



# Arkansas Delta Information Systems and Cyber (DISC) Education Initiative



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### WiCyS: Women in Cyber Security

- Chapter Established May 2023
  - First WiCyS Student Chapter in Arkansas
  - Induction of Five Members Held May 10, 2023
  - WiCyS Bookmark – Student Orientation
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## College-Wide Email Announcement: May 12, 2023



Working together to establish the first WiCyS chapter are (from L) advisor Charlotte Purdy, Ashlynn Jenkins, Megan Pruett, Gloria Crawford, Angela Heath, and advisor Cynthia Grove. Not pictured is Jamie Peabody.

### **PCCUA students, advisors establish first WiCyS Chapter**

Five students have formed together to establish the first Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) Student Chapter in the state of Arkansas at Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (PCCUA) under the direction of the newly formed chapter advisors Charlotte Purdy and Cynthia Grove.

While attending a WiCyS Conference, Purdy and Grove noticed the lack of a student chapter in the state of Arkansas. Upon returning from the conference, they reached out to students in the Information Systems Technology degree program, with a focus on cyber security, to see if there was an interest in joining WiCyS. The students were eager to join and establish the first PCCUA Student Chapter.

Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) was founded in 2013 by Dr. Ambareen Siraj through a National Science Foundation grant and is dedicated to bringing together women in cybersecurity. Through the WiCyS Student Chapter, students will be provided with support, mentorship, training, networking opportunities, and access to industry and academic leaders.

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Student Chapter. The focus of the chapter is to encourage more females to become interested in cyber technology.

On May 10, the chapter members were inducted into the PCCUA Student Chapter. Two of the five students, Angela Heath and Ashlynn Jenkins, are 2023 graduates and received their WiCyS honor cords during the induction meeting, and all were presented with a membership certificate by Dean of the Division of Business and Information Systems Monica Quattlebaum.

## PCCUA Quarterly Magazine Article – Summer 2023

**New WiCyS chapter**

*Founding Arkansas chapter formed at PCCUA!*

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## Facebook Announcements: May 12, 2023



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We are very proud of advisor Charlotte Purdy, Ashlynn Jenkins, Megan Pruett, Gloria Crawford, Angela Heath, and advisor Cynthia Grove for establishing the first Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) Student Chapter in the state of Arkansas at PCCUA.

<https://www.pccua.edu/.../pccua-students-advisors...>



👍❤️ Kayla Holland, Linda Killion and 19 others

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WiCyS advisor Charlotte Purdy and founding members Ashlynn Jenkins and Angela Heath are pictured at last night's graduation in Stuttgart. PCCUA has just established the first Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) Student Chapter in the state of Arkansas!



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WiCyS Bookmark – Given to all students during fall orientation as a recruitment tool.



**WiCyS**  
WOMEN IN CYBERSECURITY

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**PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

**HOW DO I JOIN?**  
Talk to an advisor today!  
Contact:

Arkansas County: Charlotte Purdy @ 870-673-4201 ext. 1846  
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**BENEFITS**


Gain knowledge in Cyber Security  
Scholarship opportunities  
Networking with like-minded people  
Job opportunities

**STOP THE COMMON TYPES OR  
METHODS OF CYBER ATTACKS**

- Malware or malicious software like ransomware, spyware, worms, and viruses
- Phishing or sending fake communications in an attempt to steal sensitive data or install malware

**WAYS TO PREVENT CYBERATTACKS**

- Use multifactor authentication for logins
- Install a firewall and antivirus software
- Back up data regularly
- Educate users on cybersecurity



\*Students must meet eligibility requirements