**Denise**

**Fayetteville, GA**

**Her Story:**

A career in cybersecurity is a goal that I have set for myself. Cybersecurity is fascinating to me because it is an ever-expanding field full of creative and evolving innovations. I stumbled upon the WIT Cybersecurity program one day and was excited by the incredible opportunity that was before me. I felt this program would provide an avenue for me to acquire the knowledge necessary to be an effective contributor to the technological sector and, in so doing, would provide a better means of support for myself and my family. Having already transitioned from a stay-at-home mother to a working professional, I realized that I wanted to work in a more challenging environment within the technology field. With the encouragement of my family, I decided to apply to the WIT Cybersecurity Program. This program has been what I needed to build upon my current knowledge and skills. I am experiencing the many facets of cybersecurity in this program and getting hands-on experience. Being a part of a group of women striving for the same goal is another important aspect I desired from this program. I have not only been able to connect with other women of similar ambitions but also learned from women currently in the security field. My passion is to one day be able to support other women who wish to enter the cybersecurity field.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** Fayette County Public Schools

**Title:** SNP Lead Manager, Technology

**Work Experience**:

Background in Education IT

IT support specialist

Worked in a schools setting troubleshooting laptops, desktops, smart boards, and Chromebooks

**College Degree:** Yes, Bachelors

Major: Information Technology

**Education**: CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+

**Other Skills:** MS Word; MS Excel; MS PowerPoint; Outlook; Teams; SharePoint

**Annual Income:** $50,000

**Open to Relocation? Where?** NA

**Observation characteristics from Emory (Outgoing, Quiet/Shy, Leader, Team Contributor, etc.)**

* Provides great insight and relevant information in discussions

**Competencies: (Interpersonal Skills, Cooperation and Collaboration, Time Management & Administration, Leadership, Communication Skills, Strategic Thinker, etc.)**

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced
* Collaborates in class