

Agenda for the Dinner

October 23, 2017

Abstract

Perhaps as in Babette's Feast, we hope to use a dinner gathering to promote of sense of inclusiveness and comfort, both among each other, and also with computing, as a career, possibly of interest to the whole family, at least approved of by family members, for family members.

1 Welcome and Introductions by Professor Sixia Chen

Introduce Lillarnd “Jay” Lewis, CCSU undergraduate, (see)<http://fox61.com/2014/12/20/the-stan-simpson-show-chef-jay-lewis-on-cooking-and-being-a-gentleman/>) will cook this meal for us.

2 Meal

The flyers from NCWIT will be displayed the whole time.

2.1 Demo of layer cake construction, accompanied by algorithm with iteration

In this, there will be a multi-layer cake, and the filling between layers will depend on something, even /odd, or just index, in the code we can have an if/else, also we could demonstrate a switch/case.

2.2 Demo of spiral something construction, accompanied by algorithm with recursion

The spiral dessert.

3 Address on CCSU as a welcoming, inclusive, environment

Maybe the marketing department will provide someone. We could use the NCWIT Cs combined with passion idea here, to have a theme for the gathering. Professor Heidi Ellis, (department head?) at Trinity, has humanitarian free open source software (FOSS) an an activity she has emphasized for years, prominently featuring disaster recovery software, which is timely, and ties in with our guests from Puerto Rico. Maybe one of Professor Ellis' students or colleagues would speak.

4 After dinner entertainment

4.1 Middle school CS “Bee”

Brad has some contacts, he will see.

4.2 Robotics Activity

What about the E. O. Smith robotics club, would they come this far?

Computer Science Club at CCSU, robotics show

Today, 10:47 AM Smith, Therese M. (Computer Science) Hello Therese,

Sounds like a great opportunity. I'll speak to the rest of the CS Club officers about it and gauge their opinions.

It sounds interesting, but I'll need to figure out if the others believe so too, so I'll reply soon with what we decide.

Thanks!

Dan Kostecki

From: Smith, Therese M. (Computer Science) Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:49:18 AM To: Kostecki, Daniel (Student) Subject: kids and robots event

Hi Dan, Your name was given by Professor Williams. Professor Chen and I are working on a grant application, and included is a dinner, hosted by a chef who is a student at CCSU. The theme is (because the granting organization wants it that way) using a family dinner to help influence family attitudes about children becoming interested in computing. So, one part is to have after-dinner entertainment involving robots doing something; maybe that could be racing, building, competing. Would you and your club be interested in this? I have a contact from a high school robotics club, too; I haven't contacted them yet. So, maybe we could have a competition if you and they like the idea. Please let me know. Cheers, Therese

5 Book signing

The Now You're Cooking with Java, Python cookbook will be given away. This cookbook will have recipes for food, and also for getting started with code, such

as with Scratch (and Python).

The NCWIT flyers will be on display along the line formed for the book signing.