**Summer**

**Greensburg, Pennsylvania**

**Her Story:**

Acceptance into the program means that I can support my family while continuing to help others and challenge myself in an environment that allows for growth and professional development.

Prior to joining the program, I performed echocardiograms at Johns Hopkins as a registered diagnostic cardiac sonographer.  As we’re all aware, healthcare dynamics shifted during the pandemic, and I was left unemployed and seeking a career that could still challenge me and combine my passion of science and technology. I want to continuously learn, contribute, grow, and advance and I feel that the field of cyber security is the field that can enable that for me. I aspire to gain the skills necessary to contribute to an organization and help to secure and protect its information and infrastructures.

I’ve always had a passion for technology and science, it’s what initially led me to cardiac sonography and has now placed me on the path towards cybersecurity. This program will allow me to have a career that I am passionate about, and I can use that passion to collaborate with an organization and grow.

Successfully completing this program will provide me with the knowledge and confidence to launch my cyber security career.  I intend to gain a greater understanding of IT infrastructure and cybersecurity with the aim of contributing to secure and protect an organization’s information and infrastructures.

Participation in WIT will enable me to nurture a meaningful network of colleagues for bi-directional support, and ultimately, be able to give back as a mentor to junior colleagues as I progress in my career and gain expertise and experience.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** Unemployed

**Work Experience**:

* Cardiac sonogropher
* Customer service representative and service scheduler for security industry using MasterMind software
* Customer service representative for the IRS using internal government database. Basic skill level
* Service support

**Other Skills:**

* MS Word; MS Excel; MS PowerPoint; Outlook; Teams; SharePoint
* Familiar with EPIC systems, IRS Database, MasterMind software

**College Degree:** Yes, Bachelors degree - Marketing

Southeastern Louisiana University: Bachelor of Arts, Marketing; The Johns Hopkins Hospital: School of Cardiac Sonography Echocardiography Program Certificate

**Education**: Southeastern Louisiana University

Business Technology and Business Communications GBBT 210 and 234 at Southeastern Louisiana University

Certification: Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer, Scholarship for Johns Hopkins: Alan D. Waggoner Student Scholarship Award

**Annual Income:** NA

**Open to Relocation? Where?** Yes, open to opportunities

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

* Leader - Always willing to help others
* Provides great insight and relevant information in discussions
* Team Contributor
* During the lab session, she was very engaging, offering additional explanations

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

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced
* Very Engaging
* Leadership