**Pina**

**Loganville, Georgia**

**Her Story:**

I have an interest in this field because of my past experience of being vulnerable to hacking which affected my finances.  As I view my children’s future, I’m also interested in learning the technical details of how cyber security works. I expect to have a clearly defined outlook on how to secure our assets and information on the internet, and how I can apply it in a daily situation as well as working in a corporate setting.  I hope to gain knowledge, experience, and the necessary tools to protect where protection is needed.

  Being accepted into the program will give me the knowledge and development I need to continue my career path. It will improve my current income, allow me to change my career to a more valuable role, and provide a larger time span for me to spend more time with my family.  The program will also allow me to be a model to my four girls so that they may follow in my footsteps into a more promising career.

    I was attracted to the program because of women's empowerment.  I felt that this is the best time to enter into a program that supports women, especially with the global use of the internet.  I feel that empowerment will improve the future of women who are interested in technology and cyber security. After seeing a graduate from the program who is gainfully employed, it gave me so much more courage to apply and give my all to succeed. I was inspired by Marilyn Scott to join the program and become a cyber security analyst. I was so excited after joining the program. I encountered new information and learned that it’s more to life than where I came from. Most programs that involve cyber security have a higher level of men than women. I’m actually overwhelmed and grateful that women can participate in such a program.

   At this time, I have spent 15 years at the current position working in an external environment that includes working in the sun with no flexibility. As an assistant supervisor and carrier, the work I perform does not have as much potential for growth as the cyber security program.  The cyber security program will build a wealth of knowledge and tools that can be utilized daily.

   This is a different step for me and out of my comfort zone, and this step will push me forward to experience new skills. The program will be a huge benefit when it comes to pay grade and flexibility.  I look forward to learning a new craft as well as expanding my total income.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** United State Postal Services

**Job Title:** Assistant Supervisor, Route Examiner, and Rural Carrier

**Work Experience**: United States Postal Services( Assistant Supervisor, Route Examiner, and Rural Carrier), Famous Footwear Store (Assistant Manager), Gwinnett Daily Post(District Manager), and Catholic Charities Business Office Assistant).

**Other Skills:** MS Word; MS PowerPoint; Outlook

**College Degree:** Yes, Bachelor Of Business Administration (BBA), and recently a student at Gwinnett Technical College (Cyber Security and Amazon Web Services).

Major: Finance and Management

**Education**:

**Annual Income:** $65,000

**Open to Relocation? Where?** Yes, Texas, Maryland, and Florida

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

* Participates in weekly lab help session and offers feedback

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

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced
* Timely work submissions – Good grades