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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Hello, my name is Siobahn Day Grady. As a young girl, I would watch my father while he plucked away on the keyboard writing scripts (“coding”) and how he was quickly able to maneuver through the computer code. I aspired to be just like him one day and computing became my passion. I began this journey with video games as an avenue to computing. Later I replaced the video game console with a computer. I remember my very first computer game called “Wheel of Fortune.” This computer game mimicked the television show that is still airing on tv today. This game prompted me to learn the various ms-dos commands, and before I knew it, I was navigating to multiple directories and learning all about computer operating systems. When the internet came around, my interest would soon turn toward developing websites. As a computer scientist, I study ways in which to protect users from malicious activity online via social networks. Outside of my research, I enjoy broadening participation in computing by volunteering to teach what I hope will be the next generation of computer scientists.

BIOGRAPHY

Siobahn received her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Winston-Salem State University in 2005. In 2009 she obtained her master’s degree in Information Science from North Carolina Central University, and in 2018 Siobahn made history by becoming the first woman to graduate with a Ph.D. in Computer Science from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She is an Assistant Professor of Information Science/Systems in the School of Library and Information Science at North Carolina Central University, an AAAS IF/THEN Ambassador and a BlackcomputeHER Fellow. Before this, she served as a Lecturer at several colleges and universities where she taught an array of courses in Computer Science. Outside of the classroom, she participates in many outreach activities to broaden participation in computing. She serves as a volunteer for various organizations, including Boy Scouts of America, FIRST North Carolina, Girl Scouts of America, and Black Girls Code. As a volunteer, she able to introduce Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics skills to students.

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