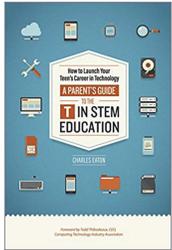


Town Hall: Preparing Students for Careers in Technology

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CREATING IT FUTURES

Sponsored by CompTIA/Creating IT Futures and chaired by Creating IT Futures CEO Charles Eaton—the Town Hall features an important discussion and question-and-answer session with IT industry representatives and parents sharing information on teen views on careers; the STEM/IT job market; and options for gaining career skills in technology.

Meet the panel:



Charles Eaton
CEO, Creating IT Futures

Under Charles Eaton's direction, Creating IT Futures has expanded its scope to cultivate best practices in U.S. workforce development and tech-related STEM education. Eaton has participated

in White House workforce development campaigns and is often quoted in the media as an authority on tech workforce development and STEM education. He's served as a speaker at the US News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference, League for Innovation STEMtech Conference, and more. The Duke University alumnus is a father of four—ranging in age from elementary school to young adult.



Franklin Reed
Director of Inclusion and Diversity, TEKsystems

Franklin Reed is responsible for establishing, driving, and tracking the inclusion and diversity strategy for TEKsystems, an industry leader in full-

stack technology and talent services with more than \$4 billion in revenue, 100+ locations, and servicing 80 percent of the Fortune 500. Reed is also a member of the board of directors of Creating IT Futures, the IT workforce charity of CompTIA that creates on-ramps for more people to prepare for, secure, and succeed in tech careers. He holds a degree in organizational leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago.



Alicia Park
National Outreach Manager, TechGirlz

Alicia Park has worked since October 2015 as a curriculum developer, then as national outreach manager, at TechGirlz—inspiring middle school girls across the

country to explore the possibilities of technology to empower future careers. As national outreach manager for TechGirlz, she works with volunteers and other organizations to help them bring free, technology-based workshops (or TechShopz in a Box, as coined) to communities across the United States. She previously worked as an online ESL tutor, independent educational consultant, and special education instructor.



Roopa Vasan
Senior Electrical Engineer, Leidos

Roopa Vasan is a senior electrical engineer at Leidos, pioneering machine learning algorithms with a foundation in signal processing. Vasan has received awards for her development in open

architectures for artificial intelligence (AI) trade studies and innovative machine learning prototypes. She is an active STEM mentor and workshop host—guiding young girls through code and machine learning concepts. Vasan graduated with a master's degree in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from The Ohio State University.