

# Introducing **GullHacks**

## **Salisbury's First Ever Hackathon**

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# What is a Hackathon?

- Coding & Problem-solving Competition
- Fixed timeframe, projects are from scratch
- Teams of students create projects
- Various project 'themes'
- Often includes:
  - Prizes
  - Workshops
  - Mentorship
  - Recruiting Opportunities
  - Free food & 'swag'



# Hackathon Stages

## Opening Ceremony

Introduction, problem statements, and rules

## Hacking!

Coding, designing, collaborating, and prototyping

## Workshops & Mentorship

Mini-sessions to help beginners, support ideas, or provide learning experiences

## Closing Ceremony

Final projects are judged, winners are announced, and prizes are awarded

# OTHER UNIVERSITY-BACKED HACKATHONS



**HOPHACKS**

Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, MD



**BisonBytes**

Howard University  
Washington, DC



**bitcamp**

**Bitcamp**

University of Maryland  
College Park, MD



**HackUMBC**

UMBC  
Baltimore, MD



**HackPSU**

Penn State University  
University Park, PA



**Hoya Hacks**

Georgetown University  
Washington, DC

# PERSONAL MOTIVATIONS



## LEARNING

Unlike any classroom experience. Very industry-like, on your feet and learning as you do

## CONFIDENCE

Reinforces student's ability with high-pressure situations

## NETWORKING

Many employers and other helpful students



# HACKATHON GOALS

## Enhancing Student Learning

Hands-on experiences, helping students develop industry skills that may not be found as much in the classroom

## Boosting University Reputation

Well-executed Hackathons attract attention from various companies, recruiters, sponsors, and prospective students

## Improving Student Engagement

Brings together students, alumni, mentors, and others to foster a positive and collaborate environment

## Driving Research & Innovation

Hackathons serve as a testing ground for new ideas, many of which could evolve into university-backed startup initiatives

# GENERAL LOGISTICS

**Oct. 25th, 2025**

EVENT DATE

**12-Hours**

HACKATHON DURATION

**Henson**

BUILDING VENUE



# This Semester's Achievements

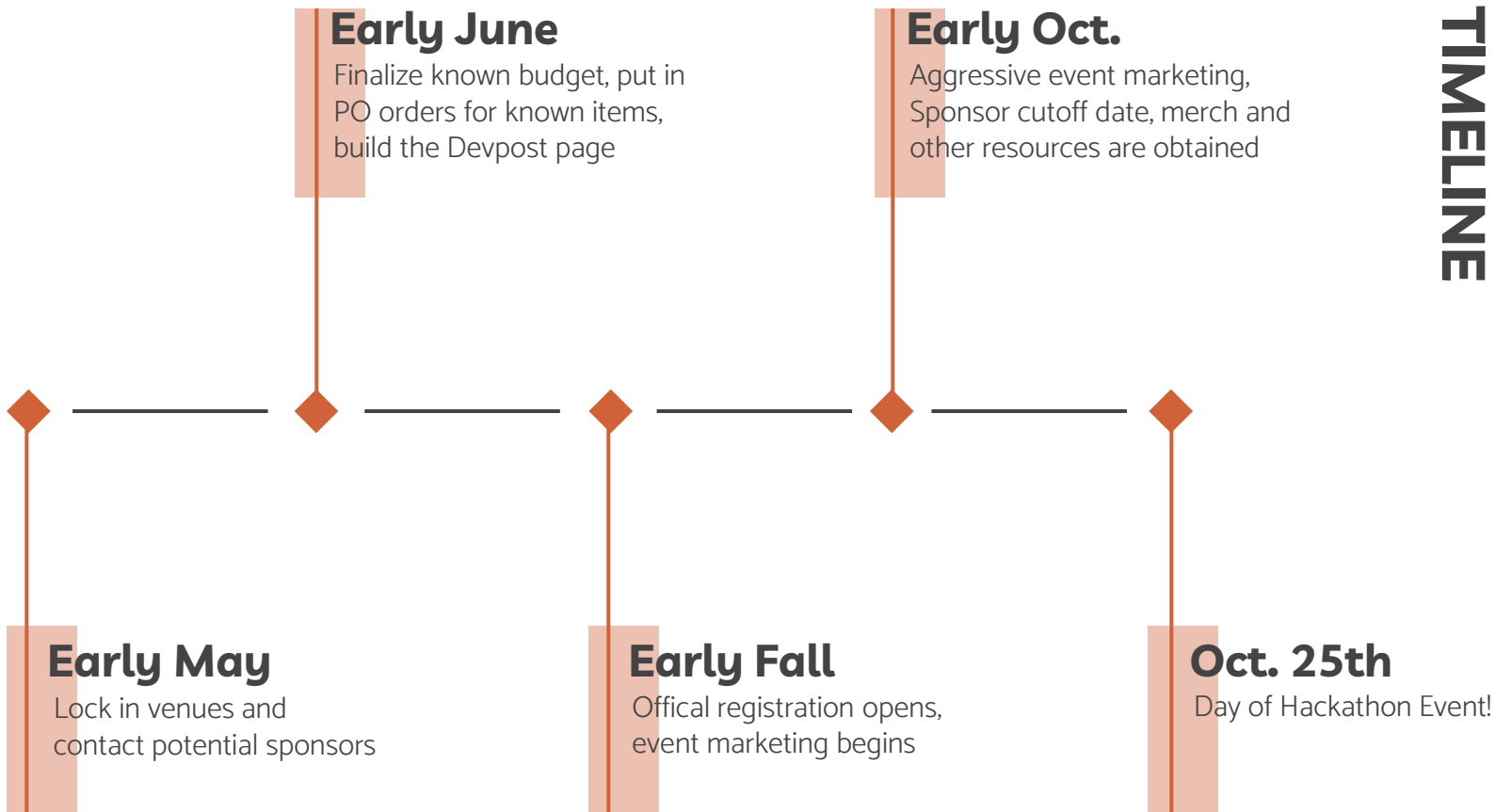


# WEBSITE PREVIEW



Preview of the SU Hacks Website, developed in conjunction with the SU webmasters via Wordpress. This ensures that the website can run on SU servers, and that future organizers can easily edit and expand upon the website

# TIMELINE





Website

# Thank you!

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