



# WOMEN IN TECH

## *CAREER PREP AND NETWORKING TIPS*

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# JOIN A COMMUNITY

- Tech groups offer great networking opportunities
- Specialty groups interested in the same things you are
  - Ruby programming, databases, security, web development, etc.
- Find them
- Follow them on social media
- Go to their meetings
- Join their board
- Volunteer!

# JOIN A COMMUNITY

## Local

- [Inland Northwest Technologists](#)
- [Build Guild](#)
- [SpoQuality](#)
- [Spokane SQL Server User Group](#)
- [Spokane Geek Girls](#)
- [DC509](#)
- [Spokane 2600](#)

## Remote

- [Systers](#)
- [DevChix](#)
- [PyLadies](#)

# MENTORS / SPONSORS / COACHES

*"A coach talks to you, a mentor talks with you, and a sponsor talks about you."*

- Find a mentor
- Find a coach
- Find a sponsor
  
- Be a mentor
- Be a coach
- Be a sponsor





# RESUME

- Make a master resume – should have all the things you would ever want on it
- Pull from master resume to make special copies for job applications catered to that position
- Include relevant work
  - Job experience
  - Classes you've taken (or have scheduled to take)
  - School projects
- Include honors, scholarships, or special awards you've received
- Have trusted friends, family, and colleagues review it before submitting





# SOCIAL MEDIA

- Be sure you have a LinkedIn profile
- Keep your resume up to date on LinkedIn for people to see
- Have a professional looking photo on LinkedIn
- Be mindful of your Facebook and Twitter and other social media
  - People will search you when you apply for jobs
  - Make sure your privacy settings are where you want them
  - Make sure nothing is posted you wouldn't want someone to find
  - Okay to have personal things posted and visible – shows you are a full person



# LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES

- Watch for extra training opportunities
  - Lots of women in tech trainings
  - Some are free to attend
  - Others offer scholarships
  - Some companies will sponsor you
  - Can always volunteer to get in for free!
- Great way to meet people who are supportive and want to help you succeed





# LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES

- [Grace Hopper Conference](#)
- [Anita Borg Seattle Local Chapter](#)
- [Write/Speak/Code](#)
- [CRA-W Grad Cohort](#)

# DON'T FORGET TO READ

- Recommended reading:
  - [“Feminist Fight Club” by Jessica Bennet](#)
  - [“Lean In” by Sheryl Sandberg](#)
  - [“The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance—What Women Should Know” by Katty Kay and Claire Shipman](#)
  - [“Women in Tech: Take Your Career to the Next Level with Practice Advice and Inspiring Stories” by Tarah Wheeler Van Vlack](#)

# CONNECT WITH PEOPLE

- Add professional connections when you can!
- Reach out with a personal message so they remember who you are
- Feel free to start here 😊

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