Grace Series Talk

Grace Series Talks are Women Empowerment Talks for Grad and Undergrad Students in Computer Science and Software Engineering

Thursday, September 26, 2019
7pm – 8pm
Location: Osborne Conference Room - ECSS 3.503

*Pizza, Desserts
*Prizes

"20,000+ Days of Learning and Still Learning"
By: Dr. Janell Straach, Faculty at Rice University

In this talk, Dr. Straach talks about her career as a lifelong learner since birth and how it continues today. She weaves her career path into a journey of learning and compares it to machine learning algorithms including classification, clustering, perceptrons, dimensionality reduction, and neural networks. Her path included many career pivots and she'll talk about how such pivots can be scary but can help with accelerating the learning process.

Dr. Straach has a diverse background including academic and industry experience. She holds a BS in CS degree from Angelo State University, a MCS from Texas A&M University, an MBA from The University of Dallas and a Masters and PhD from UT Dallas. Prior to her current assignment with Rice University, she was a member of the faculty at UT Dallas in Richardson, TX. Before her academic assignments, she worked in industry for IBM and other large corporations. She has taught at the college, university and corporate level. Janell's passion is recruiting and retaining females in technology careers. She is chair of the board of Women In CyberSecurity-WiCyS (www.wicys.org) which is a national nonprofit dedicated to recruit, retain, and promote women in cybersecurity.

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