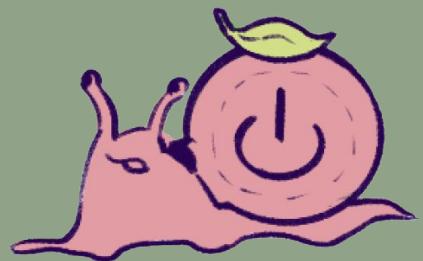




What is AthenaHacks?

We are Southern California's premier hackathon for **female** and marginalized gendered students, hosted annually at USC!

Our mission is to **close the gender-gap in the tech field**, and we focus on fostering a **beginner-friendly** environment where participants of all experience levels can **learn, build, and grow!**





**Let's Meet
Everyone!**

Keynote

Katya Sutil



Katya is the Sr. Manager of Falcon 9 Subassemblies Production at SpaceX, where she leads the department responsible for building and testing propulsion systems, structural components, and mechanisms for the F9 rocket. With a background in Industrial Engineering, Katya has also led the build out of several new product production areas across SpaceX. Katya holds a Bachelors and Masters degree from USC Viterbi, and is excited to share insights on building a career in the emerging technologies industry.



Go For Launch

Finding and Fueling your Life's Passion

Embracing Passion Over Prestige

- ✓ What do you enjoy doing on your own time when you don't have to?
- ✓ What do you stay up late at night getting excited about?



A photograph of a serene sunset over a large body of water, likely a lake. The sky is filled with warm orange and yellow hues, with wispy clouds reflecting on the water's surface. In the foreground, a dark wooden pier extends from the left side of the frame towards the center. On the far left, a portion of a white building with a sign that reads "Sandy Shores" is visible. In the bottom right foreground, a black metal park bench sits facing the water. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

Embracing Discomfort: How a Boring Summer Shaped My Career

Things I Learned at my First Internship

- ✓ Which tasks made me excited vs which ones bored me
- ✓ Let passion be your driver
- ✓ Prestige does not equal passion



Choosing Passion: The Result

- ✓ Excitement, humility, and a willingness to learn will take you farther than intelligence alone.
- ✓ You don't have to know a lot about something to be qualified to do it, you just need to be excited to learn it.
- ✓ Don't shy away from the projects that seem daunting.

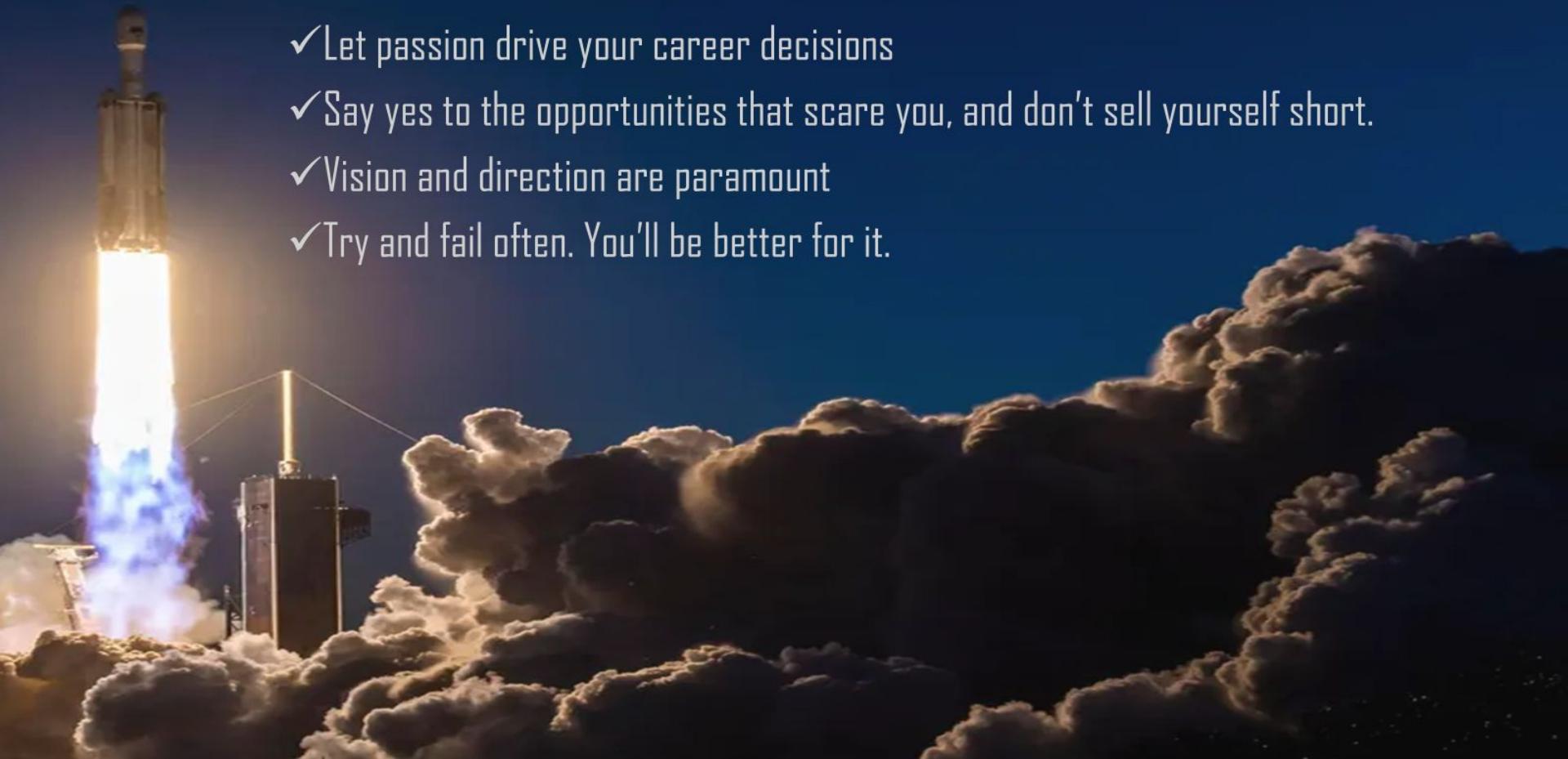


Community is Paramount

- ✓ Surround yourself with people who lift you up
- ✓ Find mentors and supportive peers as soon as you can
- ✓ Hype each other up

In Conclusion

- ✓ Let passion drive your career decisions
- ✓ Say yes to the opportunities that scare you, and don't sell yourself short.
- ✓ Vision and direction are paramount
- ✓ Try and fail often. You'll be better for it.



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Midnight Snack

Morning Yoga

PROFESSIONAL / TECHNICAL

Make the Most of your Summer
(Bloomberg)

Web Development with React

Intro to Figma (MLH)

Intro to GitHub CoPilot (MLH)

Prize Categories

- Best Overall
- Athena's Favorite
- Best Beginner
- Best Hack in Philanthropy

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- Best Hack in Sustainability



MLH Prize Categories

- Best Use of MongoDB Atlas
- Best Use of Streamlit
- Best .Tech Domain from Domain.com
- Best Use of Gemini API
- Best Use of AI powered by Reach Capital

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Hey ! I 'm **Jade** .

- Coach at Major League Hacking.
- I was a full-time employee at Major League Hacking from 2015-2019 and now I'm back as a Coach!
- I play volleyball, love sea otters, and fly planes for fun

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Connect with other hackers:

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What is Major League Hacking?



We are the Global
Hacker Community.

1,000,000 +

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Just Like You!

What are we doing this weekend?

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Making Better Hacks Faster

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5PM – SAL 101



Figma to Code

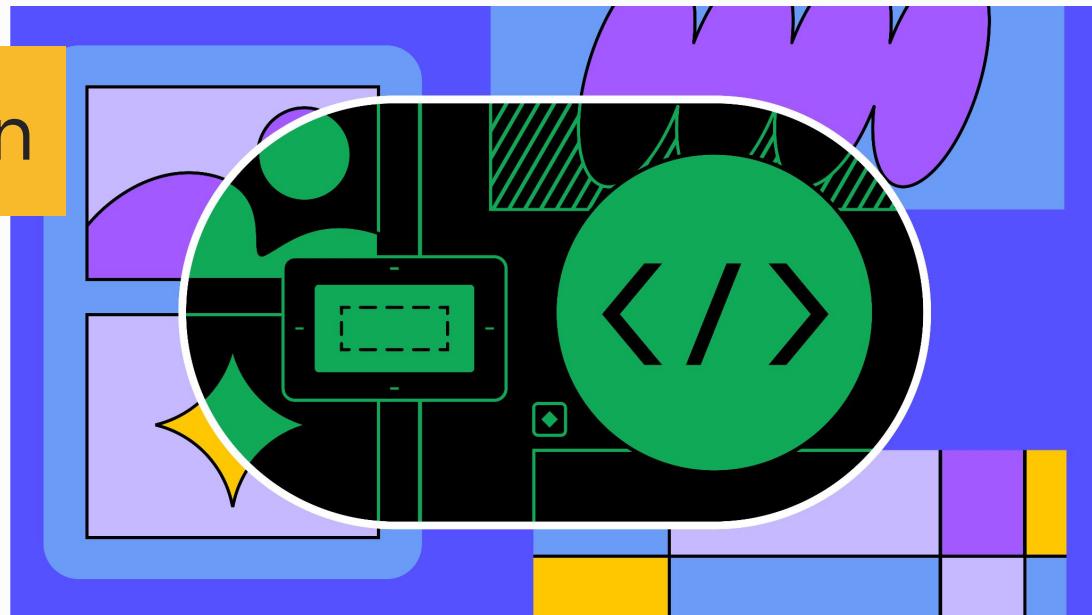
Learning Design

With Dev Mode

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Figma



8PM – TCC 350

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Underrepresented Gender(and Allies) Meetup

TechTogether

Meetup

Grab a scrunchie & special hexagon sticker!

8:45 – TCC 350



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Need to see those again?

Go To Devpost !



Quick demo time!

- Let's use **Google Gemini** to make a hack real quick.
- If you're new or you have no idea what's happening here, don't worry.
- We're going to go beyond a chat interface and let our AI run commands.
- As an example, let's make an **AI chat app**.

Show off your hack and earn

I Demoed
Sticker

Earn one by demoing!



On a Serious Note...

MLH Hackathons are a Safe Space
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Day of Logistics



Important Links

Discord Link: <https://discord.gg/ZXKjSjsb>

Devpost: <https://athenahacks2025.devpost.com/>

Questions: athenahacks@gmail.com

Emergency Number: (213) 740-6000

Site: <https://athenahacks.com/>



Schedule

ATHENAHACKS 2025

Event Schedule

Saturday – March 1st

- 11:00 - 1:00** Check-In at TCC Ballroom
- 12:00 - 1:00** Team Formation: Origami
- 1:00 - 2:00** Opening Ceremony
- 2:00** Hacking Starts
- 3:00 - 4:00** Networking
- 4:00 - 5:00** **Workshop 1** – Bloomberg Workshop @ SAL 101
- 5:00 - 6:00** **Workshop 2** – Intro to Github Copilot w/ MLH @ SAL 101
- 6:00 - 7:00** Dinner
- 7:00 - 8:00** **Workshop 3** – Intro to Web Development in React @ SAL 101
- 8:00 - 8:45** **Workshop 4** – Intro to Figma w/ MLH @ TCC 350
- 8:45 - 9:30** **Workshop 5** – TechTogether Meetup w/ MLH @ TCC 350
- 10:00 - 11:00** Just Dance Glow Party @ TCC 350
- 11:00 - 12:00** Midnight Snack

*Hacking continues throughout the night!



ATHENAHACKS 2025

Event Schedule

Sunday – March 2nd

- 8:00 - 9:00** Yoga @ TCC 232
- 9:00 - 10:00** Breakfast
- 12:00 - 1:00** Lunch
- 2:00** Hacking Ends
- 2:00 - 5:00** Project Expo & Judging
- 5:00 - 6:00** Closing Ceremony



See you again soon :)

Raffle

Attend workshops and keep an eye on
the **#announcements** channel on
Discord for a chance to win prizes!





Discord How-To

GENERAL

#announcements: Organizers will use this channel to announce important updates about the event, including Opening & Closing Ceremonies, workshops, and demos.

#general: Use this channel for general conversations about whatever you'd like. This is a great place to meet new people! events-chat: Use this channel to discuss workshops and mini-events going on this weekend.

#team-formation: Send a message in this channel to reach out to other hackers looking for teams. Make sure to talk about your skills and interests!

HELP

#mentor-help: Open a ticket in this channel to get one-on-one help from a mentor concerning your project.

#organizer-help: Ask any questions you have pertaining to the hackathon here.





Team Registration

Team Registration

- Team up in groups of up to 4! (solo hackers are allowed)
- Pick any table and start working with your team!
- Organizers will stop by to assign you a team number
- Remember your team number!
- Check-in using the team registration form with team number
- Check out #team-formation channel if you're still looking for a team

Steps for Success

- Have all team members join the Discord and Devpost
- Check out our prize categories before you start ideating!
- Register your team
- Build an awesome project together
- Submit project on Devpost AND the project submission form
- Attend the project expo and closing ceremony!!

Note: the team registration and project submission forms will be posted on Discord!



**Happy
Hacking!**