**Lauren**

**Chicago, IL**

**Her Story:**

After completing the Technology Fundamentals class, I want to immerse myself in the entire world of cyber security. I want to learn about analyzing security threats and help organizations determine what security measures are needed to help protect the company. I want to be able to identify problems and work as a team to improve these security systems. As I stated in my application for Technology Fundamentals, that acceptance to this course means everything. I believe that this opportunity is life-changing. I want to be successful, continue my education, and pay it forward for the next group of women in the field. I did not think a tech career would be possible. Learning about the Women in Technology organization and the program has given me hope and ignited my ambition for this exciting career.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** N/A

**Job Title:** Unemployed

**Work Experience**: Reading Specialist, ESL Primary Teacher

**Other Skills:** Microsoft Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Teams, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher), Training and Development, Management, Assessment Development, Data Analysis, Adult Learning, Event Planning

**College Degree:** National Louis University-*Master of Education - Major: Reading Specialist,* *Master of Arts in Teaching - Major: Elementary Education,* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign-*B.S.- Recreation, Sport and Tourism Management, Minor Communication*

**Education**: Emory University- Foundations in Cybersecurity, IT Fundamentals, WiCyS Cybersecurity Scholarship

**Annual Income:** $90,000

**Open to Relocation? Where?** Yes, Tampa/southwest FL

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

Lauren Gutierrez asks questions, has great participation. Fantastic participation, active listener, shares outside learning opportunities and knowledge with class, and has a great personality. Has taken this course very seriously and provides many resources to her fellow classmates on how to deepen their cybersecurity knowledge and to take advantage of valuable opportunities within the field.

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

Great Teamwork

Great Collaboration

Inquisitive