



FALL 2024 SEMESTER REPORT



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Letter from the President, Nij Patel

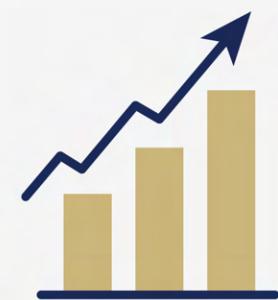


CSC's slogan is "proudly pushing the boundaries of what it means to be a Pitt student". This semester, we not only pushed the boundaries of that, but also what it means to be a club. But you don't have to just believe me - just take a look at the stats below. CSC has been such an integral part of my experience at Pitt, transforming my career prospects and helping me secure software engineering internships every summer of college. The second I became club president this April, I made it my mission to provide that same value and experience to those starting at Pitt now. And with a talented and determined club officer team behind me, I knew we had the capabilities to truly become **the premier student organization** on campus. And by every metric - we've been wildly successful. We've hosted some of the largest events on campus and have truly transformed the Pitt CS student experience. I sincerely want to thank everyone that has made this semester possible, and I hope you enjoy reading our report! This was the best semester in our org's history, but next semester will be even better - I guarantee it.

Always pushing boundaries,
Nij

LARGEST student organization.

1,800+
cumulative attendance



750+
active members



40M
accounts reached on social media

 2.7x
avg. meeting attendance*

7x
corporate partners*



3x
unique attendees*

in comparison to August 2023 - May 2024*

Thank You Sponsors + Partners



Our success and events this year couldn't have been possible without the support of our corporate sponsors and partners! Thank you so much to all of them for their continued support, and allowing us to keep pushing boundaries here at Pitt.

Additional special thanks to **Jenn Welton, Dr. Wonsun Ahn, Dr. Daniel Mosse, Dean Childers, Bobbie Coyne, Mackenzie Ball, Ritwik Gupta, Ming Wang, Rohit Ganguly, and Mat Varughese**.

Zero to Offer (Z2O)



Program Overview

Over **300** students attended the this year's **Zero to Offer program**, marking an incredible turnout and an exciting start. The 100% student-led program aims to empower underclassmen by sharing valuable insights and experiences to help them get their first internship. This year, the program has seen a remarkable increase in engagement compared to last year, where we saw 70 students participate. [Events schedule](#):

- Kickoff + Mindset | **9/5**
- Resume + Reviews | **9/9**
- Career Fair Sneak Peak | **9/12**
- Behavioral Interview | **9/16**
- Technical Interview | **9/19**
- Site Visit to Google | **9/20**

Success Story: Jayden Kelly



Jayden ('28) credits CSC for introducing him to freshman-year internships and helping him build skills through Zero to Offer events and the Bit/Byte mentorship program. These experiences prepared him to apply to **Roblox**, where his strong behavioral interview and familiarity with the platform led to an offer!



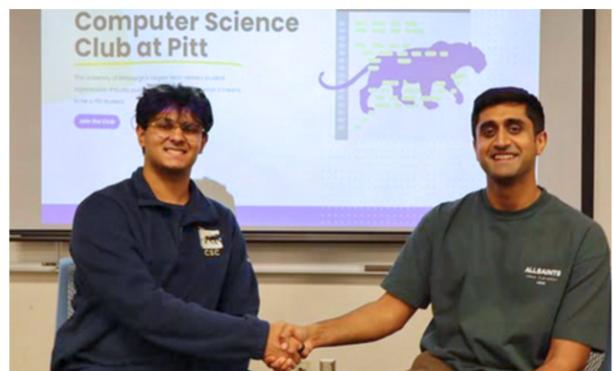
Fireside Chats



For the first time ever, the Fireside Chats series introduced a new element by featuring technology-focused content creators, industry personalities, and distinguished alumni from all around the country. These sessions provided attendees with exclusive insights and unique perspectives from experts at the forefront of innovation, fostering meaningful discussions and connections within the tech community.



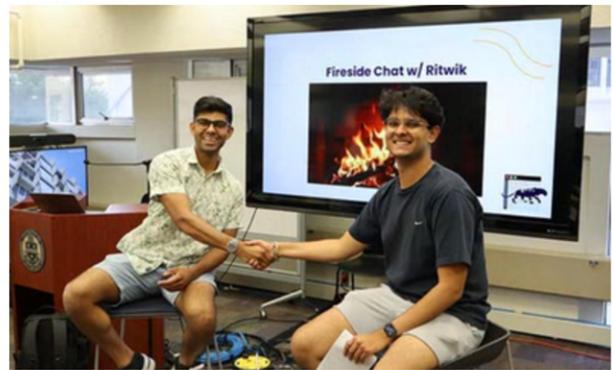
Jeff Nguyen
Founder of BobaTalks
a non-profit helping 13k+ students
around the world



Varun Rana
Tech Content Creator
100K+ followers on
TikTok & Instagram



Michael Yan
Founder of Simplify
a Y Combinator-backed start-up,
Forbes 30 under 30



Ritwik Gupta
AI Researcher at Berkeley
Pitt CS alum, creator of
SteelHacks

Mentorship: Bit/Byte



Liam Brem (left) is another example of how much impact involvement in CSC can have. Liam credits the Bit/Byte mentorship program, where he was paired with Shreyash (right), for helping him build a strong application and prepare for interviews. These efforts helped him land his first internship with **Meta** in Menlo Park, CA, where he is excited to gain valuable experience this summer. Liam was one of our most dedicated and committed first-year members, and truly demonstrates what we do. Liam is now joining our club board as this coming semester to help create the same value for others!



Forming Connections

Navigating being a new college student, classes, and finding a career path can be super overwhelming. By pairing new members in CSC with more experienced ones, we hoped to make that transition less stressful. Upperclassmen mentors were matched with mentees based on career interests and other preferences. Nearly 50 mentors (bytes) provide great guidance to 120 mentees (bits) in all areas: course selection, resume reviews, and just general life advice!

100%



Increase in mentee applications

55%



Increase in mentor applications

Corporate Sponsors & Connections

This year, CSC took our events to the next level by reintroducing site visits (for the first time in 4 years) alongside sponsored events. These events provided members with exclusive opportunities to engage directly with industry leaders. These events **not only connected members with top tech professionals but also offered invaluable hands-on experiences and networking opportunities.** We're excited to continue fostering these unique opportunities for our members!



Tech Talk with Naval Nuclear Laboratory

Google Site Visit



Winners of the Coding Challenge w/ FAST + BNY

Dick's Sporting Goods Headquarters Site Visit

Social Media Wave

With funny skit reels, CSC has become the most followed student org at Pitt!



our most viewed video!!

The social media fame expanded our reach

Collabs with CS influencers...



..and other organizations
(WICS, CMU ScottyLabs)



from 400 followers to

11,000+ followers



gained

80M+ views



reached

40M+ accounts



over a set of 7M accounts

48% female audience



top age range

18-24



there is

more to come!



Our expanded social media presence this semester has benefitted the organization in many ways. Aside from better marketing for our events, it has led to increased recognition throughout the university and outside. Students at other schools, like CMU, often engage with our content as well! People all around the world have seen our videos, bringing more eyes to Pitt in general. It has additionally contributed to an overall more fun environment for CSC, encouraging lightheartedness and creativity.

Building a Community

This semester, we focused on fostering a community with 5 social events

In collaboration with Women in Computer Science (WiCS), Minority Association of Computing (MAC), OASIS, and Kappa Theta Pi, we hosted the Tech Club Formal! Almost **150 students** across the orgs joined us for a night of dancing and fun! We saw almost double the attendance in this event compared to last year, showing our community really come together.



CSC hosted events specifically designed to foster greater inclusion and engagement of minority groups



Competition proved to be a great way to involve new groups with CSC. We hosted and sponsored a **Gingerbread House Competition** between the different tech clubs in December. Teams of students at our **Jeopardy Night** tested their knowledge in computer science, Pittsburgh history, and Pitt trivia.



SteelHacks XI



SteelHacks Overview

CSC organized one of the best hackathons in the country: SteelHacks XI. The event marked a tremendous success, drawing over **250 participants from universities nationwide**, making it one of the largest SteelHacks to date. This year's hackathon encouraged students to address challenges in civic services, healthcare, sustainability, and data observability, resulting in **60 innovative projects**.



Mayor Ed Gainey introduces the SteelHacks Civic Innovation track.



SteelHacks XI Award Ceremony



Participants benefited from engaging workshops, personalized mentorship, and cutting-edge resources provided by sponsors such as Eaton, PNC, Google, and others. SteelHacks XI showcased the CSC's commitment to fostering creativity and innovation, solidifying its reputation as a premier hackathon that highlights Pittsburgh's growing prominence as a tech and innovation hub.

Club Officers + Initiative Leads

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President



**Julian
Alamo-Rosas**
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**Quentin Romero
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Business Manager



Morgan Engel
Director of
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