

“Career Pathways” Panel 6/13 2:45-3:45pm ET

Cybersecurity, Security Analyst, and Cloud Security Roles

Objective: Sparking excitement about STEM through exploration of career pathways. This interactive session will be opened by the moderator introducing each speaker with your headshot and bio. Following this please take about 1-3 minutes to say hello to the students.

Students: We have 27 underserved youth (ages 18-24) at locations in Long Island, NY and Atlanta, GA. These *students are eager-to-learn and want to enter the field of technology*. Students will engage in learning about career paths and career journeys from guest speakers. We will encourage participants to ask questions.

Focus: Upon completion of this program, participants will understand and demonstrate new digital literacy skills that support strong digital citizenship for today’s modern workforce. They will also have a foundational understanding of the growing field of cybersecurity.

Panelists

TBD

Moderator

Ojas Mehta, Program Manager, We Connect The Dots, Inc.



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Sample Panel Questions

1. Tell us about your current role, and how you spend your time at work?
2. How did you get your start in technology? What was your first role?
3. What were your expectations of a cybersecurity job, and how does your current job compare to that?
4. What is your greatest accomplishment/achievement in terms of a project or something you contributed in your career thus far?
5. How have your job responsibilities changed over time?
6. Who has influenced your career options?
7. Why did you choose a STEM career?
8. Is a 4-yr degree still necessary? Can a specialized technology certification be an alternative or more direct route to successful employment?
9. What kind certifications do you recommend for a cybersecurity role?
10. How important are collaboration and teamwork skills in your job?
11. What advice do you have for girls and underrepresented students about entering the STEM field?
12. Should I target a job that comes naturally to me, or should I target jobs that are in demand?
13. What are the biggest career lessons you have learned so far?
14. What's one thing you would've done differently regarding your career?
15. What factors should I consider when planning for my future?
16. What are the challenges faced by women, BIPOC and younger workers, and workers with lower educational attainment and income in the technology space? How do they overcome such challenges?
17. How can they best harness new digital skills and what platform can they use to land dream jobs/career?
18. Is remote work the future? Is it effective?
19. What advice do you have for our younger workers with high school diplomas, looking to venture into the technology space?