Fun in the ☀:

Summer activities to launch your career!

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Research Park

- Research Park is a great place to get started for **internships during summer and throughout the school year**.
  - A area south of campus where there's a plethora of different companies to get involved with. Enterpriseworks!!!
  - **Big events during the year:** Research Park Block Party, RP Career Fair
- Working at Research Park this summer?
  - **Research Park Summer Sessions**: Different group meetups throughout the summer where you can meet new people, learn things, and eat good food!
  - **Summer Professional Development Series**: Different workshops tailored to things such as personal finance, professional development, networking, etc.!

Grace Hopper Celebration

- Grace Hopper Celebration is a great place to **network with industry leaders** and get your foot in the door with **research and job opportunities**
  - 3-day event in **Orlando, Florida from September 26 - 29**
- Conference Grants
  - **CS Department**: travel grant applications usually open in August
  - **Company/Organization Sponsored Grants:** Google, AnitaB, NCWIT/Bloomberg, and more!
- Event Highlights
  - **Career Expo to network and interview on-site** with partnering companies such as Apple, Bank of America, and more!
  - **After Hour Events with company sponsors**
    - Star Wars Night at Disney Studios with Hewlett Packard Enterprise
    - A Night At Disney World with The Walt Disney Company
    - Top Golf with SpaceX

Me with the creator of GWC!

HPE sponsored a Disney Trip for us!
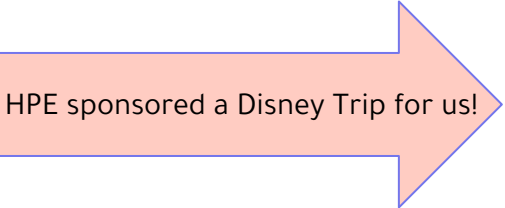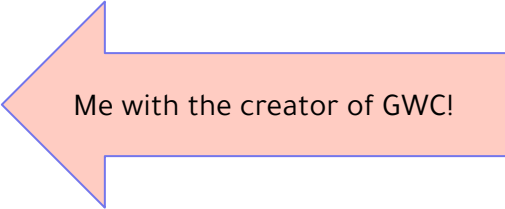
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Summary Events

- There are <u>many different events</u> that go on during the summer that you can prepare for around the Chicagoland area and hybrid!
  - iVenture (in-person)
    - iVenture Demo Day: Usually takes place in one of the tech hubs in Chi-town; come see all the student startups work on cool things!
    - iVenture Fellowships/Startup: Work with the iVenture team to do cool stuff!
  - ThinkChicago Lolla (in-person)
    - 3-day program during Lollapalooza week. Meet and network with entrepreneurs while **getting free tickets to Lolla!**
  - MLH Fellowship (remote)
    - Learn by doing! MLH is a **12 week paid program** where you build open source tools and work with industry expert

Summer Events

- There is also an abundance of remote opportunities as well to meet awesome people!
  - Rewriting The Code (virtual):
    - **Career Fair:** network 1:1 with industry professionals and attend corporate talks with sponsoring companies
    - **Internships (Apps close April 30th):** Paid internship during the school year where you lead special interest groups in topics like Crypto and AI through organizing company talks and workshops
  - CodePath Courses (virtual):
    - **Summer sessions** in different tracks spanning interview and resume prep, iOS development, Salesforce, etc.!
    - Most programs offer paid stipends as well
  - Hackathons (*mostly* virtual)
    - EPIC NOAA Hackathon, Kaggle Competitions, Tech Together Seattle
    - https://mlh.io/seasons/2023/events

Networking Tips:

- **You are your biggest advocate!**
  - No-one knows your achievements better than yourself. Be proud of the awesome stuff you are creating!
- **Being genuine :)**
  - Create meaningful connections and put thought into developing relationships. This is where **quality > quantity**
  - You get out as much as you put in for relationships
  - Don't be afraid to cold email people you admire or just want to learn more about! Everyone loves sharing their own career stories and tips
- **Going to a networking event or mixer?**
  - Create memorable conversations and follow up effectively
  - Do some research beforehand on some potential people/companies you are going to meet there
- **How are we like flywheels?**

Pursuing Other Summer Opportunities

- There are a plethora of ways you can get involved this summer including
  - **ACM Mentorship:** mentor incoming freshman CS students
  - **Women in Engineering:** become a mentor to incoming students during freshman orientation week
  - **HackIllinois:** summer planning committee to build the vision for and start event planning
  - **Teaching:**
    - Course assistants for summer courses in the CS Department such as **CS124 and CS128**
    - Summer teaching assistant programs where you teach 6 - 12th grade students fundamentals of computer science
      - **iD Tech Coding Camps**
      - **Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program**
      - **Kode With Klossy**

Our 2023 Opportunities List

https://tinyurl.com/opportunities2023

Let's Connect!

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Important Resources:

Illinois Women in Computer Science Slack: go.illinoiswcs.org/member-slack

- The best place to get up-to-date information on WCS events, opportunities, and connect with students just like you!

WCS Member Hub: go.illinoiswcs.org/member-hub

- A fantastic resource for everything you need to know about being a WCS member and life at Illinois

Socials:

Linktree: **linktr.ee/IllinoisWCS**

Follow link on link tree for WCS Instagram, Facebook Group, Slack, Mailing List Sign up and more !

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Feedback Form: https://go.illinoiswcs.org/wcsxwece-workshop-feedback

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