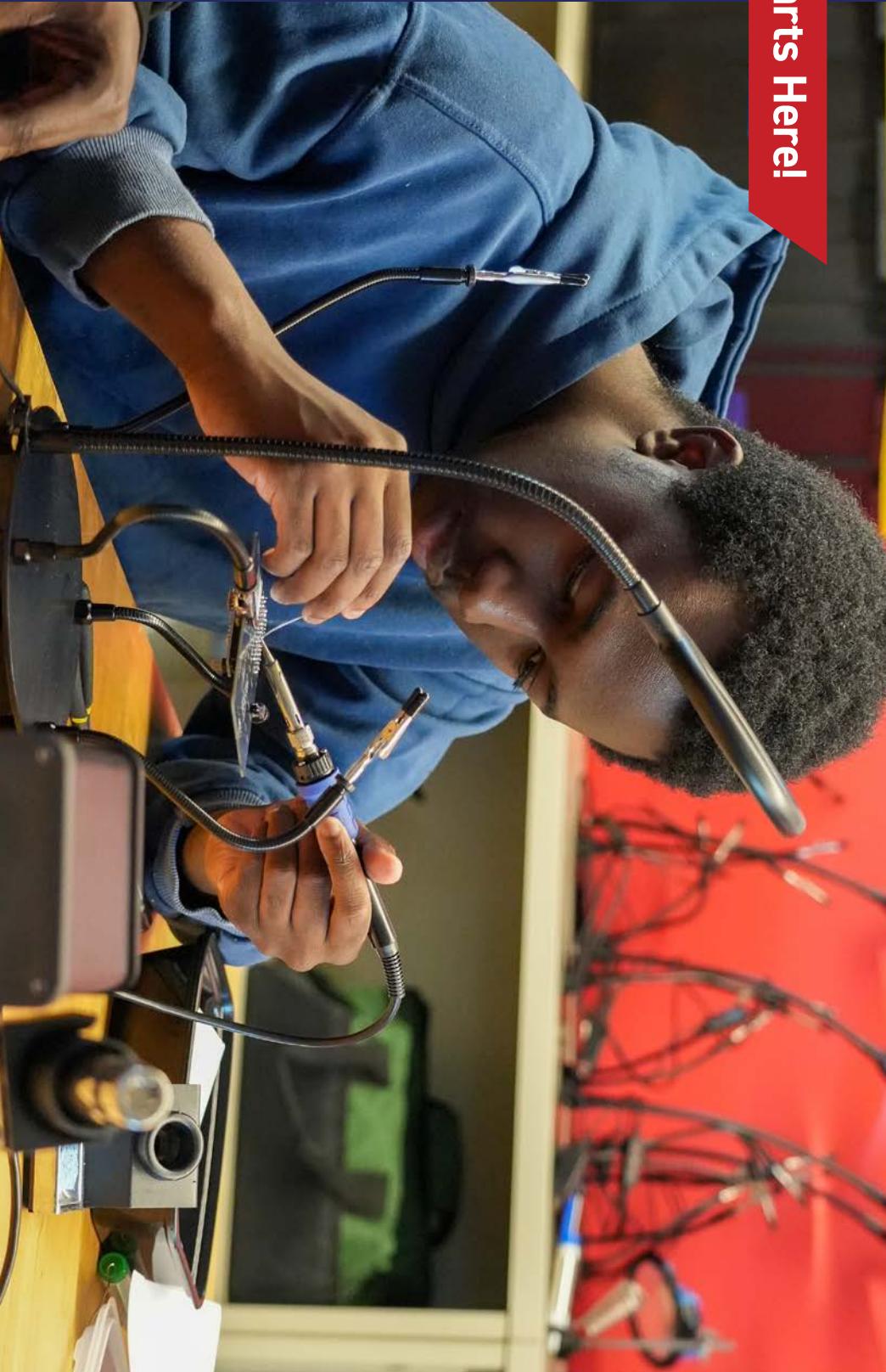
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