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An exciting year for our AE program



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This spring, Capitol Technology University proudly celebrated our largest graduating class to date—a remarkable achievement that reflects the ambition of our students and our reputation for excellence. Equally rewarding, we welcomed our largest audience of family, friends, alumni, and supporters to campus as we honored this milestone together.

This year's commencement was made even more memorable by our keynote speaker and alumnus Dr. Kam Ghaffarian, whose immense generosity and commitment to student success left a lasting impact on our graduates. Through his extraordinary cash gift presented to each graduate on stage, he truly embodies the spirit of innovation, entrepreneurship, and community that defines the Capitol Tech mission.

We also completed construction on a refreshed auditorium and new lab spaces. These state-of-the-art collaborative makerspaces and advanced learning environments will be ready for both on-campus and online students with their respective degrees in the fall, strengthening our industry-focused education for new graduates and career advancers.

The updated labs feature a new immersive flight simulator for our expanding aviation programs. CAILIE, our AI lab—an alumni gift to the university—is fully staffed and equipped with cutting-edge AI research tools, servers, and software. We will be adding more enhancements this summer as we deploy these world-class learning environments for our students.

As you visit campus—and we hope you will join us for Founder's Week and our second annual GreyCon conference in October—you will also notice new branding and visual storytelling throughout our halls and facilities, representing the voice, mission, and vision of our university.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding academic progress and preparing our students to lead in rapidly evolving industries. With your continued support, we can continue this empowering transformation and create life-changing opportunities for our students.

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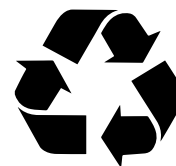
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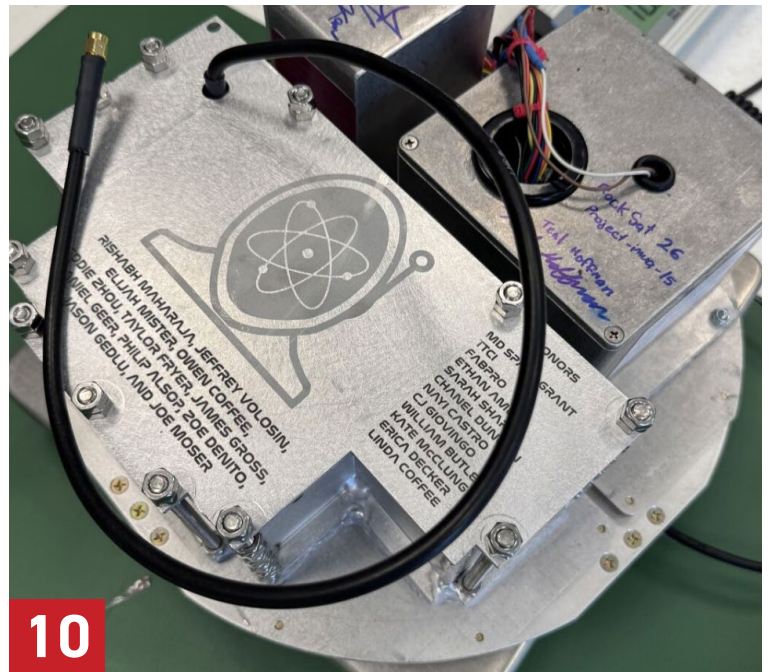
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Dr. Kam Ghaffarian presenting a Capitol Tech doctoral graduate with a golden envelope containing a special cash surprise.



A Commencement to Remember

Commencement can be education's emotional peak, celebrating student achievements with family, friends, peers, and mentors. This year's Capitol Tech celebrations were just that, a remarkable time where we welcomed our largest graduating class in recent memory and experienced an incredible act of generosity.

The weekend began Friday, May 1, with our annual Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, a dedicated event for our doctoral candidates, followed by a

well-attended Alumni Reception that brought graduates, guests, staff, and alumni together to celebrate the Class of 2026.

On Saturday, May 2, we welcomed a record-breaking class of graduates and their guests for a tremendous Commencement ceremony filled with pride, excitement, and inspiration. As graduates prepared to embark on the next chapter of their journeys, an unforgettable surprise made the occasion even more remarkable.

This year's speaker, entrepreneur, alumnus, and philanthropist Dr. Kam Ghaffarian (see profile on page 8), wanted to do something special for the graduates of his alma mater. He arrived with a generous gift: a gold envelope with \$1,500 for each graduate crossing the stage.

"I want every graduate to leave today knowing that someone believes in them and in their potential. I was lucky to have people who believed in me, and it made all the difference. This gift is a token of that belief," said Dr. Ghaffarian.

The announcement was met with cheers, applause, and visible emotion throughout the crowd. Our graduates



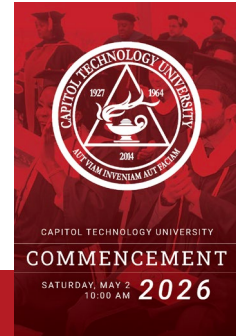
expressed genuine surprise and deep appreciation for the gift and Dr. Ghaffarian's commitment to supporting the next generation and embodiment of the Capitol Tech spirit.

"I'm so excited and grateful because this money can go a long way," said Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering undergraduate Oluwabusola Awobayikun. "It helps shape the path for our future. It's going to help me a lot after graduation."

Capitol Tech graduates are exceptionally deserving of recognition for their hard work, determination, and innovation. As difference-makers both before and after they receive their diplomas, our outstanding students

have contributed to groundbreaking research, developed innovative technologies, led initiatives, served their communities, and tackled real-world challenges across tech.

President Sims expressed his pride in each and every graduate. "Commencement is a celebration of resilience, innovation, and the extraordinary potential of our graduates. This year's ceremony was especially meaningful as we celebrated our largest graduating class to date and witnessed incredible generosity from Dr. Ghaffarian. We are proud to send forward a class of leaders, creators, and problem-solvers who are prepared to make a lasting impact on the world." 🍀



Our 2026 Commencement celebrated **309 graduates** from our summer, fall, and spring terms, with the conferral of the following degrees, honors, and awards:

Degrees

- **59** Bachelor's graduates
- **74** Master's graduates
- **176** Doctoral graduates

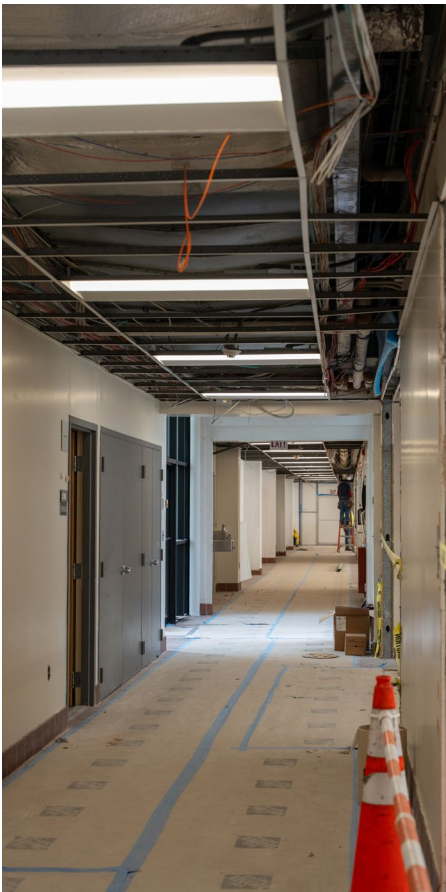
Honors

- **34** Graduate Honors (4.00 GPA)
- **7** *summa cum laude* (3.90–4.00 GPA)
- **9** *magna cum laude* (3.75–3.89 GPA)
- **10** *cum laude* (3.50–3.749 GPA)

Student Awards

- Marilyn and Seymour Levenson Memorial Award: **Charissa Eze**
- Avrum Gudelsky Memorial Scholarship: **Divine Ibeawuchi**
- Student Service Award: **Shelby Krauel**
- Student Leadership Award: **Philip Alsop and Taylor Fryer**

***Congratulations,
Class of 2026!***



Campus Upgrades

A Tour of Our University's Newly Renovated Spaces

When you next visit campus, you'll notice some exciting changes. Capitol Tech's latest campus improvement initiative started with a vision: to create modern lab spaces supporting state-of-the-art research equipment and ergonomic features with enhanced lighting, storage, and connectivity.

After a five-year process that began in 2018, we successfully secured a State of Maryland Capital Projects Match grant that helped make this project possible. Through years of planning, fundraising, and collaboration, the university built the financial foundation necessary to qualify for the state's matching grant and secure a \$3.5 million budget.

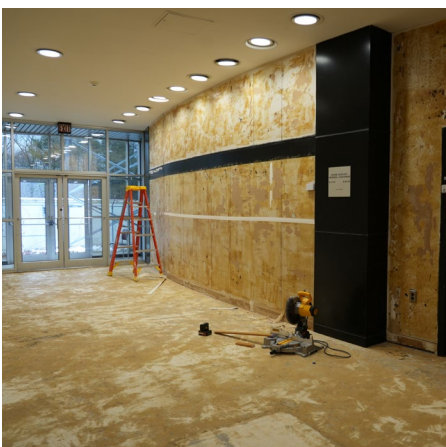
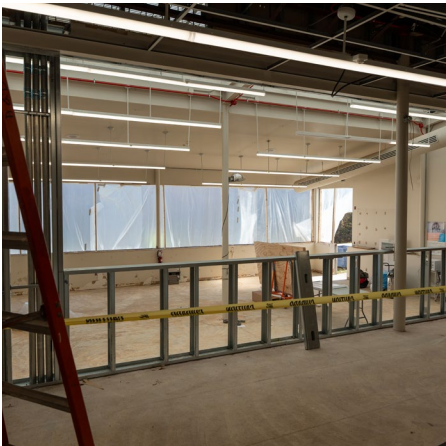
In addition to state-supported funding, Capitol Tech raised supplemental financial support to continue to furnish the new labs with cutting-edge equipment and advanced technology for students and faculty. One of the most notable labs was made possible by a generous donation from alumnus and entrepreneur Ed Sealing. Our new AI lab, CAILIE, will house the staff, servers, and other equipment supplied by the gift, and represents a shared commitment to preparing students for this rapidly evolving technology through

innovative research opportunities and connections with industry partners.

During the construction, structural adjustments were made to the first floor of our MCI Building, including walls, flooring, and windows, to allow for the installation of new infrastructure and expansions. These renovations will become all-new aviation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and engineering labs which will be ready for students in fall 2026.

The Avrum Gudelsky Memorial Auditorium also received upgrades, including new carpet, lighting, and all-new audiovisual equipment, including video and streaming capabilities. Gifted to the university by the Gudelsky family in honor of their son, Avrum, the auditorium has long served as a central event location and a rentable space for our campus community. The interest accrued from their endowment is designated to provide for improvements like these.

We're grateful for the vision provided by our Executive Council and the dedication of our VP of Finance and Facilities Mike Betley, who saw the project through to completion.





“Investing in our campus is an investment in our students, our faculty, and the future of technology education here at Capitol Tech,” said Betley. “We’re incredibly grateful for the flexibility of our faculty and staff throughout construction, as well as the generous support of our funding partners who helped make these improvements possible.”

All of these improvements will greatly enhance the student and visitor experience across campus. The updated facilities will provide wider and more flexible learning spaces, expanded makerspaces for laboratory work, and upgraded equipment designed to support technical, hands-on education. In addition, the refreshed spaces now feature video screens and fresh university branding to increase engagement with Capitol Tech’s identity and vision for the future.

Together, these improvements demonstrate the university’s ongoing investment in innovation, collaboration, and student success. 🏛️





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Kam Ghaffarian

Dr. Kamal (Kam) S. Ghaffarian is a visionary entrepreneur, philanthropist, and engineer whose work continues to shape the future of aerospace, energy, and emerging technologies. A two-time alumnus of Capitol Technology University, he earned his BS in Electronics Engineering Technology in 1983 before returning to complete his PhD in Technology in 2022.

In 2026, Dr. Ghaffarian was named one of Forbes' Top 250 America's Greatest Innovators, recognized in part for Intuitive Machines' successful lunar landing, the first American spacecraft to land on the moon since 1972. Across his career, he has founded and scaled multiple industry-leading companies, including three unicorn startups valued at more than \$1 billion each.

"Capitol Tech provides hands-on education rooted in real-world problem solving," he said. "That discipline, thinking critically, working through complex systems, and staying focused on execution, has stayed with me throughout my career."

Dr. Ghaffarian has consistently focused on turning ambitious ideas into scalable solutions, combining technical expertise with long-term vision and leadership.

He says his Capitol Tech experience "also reinforced the importance of humility in learning. No matter how much you achieve, there is always more to understand. That mindset has shaped how I lead teams today, encouraging curiosity, continuous learning, and collaboration."

From an early age, space exploration inspired his ambitions. "As a young boy watching the Apollo missions, I was inspired by what humanity could achieve when we combined vision with engineering. That sense of possibility stayed with me," he said.

That early inspiration evolved into entrepreneurship, driven by Dr. Ghaffarian's desire not only to understand complex systems, but to build them. Dr. Ghaffarian started his first business, Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies (SGT), 20 years ago with another Capitol Tech alumnus, Harold Stinger. SGT quickly grew into a 2500+ organization with more than half a billion in revenue and became the second-largest engineering service provider to NASA. By combining his engineering background with business leadership, Dr. Ghaffarian focuses on transforming ideas into real-world solutions capable of serving people, advancing society, and creating impact at scale. Even after decades of professional success, Dr. Ghaffarian returned to Capitol Tech to continue learning. "I've always believed that learning is a lifelong journey. Returning to Capitol Tech for my doctorate was an opportunity to deepen my understanding, reflect on my experiences, and continue growing both technically and personally."

Today, through his work as founder and chairman of the Limitless Space Institute, he remains deeply committed to advancing STEM education and inspiring future innovators.

"The future will be shaped by the next generation of thinkers, engineers, and explorers," he says. "If we want to continue advancing as a society, we must invest in inspiring young people to pursue STEM, and challenge all to think boldly about limitless possibilities."

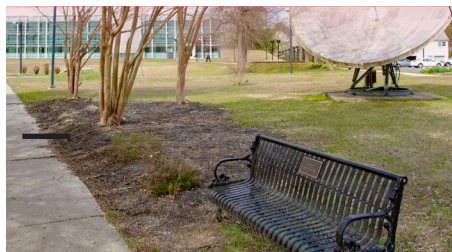
For students entering aerospace, cybersecurity, or other deep tech fields, Dr. Ghaffarian emphasizes the importance of having a strong sense of purpose, believing in long-term goals, and maintaining the discipline and persistence needed to turn ambitious ideas into reality.

He encourages students to stay grounded in both technical and communication skills. "Build a strong technical foundation and develop the ability to think across disciplines and communicate your ideas clearly. That is what allows you to turn vision into execution." 🏆

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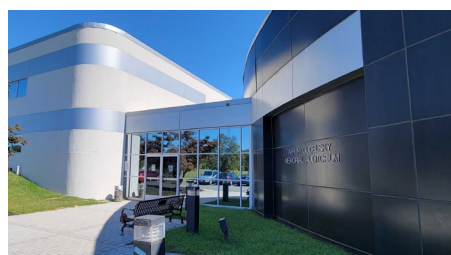
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Astronautical Engineering Innovation

Our Astronautical Engineering (AE) program has had an exciting year marked by significant expansions and news updates for the aerospace community.

Artemis II Coverage

Program Director Jeff Volosin appeared as a special guest for two separate appearances on C-SPAN during national live coverage of the Artemis II mission launch and splashdown. Volosin, a former NASA project and program manager with over four decades of aerospace experience, joined host Pedro Echevarria and Apollo Curator at the National Air and Space Museum, Dr. Teasel Muir-Harmony, to discuss the history of NASA programs, the future of lunar exploration, and the importance of preparing the next generation of engineers for this growing industry.

NASA RockSat Payload

Capitol Tech students are preparing for a major mission of their own. The AE team's Observation & Detection Interpreted by Neural-networks (ODIN) payload project was selected by NASA for the highly competitive RockSat 2026 sounding rocket mission scheduled to launch on June 25. Developed by a

student team under the guidance of Professors Volosin and Maharaja, the payload combines radiation sensors with onboard AI capable of analyzing data during flight. NASA selected only 12 student payloads nationwide, placing our team among an elite group of research programs. In May, the team made a trip to Wallops Flight Facility to work with NASA scientists on integration of the payload to the RockSat launch vehicle. They will return to Wallops in June for the RockSat launch, with a separate group of Capitol Tech students attending the 2026 RockOn payload construction training workshop that same weekend.

Curriculum Update

With the addition of new adjunct faculty, the AE program introduced a course on "Space Policy, Law and Ethics". The goal of this course is to ensure that our AE students understand the broader context of the space industry, where technical decisions relate to national and international laws and regulations as well as ethical considerations. Guest lectures by senior industry and government policy analysts, as well as a moot court experience, provided students with broad exposure to the evolution of this environment.

Ethics in Engineering Competition

Building on this new space policy course, two teams of AE students participated in the 2026 Lockheed Martin Ethics in Engineering Case Competition. This competition challenged 73 undergraduate teams from around the country to analyze complex, realistic engineering scenarios involving technical constraints, business pressures, and ethical decision-making. For some, it was their first experience using their debate skills in an engineering situation. By participating in this nationally recognized competition, students gained exposure to important ethical frameworks and communications skills essential for professional settings.

Student Awards

Capitol Tech is proud to announce several student awards. Elijah Mister was selected for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Undergraduate Award by the Sigma Gamma Tau Aerospace Engineering Honor Society. From 50 chapters and 24,000 members, Elijah was selected for one of only seven regional student achievement awards, reflecting his academic excellence, technical expertise, and leadership. In addition, ODIN team members Philip Alsop and Taylor Fryer received Capitol Tech's distinguished student leadership and service awards at the 2026 Commencement, one of the highest honors conferred by our university.

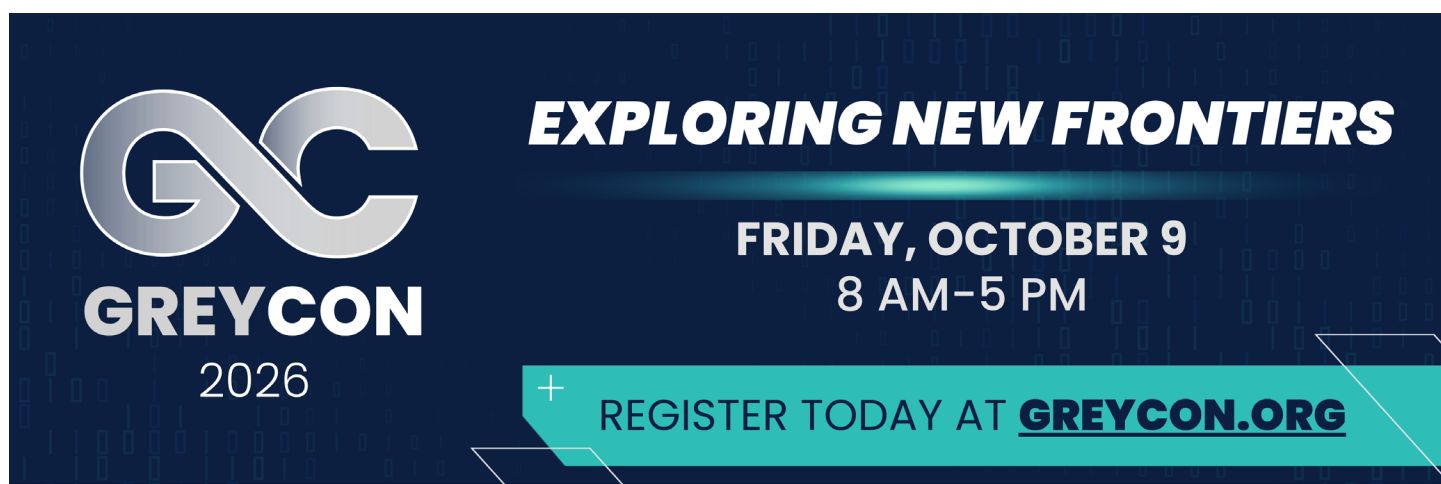
Operations Center Upgrades

Our AE Professors, with a combined 200+ years of experience in the aerospace industry, have been busy working on upgrades to our Space Flight Operations Training Center (SFOTC). As a high-fidelity “mission control” facility, the SFOTC uses up-to-date, industry standard ground system software and spacecraft simulators to provide a

training experience that closely mimics the satellite control centers used for government and commercial spacecraft. Training in this high-fidelity operational environment provides students with a critical understanding of spacecraft design for operational reliability, as well as the skills needed for successful internships leading to careers in flight operations engineering.

Looking Forward

For the upcoming semester and beyond, students can expect even more opportunities to participate in real-world aerospace research and engineering projects, including new interdisciplinary programs like aerospace cybersecurity, aerospace engineering, and more. 🛡️



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GreyCon 2026: Focus on Cyber

This year's GreyCon is set to mark a major milestone for Capitol Technology University as we celebrate 25 years of leadership in cybersecurity education, research, and innovation.

Since launching our first cybersecurity degree program in 2001—at a time when few universities offered dedicated cyber education—Capitol Tech has remained at the forefront of preparing professionals to address evolving digital threats. As a longstanding member of the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Defense (NCAE-CD) community, we are officially recognized for our commitment to cybersecurity education and workforce development. Today, cybersecurity remains one of Capitol Tech's most sought-after degree programs, reflecting the continued demand for individuals with advanced technical expertise in protecting critical systems.

As the challenges facing cybersecurity professionals become more complex, conversations and the exchange of ideas are more important now than ever.

On Friday, October 9, GreyCon will close out Founders Week by bringing together industry experts, researchers, and members of the Capitol Tech community for forward-looking discussions on the growing influence of cybersecurity on a spectrum of tech fields like artificial intelligence, space, and critical infrastructure.

The conference will feature presentations and panel discussions led by distinguished Capitol Tech thought leaders, including Kristen Broz-Ward Esq, daughter of our cybersecurity program founder Dr. David Ward, Dr. Paul DeSousa of CSFI, Dr. Diane Janosek of JANOS, LLC, Steve Wallace of DISA, and others who are helping to shape the future of cyber defense and resilience.

New this year, GreyCon will also feature book signing and networking opportunities with published authors from within our Capitol community, including alumni Dr. Nikki Robinson, Dr. Calvin Nobles, Dr. Kellep Charles, Dr. Cynthia Sutherland, and Dr. Atif Mohammad.

As Capitol Tech reflects on 25 years of cybersecurity leadership and innovation, GreyCon 2026 will provide a platform for collaboration and conversation about the future of the field and the leaders who will define it.

We look forward to seeing you at GreyCon 2026! 🛡️



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Rebecca “Beckie” Steele

Leadership often shows up in the quiet, everyday moments, and few at Capitol Tech embody that more than Rebecca “Beckie” Steele. Known for her approachable nature and steady commitment to others, Beckie has built a reputation as a leader on campus.

Her path to Capitol Tech started with her interest in computer networking during high school. After being introduced to the university through an outreach visit, she recognized that a smaller, more focused environment would give her the space to deepen her skills and form meaningful connections.

Now entering her senior year as a cybersecurity major, Beckie has continued to build on the foundation she started in high school. Competing in cyber competitions showed her just how expansive and dynamic the field could be. At Capitol Tech, she’s turned her curiosity into hands-on learning, gaining experience with Linux systems, developing coding skills, and strengthening the kind of critical thinking that cybersecurity demands.

She’s also taken her learning beyond the classroom. In the Cyber Lab, Beckie is currently helping establish a forensics lab, where she’s gaining experience with industry tools such as Autopsy, FTK imager and working with equipment used in real-world investigations. The experience has allowed her to explore the practical side of digital forensics—an area she hopes to pursue professionally.

“I am still learning what these tools are capable of, but the current project I am working on regarding the forensics lab are building a connection with other colleges in hopes to learn what they do in their own forensics lab so I can use and implement in our lab,” Beckie said.

But Beckie’s impact on campus extends far beyond academics. She is an active member of Signal-9, Capitol Tech’s cyber competition team, and participates in the Student Leadership Advisory Board (S-LAB). Through these roles, she’s not only honed her technical and collaborative skills, but also discovered a passion for leadership.

That passion came into even sharper focus during her time as a Resident Assistant, an experience she describes as the most transformative of her college journey.

For Beckie, the role was more than responsibility; it was connection. Supporting fellow students, building relationships, and creating a welcoming environment pushed her outside her comfort zone and helped her grow into a more confident leader.

“I enjoy being able to help other people,” she shared. “Being in this position has allowed me to get to know so many more people. It has also allowed me to grow comfortable as a leader and to take responsibility.”

Others also recognized her ability to cultivate a caring, safe, and fun community on campus. She was recognized by the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers (MACUHO) for the Student Leadership Award.

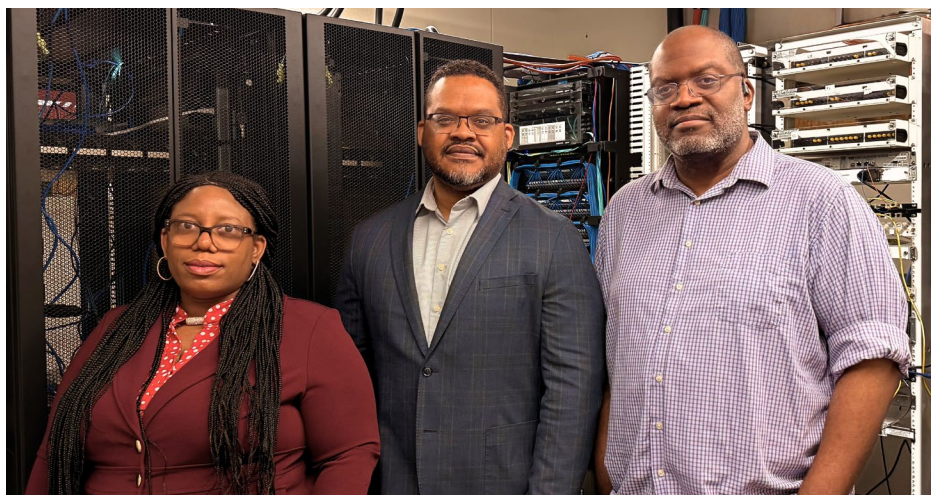
“This recognition included, but was not limited to, excellence in building community, strong efforts to engage with departmental initiatives, demonstration of leadership skills among peers, and exuding care and empathy toward students and staff in her goal to promote an inclusive environment to our residence hall community,” said Residence Director Anthony Dina.

Looking ahead, Beckie is exploring a future in the government sector, with a particular interest in digital forensics. While she’s still discovering which path within the field fits best, she’s actively seeking opportunities to gain experience and continue building her skill set.

Through her dedication to cybersecurity, her commitment to community, and her ability to lead with empathy, Beckie is making a lasting impact at Capitol Tech. 🏡

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Building the Future of AI at Capitol Tech



At Capitol Technology University, a new state-of-the-art lab is underway. Launching in fall 2026 with support from alumnus Ed Sealing, the Capitol Artificial Intelligence Learning and Innovation Environment (CAILIE) reflects the university's commitment to hands-on, industry-driven AI education.

Behind the scenes, a small, talented team is bringing this vision to life and building an important foundation for what's to come next fall.

Laying the Groundwork

As Director of CAILIE, Keith Michel is leading the effort to bring the lab from concept to reality.

"The opportunity to build and lead a next-generation AI lab from the ground up was especially compelling," Michel says. "It's been rewarding to contribute to something that will support future student work."

Supporting that vision is Ejekeghachi (EJ) Agbo, who manages the infrastructure that will power the lab's operations. As Linux Cloud Engineer, Agbo is responsible for ensuring

systems are secure, reliable, and ready to handle the demands of advanced AI work.

Drawn to Capitol Tech's focus on applied learning, Agbo saw the role as an opportunity to work with real-world technologies while contributing to an educational mission. "It allows me to apply my technical skills in a meaningful way," she says, "while continuing to grow in a collaborative, innovation-driven environment."

At the same time, Khalid Shaheed is helping shape the lab's technical vision. As an AI Engineer, he focuses on the architecture and design of the environment itself.

On just his second day, Shaheed began sketching out a 3D model of the lab setup that he envisioned. That early work reflects a larger mindset: building something new requires experimentation, iteration, and persistence.

Building More Than a Lab

While construction and infrastructure are still underway, the team is already

focused on impact. CAILIE is being designed as a space where students can gain hands-on experience with real-world AI tools and challenges, creating greater access and opportunity.

"For students, that means providing structured pathways to participate in AI research, hands-on projects, and skill development," Michel explains.

Curriculum Update

Capitol Tech's approach to artificial intelligence is rooted in application. The university's emphasis on industry-focused learning gives students the chance to work directly with the technologies shaping today's workforce.

The team is currently developing systems, tools, and workshops that will help users engage meaningfully with CAILIE and AI, whether they are just getting started or advancing into more complex work.

For those just entering the field, Agbo emphasizes the importance of strong fundamentals. "Learn Linux, networking, and programming," she advises. "Then build something. Even small projects teach you more than passive learning."

Shaheed offers a complementary perspective. "Trust but verify is a crucial approach to AI," he said. "Ensuring that while leveraging AI for speed and data organization, the human user is ultimately responsible for outcomes."

Together, their advice reflects a shared belief that AI is more about understanding technology than just learning how to use it.

Looking Ahead

With its fall launch on the horizon, CAILIE represents Capitol Tech's continued investment in the future of technology education. While the work underway is foundational, its impact will soon extend across campus, with a focus on helping students collaborate with AI in meaningful ways. 

A Day in the Life of a Student Worker

Capitol Tech is grateful for the many student workers who have contributed to the success of many departments over the years. Today, from the mailroom and the Megabyte Cafe to our student life and admissions departments, students continue to perform their best work inside and outside of the classroom.

These positions not only help support the university's day-to-day operations, but also provide students with opportunities to grow professionally, develop confidence, and gain valuable hands-on experience before graduation.

"Student work opportunities are important because they provide students with meaningful professional experience while supporting their academic and personal development," Dean of Students Dr. Kyra Milbourne said. "These opportunities allow students to build transferable skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, time management, and problem-solving, all of which prepare them for success after graduation."

Student employment has become an important part of campus life for many. Whether they are helping incoming peers through admissions, assisting

with student life events, creating content for marketing, or supporting essential campus services, student workers play a vital role in creating a welcoming and efficient environment across campus. Balancing academics with work responsibilities also teaches students how to manage priorities and prepares them for the expectations of future careers.

One popular job on campus is in the mailroom. Its fast pace keeps students active while helping essential campus operations run smoothly. From sorting packages to assisting faculty, staff, and fellow students, the mailroom serves as a key hub for the university community.

"Student workers have a significant role in the flow of the mailroom," Glory Carr, Manager of Administrative Services, said. "Daily responsibilities include checking, logging and delivering packages, processing outgoing mail, answering phone calls, copier and vending machine maintenance, and assisting with projects. They learn a lot of basic life skills in the mailroom which serves as a foundation for when they go out into the working world."

Beyond gaining work experience, many students discover new passions and

career paths through their campus jobs. For some, these positions become an opportunity to explore interests outside of their academic majors, while others use them to strengthen skills directly related to their field of study.

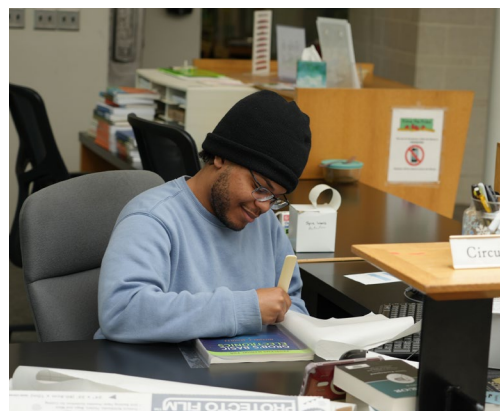
While many of the students pursue on-campus jobs for some extra cash, in some cases, it has propelled them into entirely different fields and uncovered new opportunities. Student Maycold Asencio-Orozco credits his time working for Student Life in directing him toward pursuing a full-time student affairs career. And student Pedro Canas' work as a student ambassador in the Admissions department helped him to greatly expand his networking skills.

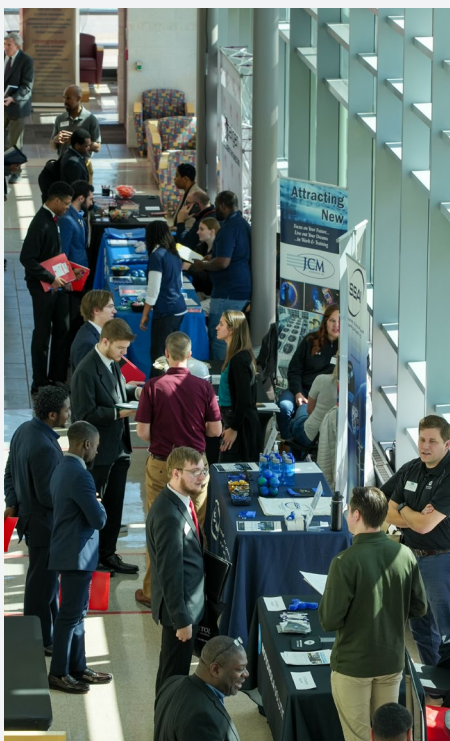
Campus supervisors also emphasize the mentorship aspect of student employment. By working closely with faculty and staff members, students can receive guidance, build professional relationships, and gain insight into workplace expectations in a supportive environment. These experiences often help students feel more prepared and confident as they transition into internships and careers after graduation.

"Being a student worker gives students the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and engage with the campus community," Pedro said. "It allows students to sustain themselves and exercise independence and responsibility." 🛡️



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