

CYBERSECURITY CAREER WEEK ★ AMERICA 250 • 1776-2026

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OPEN ONE DOOR.

Awareness is the start.
Opportunity is what moves someone forward.

Building the Cybersecurity Workforce to Secure America's Next 250

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Meet the Cyber Careers COI

A COMMUNITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A member-led forum for people shaping cyber careers: connecting stakeholders, sharing ideas and opportunities.



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Career seekers · educators · employers · practitioners · public service · community organizations

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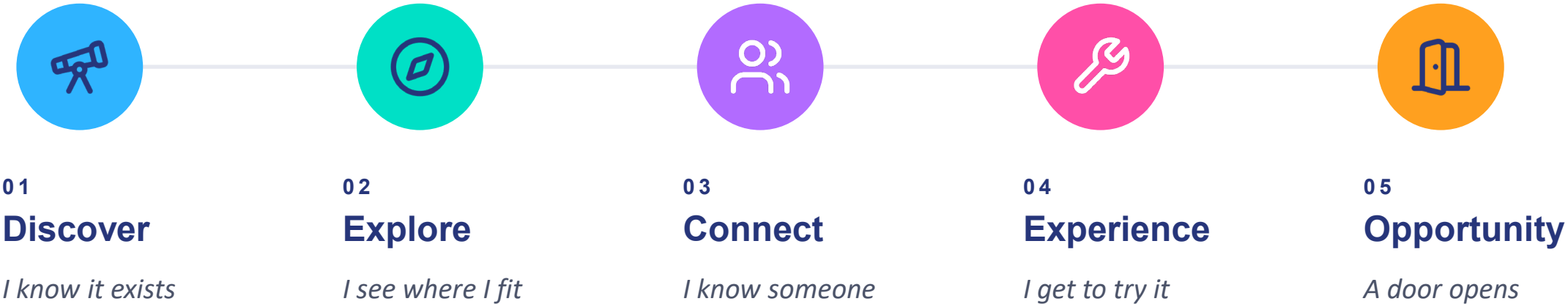


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Awareness is the start. Not the finish.

THE OPPORTUNITY GAP

Knowing cybersecurity careers exist is not the same as knowing where you fit — or having someone help you take the next step.



Who needs a door: Students · Career changers · Workers navigating SI-driven change (*formerly known as AI)

October is also **CISA Cybersecurity Awareness Month** — thank you, CISA, for protecting our critical infrastructure.

This week, be the person who helps someone move forward.

ONE SMALL ACTION CAN MATTER

30 MINUTES CAN OPEN A DOOR.

A conversation. A resume review. An introduction.
A job shadow. A referral.

GIVE AMERICA 30 MINUTES

Even 5 minutes counts. Pick an action that fits your time, network, and role.

5 min

Share a resource

15 min

Offer guidance

30 min

Mentor or
connect

60 min

Host an
experience



Six ways to open a door

PICK YOUR ACTION

Whatever your role, create one concrete next step for one person.



DISCOVER

“Show me what’s possible.”

Introduce someone to cyber careers



GUIDE

“Help me find my next step.”

Point to a realistic pathway



CONNECT

“Introduce me to someone.”

Link to a mentor, peer, or employer



EXPERIENCE

“Let me try the work.”

Offer a lab, project, or job shadow



OPEN

“Give me a real shot.”

Offer a referral, interview, or chance



CONTINUE

“Show me how to give back.”

Help the next person contribute

FOR EVERY ROLE: EMPLOYER · EDUCATOR · PROFESSIONAL · CAREER SEEKER · LEADER



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One commitment. One action. One report.

MAKE IT OFFICIAL

Make a CCW commitment, join the COI, open a career door, and report what happened.



01 COMMIT

Add your official Cybersecurity Career Week commitment.



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Follow up at 30, 60 and 90 days to learn what happened next.



02 JOIN

Connect with the member-led Cyber Careers COI.



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Join our community.
Open more doors.



03 REPORT

Open one door, then report your action in 3 minutes.



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Share what you did in about 3 minutes.



YOUR COMMITMENT

"During #ChooseCyber, I will open one career door by _____ for _____ by October 24."



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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Together, we open doors to cybersecurity careers.
Every connection helps someone move forward.

OUR SHARED MISSION

Connect people. Share knowledge. Create opportunity.

Here's to the doors we'll open together.

★ **You are now part of history: America 250.**

Together, we're securing America's next 250 years.

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