WEECS Newsletter

Women in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

WEECS Events this Month

- Wednesday, September 3, 12pm - 1pm in HEC 101: Student-Faculty Luncheon

- Friday, September 5, 7pm - 10pm in HEC 101: Cookies & Code

- Sunday, September 14, 1pm - 4pm at Lake Claire: Welcome Back Cookout

- Saturday, September 27, 8am - 1pm: Give Kids the World Village Volunteering Event

EECS Events

At UCF

- Tuesday, September 9, 10:30am - 3:00pm in HEC atrium: Microsoft tabling

- Tuesday, September 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm: Practice Interview Program for Engineering and Computer Science

- Tuesday, September 16, 6pm in HEC 101: Microsoft: Meet the Company

- Wednesday, September 17 @ 11am: Security and Interdependency in a Public Cloud, hosted by Dr. Maniak Chatterjee

In The Orlando Area

- Wednesday, September 3, 7pm - 9pm: Greater Orlando Linux Users Group Meeting

- Wednesday, September 10, 1pm - 2pm: Special Interest Group on Security, Microsoft Access, and Microsoft Office

- Thursday, September 18 @ 7pm: September Orlando Tech Meetup

Women In the Field

Telle Whitney writes about her experiences and the beginnings of Grace Hopper.

In 1992, one of my dearest friends, Anita Borg, came to me with an idea: a conference featuring women Computer Scientists. The conference would celebrate their contributions to the field and to the world.

We decided to create a conference together. It began on a summer evening in 1992 at a restaurant in Palo Alto where we pulled out a blank sheet of paper, and looked at each other. Neither of us had a clue how to start a conference. There was this long pause and then the ideas started to flow. It seemed obvious to name the conference in honor of Grace Hopper, who had recently passed away. She was, after all, one of the first women Computer Scientists. We reached out to her brother, and received verbal agreement to name the conference in her honor. We put together a list of potential speakers, reviewed the list, talked to others, and came up a revised list of desired speakers.

Our vision was that the conference booklet, full of incredible technical women would live beyond the conference, and be a resource for Computer Science departments year round. That didn't happen, but today if you look at the speakers from the Grace Hopper Conference series; it is a who's who of movers and shakers in the Technology world. Through the web, you can see the abundance of incredible women who are contributing to our world. Who knew then what it would become.

http://anitasquilt.org/

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Scholarships and Opportunities

- Palantir Scholarship for Women in Engineering - Undergraduate women who have completed one academic year in a STEM field. Due date: December 31, 2014. www.palantir.com/college/scholarship/

- Breakthrough Technologies Scholarship - Current Junior or Senior studying micro and/or nano technologies. Due date: Sept 15th - Oct 31st 2014. finaid.ucf.edu/scholarships/

- Computer Science and Computer Engineering Academic Award - Must be pursuing a degree in computer science/engineering with a minumun of 30 semester hours still to be completed. Due date: April 1st, 2015. education-portal.com/pages/Computer_Science_Academic_Scholarship.html

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