

I hereby report the following:

The CSUS and the School of Computer Science are entering a record-breaking year at McGill. Our enrollment has increased by over 25% since this time last year to now include over 1900 students (from 1500 last year). The rapidly growing enrollment has created several difficulties for both the department as well as the students' society. Due to this, the CSUS is working hard to address these concerns with events planning for larger turnout than ever before and new academic representation initiatives going up to the level of the Dean of Science.

The CSUS has had a busy September thus far.

- We kicked off the year with a Microsoft Panel and Networking Evening on September 10th:
 - Consisted of a 1hr panel discussion and a 1hr networking event
 - The panel discussion consisted of three full-time employees and 2 former interns, of which all were either current students of McGill alumni, presented to speak about their experiences working at Microsoft, the interview process, company culture, and what to expect from a job.
 - The networking event was a time for students to interact with the panelists and meet the new Microsoft recruiter for McGill
- On September 19th, we hosted our semi-annual departmental wine and cheese which had a large turn-out:
 - This event was open to all students and professors in the School of Computer Science
 - We aimed to provide a social and inclusive space for students and professors to interact with one another, socialize, and network
- On September 21st we hosted the Amazon Robotics Tech Talk:
 - This event consisted of two McGill alumni speakers talking about their experiences in Amazon Robotics
 - They walked students through how Amazon Robotics leverages the Amazon Web Services ecosystem for the building blocks of a robotic control system
 - They also discussed examples of real problems they were able to solve with the AWS cloud-based architecture
 - At the end students were given opportunities to ask questions, get advice, and submit resumes for open internship and job positions
- As of September 24th, the Computer Science Help desk will begin for this semester.
 - This is an initiative that CSUS has conducted with great success and are glad to see it in motion for another semester
 - The Helpdesk is a free peer tutoring service offered by the CSUS with over 40 tutors working from 10AM-5PM every week day of the semester. The School of Computer Science has highlighted the Helpdesk as a key component in coping with growing enrollment.
 - It is up and running on the 3rd floor of the Trottier Engineering Building

Moving forward, we are planning to host following events for the remainder of September and October.

- We have a BlackRock Recruitment event coming up on September 24th:

- We have a speaker, from the Aladdin Product Group of BlackRock, coming to share with us the new technologies and solutions they have been building
- On September 28th we have a LaTeX Workshop in collaboration with SUMS:
 - Here students are given the opportunity to learn how to work with LaTeX, a document preparation system used for technical and scientific documentation
 - This will be led by a fellow SUMS executive member
- A big initiative we are excited to announce is our Landing your Dream Tech Internship workshop:
 - This will be held on September 27th
 - We want to provide students with advice from McGill students who have successfully acquired high profile internships in the tech industry
 - As the McGill tech fair is held on October 2nd – 3rd, we wanted to ensure this was held before so that participants would be equipped with useful knowledge and skills to then use when interacting with recruiters at the fair.
 - Topics that are to be covered are what students should be doing/working on outside of school, how to write a good CV/resume, tips in tricks on making yourself a marketable computer scientist/software engineer, etc.
 - We will also give students the opportunity to have a Q&A with past interns
 - This is to be led by our Helpdesk Representative Theo Klein
 - We have over 450 people interested on Facebook, thus are projecting a large turnout
- On October 1st we will also be hosting our U0/U1 Mixer:
 - We want to provide a social floor for students, who recently joined or are planning to join the School of Computer Science, to come together to mingle and network.
- We are currently planning a Google Interview Prep Workshop:
 - Though, not yet in its deployment stage, we putting together an interview prep workshop to give students an opportunity to participate and learn how to crack a coding interview.
 - We are planning for this to be held on October 17th and have Google collaborate with us on this.
- The annual Awkward Mixer with SUMS and MSPS will return thus November!
 - Details to follow!
- The industry mentorship program will return this year with a new increase in the number of available spots for mentees
 - Students can request to be mentored by an industry professional at companies such as IBM, Shopify, Google, etc.
- McWiCS (McGill Women in Computer Science) has fully transitioned to a subcommittee of the CSUS. They will be running several events this year. Notably:
 - Conference scholarships to Canadian Celebration of Women in Computing
 - Speaker Series
 - Office Tours
 - McWiCS Hackathon
- Finally, we are planning a departmental apartment crawl in collaboration with ECSESS:
 - We hope to have this on October 24th but this is tentative
 - We hope for this to be a bonding experience with our engineering counterparts
 - We want to use this as an opportunity to engage in friendly competition between CSUS and ECSESS

