

"Cybersecurity and tech needs a more diverse workforce"

The demand for cybersecurity and tech professionals is rising globally. However, despite the demand there is a shortage in talent, specifically talent from underrepresented communities. Mysecurekid's mission is to help close this gap and increase diversity through:

- Creating a pipeline of diverse talent from underrepresented communities
- Creating programs that create clear career pathways to tech jobs. Regardless of background, former career or academic achievements.
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- Mentoring youth who want to explore these careers and providing scholarships for education.
- Forging strategic partnerships with government, businesses and nonprofits who have a stake in the future of cybersecurity and tech.
- Reskilling and upskilling adult professionals and veterans from diverse backgrounds.
- Establishing apprenticeships for hands-on experience.

OUR PROGRAMS

MySecureKid aim is to prepare a diverse pipeline of talent from underrepresented communities. Through our programs and partnerships, we are working to adequately educate and prepare the cybersecurity and tech workforce of the future.



CYBER CAMPS & PROGRAMS

MSK's online summer camps, afterschool programs and year-round bridge camps for kids ages 5-16 engages children in a fun and interactive way. Participants collaborate on fun projects and develop STEAM



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships – MSK awards two scholarships annually to high school juniors and seniors and college students pursuing education in IT, healthcare, cybersecurity, emerging technologies and entrepreneurship.



MENTORSHIP

Mysecurekid pairs youth from underrepresented communities with adult professionals who can guide them in choosing career paths and help them develop soft skills needed in the workplace.



APPRENTICESHIP & INTERNSHIPS

MSK takes on students ages 16-24 for a 2,000-hour program to gain real-world experience in STEAM-C, healthcare or IT jobs. (Training includes a stipend.) Internships – High school and college students may apply to work for up to eight weeks with SecureTech360 and other business or nonprofit partners to gain hands-on experience in IT and cybersecurity.

OUR FOUNDER



Quiana Gainey, founder of Mysecurekid, is a 20+ year Cybersecurity & IT industry veteran, and humanitarian, with a distinguished military record. Ms. Gainey has served as Chief Executive Officer and Director of SecureTech360 cybersecurity firm since its inception in 2010.

Ms. Gainey has received numerous awards for her dedication to providing opportunities and being of service to underrepresented communities, including the 2020 Entrepreneur Of The Year Award from GIRL, the 2020 Virginia Governors Volunteerism & Community Service Award, and the 2019 Women's Veterans Business Enterprise of the Year Award. Ms. Gainey serves on two nonprofit boards in the DMV area, Girl Inspired and Ready to Lead and The Woman Behind the Business.

These organizations are dedicated to empowering the next generation of women in Leadership, STEM, and Entrepreneurship. Ms. Gainey has an MBA in Human Resource Management, a BS in Information Technology Management and currently pursuing a PhD in Business and Information Technology with a concentration in Cybersecurity. Ms. Gainey is a woman on a mission: to educate and empower.

ABOUT US

Mysecurekid is a nonprofit organization committed to closing the demand gap for cybersecurity and IT professionals through diversifying the industry and economically empowering underrepresented communities by creating clear career pathways into cybersecurity and IT through education, scholarships, hands-on training, and strategic partnerships.

Based in Arlington, Virginia, Mysecurekid targets communities that have historically been left out of the technology industry with a range of educational and career training resources to help them map out and prepare for future career success.

To learn more visit our website:



JOIN US

Mysecurekid is largely funded through donations. Your generous support ensures we are able to help more people and have a greater impact through serving underrepresented communities with the necessary education and programs to prepare them for careers in cybersecurity and tech. Please join us!



You may make a one-time gift or become a monthly donor. Visit mysecurekid.org/donate/ to make your contribution.



Become a mentor. Your time and experience is invaluable. Assist our interns, apprentices, and students in developing soft skills and gaining hands-on experience.



BECOME OUR BUSINESS PARTNER

We can help you attract candidates that fit your company's workforce needs. Our apprentice and workforce development programs have helped companies of different sizes attract, train and retain eager, talented, and productive employees.



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