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The first few weeks of the Cyber Clinic have provided an immersive learning experience that has certainly helped me feel better prepared for helping our companies later on. The first week composed of introductions and reviewing concepts to prepare us for our meetings with the companies. The introductions were a great way to get to know everybody; I believe it's an important factor when it comes to working in a team environment as it helps everyone become familiar with each other. We also had a refresher on the CIA triad and the NIST framework that would be important to know when we work with our companies. Professor Duvall and our TAs were also very kind, professional, and never hesitated to assist us if we needed any help.

What really highlighted my experience so far were the Design Thinking sessions we had with Dr. Baaki. Dr. Baaki himself was a very enjoyable presenter, and his activities were very engaging and I enjoyed participating in them. From his sessions, I was able to learn how to design a cybersecurity plan for a non-profit organization with a team. I learned how to share ideas with my teammates and collaborate together to form a plan that fits the organization's situation. I believe this experience has definitely prepared me for designing a plan for the companies that we'll eventually be working for.

So far, my experience at the Cyber Clinic has been really enjoyable and insightful. Professor Duvall and Dr. Baaki have been supportive in helping us prepare for working with our companies. The activities from Dr. Baaki were a fun way to work with my fellow classmates and to practice applying design thinking in a collaborative setting. It's been a very positive experience for me, and I'm excited to continue my journey at the Cyber Clinic.