VirginiaTech

February 7, 2017
6pm-8:30pm - 190 Goodwin Hall, Virginia Tech

CODE
DEBUGGING THE GENDER GAP

Join us on February 7th for "**CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap**" a documentary exploring the role of women and minorities in data science and STEM. After the movie, Lauren States leads a panel of women software developers and engineers in discussing issues of gender and race in today's technology fields.

Following the discussion, a reception will allow the conversation to continue. Delicious appetizers, beverages, and desserts will be served!

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6:00 p.m.	Doors open
6:10 p.m.	Introduction (Scott Midkiff)
6:20 p.m.	Documentary "CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap"
7:15 p.m.	Panel discussion (Lauren States, moderator)
8:00 p.m.	Reception begins (food and beverages provided)
8:30 p.m.	Event concludes

CODE documentary exposes the dearth of American female and minority software engineers and explores the reasons for this gender gap and digital divide. The film highlights breakthrough efforts that are producing more diverse programmers and shows how this critical gap can be closed. CODE asks: what would society gain from having more women and minorities code and how do we get there?

Tech jobs are growing three times faster than our colleges are producing computer science graduates. By 2020, there will be one million unfilled software engineering jobs in the USA. Through compelling interviews, artistic animation and clever flashpoints in popular culture, CODE documentary examines the reasons why more girls and people of color are not seeking opportunities in computer science and explores how cultural mindsets, stereotypes, educational hurdles and sexism all play roles in this national crisis. Expert voices from the worlds of tech, psychology, science, and education are intercut with inspiring stories of women who are engaged in the fight to challenge complacency in the tech industry and have their voices heard. CODE aims to inspire change in mindsets, in the educational system, in startup culture and in the way women see themselves in the field of coding.

Moderator:

Lauren States is a member of the Board of Directors for Webster Financial Corporation and Clean Harbors. She serves as a Trustee for the International House, New York and as a Director for ScriptEd. She is also a member of the Dean's Executive Council and an Executive-in-Residence for the D'Amore-McKim School of Business at Northeastern University.

Moderator, Lauren States

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