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Doris Locking

BLUF: Doris Locking is an outstanding woman in the Cybersecurity field and spoke with the 200T class on March 6th. This article is a summary of the topics that resonated with me during the presentation.

Background

Doris Locking is an amazing woman with extensive knowledge in her career field. Her background includes experience in government regulations and she enjoys volunteering. Both of these resonated with me because I am currently exploring working in the governance and policy sector of cybersecurity. From my studies in 200T and working with the NIST Framework I have begun researching a career as a Cybersecurity Governance Analyst or a compliance officer. Volunteering was another passion Ms.Locking and I shared. I enjoy sharing my knowledge just like her. Helping build the youth's networks, knowledge, and skills is something I'd like to do just like Ms.Locking. She spoke of traveling to the different schools and meeting with different kids, something I'd love to do more.

Advice

Ms. Locking gave great advice throughout her time with us. She told us of the real world of working in the cyber field. She told us to expect ups and downs in the job field. Expect to receive offers and rejections alike. She provided us with the knowledge to break into the cyber industry which includes going on websites like USA jobs.com. Her insight into necessary skills such as negotiation and prioritization was eye-opening for me. I never considered negotiation as an important skill. Another piece of advice she gave was to look at trends in the field. Which is simple but necessary.

Trends

Ms.Locking spoke a lot about the future to us. She told us to look at current trends and the advancements being implemented. A big rising topic is the implementation of Artificial Intelligence. She told us it was everywhere now even in the Healthcare system. She told us of a program where there are AI nurses that take patient check-in information to free up nurses to respond to any calls and hospital needs. This kind of implementation is vital to understand as a cybersecurity professional. This system can lead to stolen PII if the system has a vulnerability that is exploited.

In Conclusion

In conclusion, Doris Locking is a great resource. Her background, advice, and information on trends all resonated with me and created an impact on my life. Her talk will carry with me for the rest of my cyber career just like every other talk I met throughout my time. Locking has a lot of experience that I believe many people could benefit from in the future.