



Welcome to the Alabama Technology Foundation

*Supporting the Alabama Business Industry by
developing Engineers and IT Professionals
through Academia and Workforce Development*

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Alabama Technology Foundation

Vision:

- *The Alabama Technology Foundation was formed to help position the State of Alabama as a leader in Technology by providing one of the largest academic Engineering and IT databases accessible to our Alabama workforce industry.*
- *To become a recognized leader for Alabama in curriculum and workforce development within the high-demand and high-growth engineering and information technology disciplines.*

How:

- *The ATF participates directly and indirectly in programs geared toward developing a trained and skilled workforce – targeting business demand, growth opportunities and specialization in all fields of information technology and engineering. The foundation fosters close relationships between Alabama industry, academia and government communities in areas that relate to the development of IT and engineering.*

Goals:

- *Develop qualified engineers and information technology specialists to meet Alabama's growing need for highly skilled professionals*
- *Build the largest student Database of Engineers and IT Technology Specialists to meet Alabama's growing need for job placement*
- *Provide one (1) and two (2) year scholarships*
- *Develop talent in Alabama and keep talent in Alabama*
- *Provide a well organized Alabama Business Technology Conference for our Alabama businesses with the guidance of our Business Advisory Board members*



Alabama Technology Foundation

- Mission:
 - *To support Alabama businesses by developing Engineers and IT Professionals through academia to reduce “brain drain” in AL*
 - *To integrate new programs as industry requires by partnering with Alabama Universities and Community Colleges*
 - *To provide career opportunities through internships*
 - *To provide career development through scholarships*
 - *To connect industry with potential engineers and IT professionals*
 - *To provide an annual Alabama Business Technology Conference structured around our Alabama business industry*



Business Advisory Board

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Business Advisory Board Objective

To organize a technology conference that is geared toward Alabama businesses.

Having Alabama business leaders as part of this group will ensure that this conference is designed to focus on Alabama companies, and in doing so, this conference will help provide a source of funding for scholarships for our IT and Engineering students attending Alabama colleges and universities. And, to show our appreciation for the members of our advisory board, we are allowing them access to our student database for as long as they remain on the board.



Alabama Business Technology Conference Sponsors

The sponsors participating in the Alabama Business Technology Conference will have access to our ATF Student Database. This database will provide our business industry a conduit to review Resumes, Transcripts, Areas of Experiences, Certifications and Letter of Recommendations from all of our registered IT and Engineering students that participate in this program.



The ATF Student Database

The Alabama Technology Foundation is building the largest student Database of Engineers and IT Technology Specialists to meet Alabama's growing need for highly skilled professionals. The exciting part of our student database is that all of our sponsors have access to the student database. The database can be used as a tool for sponsors to research for interns or candidates to fill their workforce requirements. Sponsors will have access to students' resumes, transcripts, certifications, and Letter of Recommendations.

- Sponsors can narrow down their search by:
 - University or Community College
 - Major
 - Areas of Experience
 - Certifications
 - Overall GPA
 - Major GPA
 - Internship Availability
 - City
 - Graduation Date
 - Class Level
 - Name
 - Clearance Type



Business Industry Needs

- Demand is high for highly skilled technology professionals in multiple facets of IT & Engineering
 - *VMware*
 - *Network Security*
 - *Data Analytics/Management*
 - *Cyber/Network Security*
 - *Project Management*
 - *Software Developers (Programmers)*
 - *Engineering of every level (Robotics/Mechatronics/Math)*
 - *Robotics/Mechatronics*
 - *Artificial Intelligence*
- Demand is high for certifications and clearances
 - *All IT & Engineering Certifications*
 - *Clearances*
 - *Top Secret*
 - *Secret*

The ATF Student Database

- Student Membership Requirements
 - *Must be enrolled in an Alabama university or community college*
 - *Must upload the following documents*
 - *Resume*
 - *Transcript*
 - *Letter of Recommendation (optional, but recommended)*
 - *Certifications (optional, but recommended)*
 - *Must input Major*
 - *Must input overall GPA/major GPA*
 - *Must accept authorization to release information to our sponsors*
- Student Membership Options
 - *Select Area of Study*
 - *Select Current Certifications*
 - *Select additional areas of experience*
 - *Select interest in internship opportunities*
 - *Add additional information to improve your profile*
 - *Can remain in database for up to 4 years after graduating for career opportunities*

ATF Scholarships

- One and two year scholarships
- Tightly focused:
 - *Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better*
 - *GPA in their Major of 3.0 or better*
 - *Recommended by the educational institution's faculty*
 - *Full time university students with 12 or more hours per semester (Unless Grad Student)*
 - *Community College Freshmen and Sophomores with 6 or more hours per semester*
 - *Must enroll in and complete course work in the engineering & technology specialties identified*



ATF Internship Program

- ATF Provides
 - *Students with an overall GPA of 3.0+*
 - *Matches employer needs with high performing students*
 - *Targets high demand, hard to find professional skills*
- Sponsors Provide
 - *Knowledge, skills & professional development to participants in preparation of Professional Careers*

Corporate Sponsors can research their own candidates or take ATF recommendations when selecting an intern



Recent ATF Scholarship Recipients



Jordan Heath, Sophomore
Trenholm State Community College
Major: Computer Information Systems
Overall GPA: 3.75 Major GPA: 3.75



Recent ATF Scholarship Recipients



Luis Sarmiento, Senior
Auburn University at Montgomery
Major: Information Systems
Overall GPA: 3.86 Major GPA: 4.0
Area of Focus: Robotics



Recent ATF Scholarship Recipients



Pavinni Ankireddy, Graduate Student
Auburn University
Computer Science and Software Engineering
Overall GPA: 4.0 Major GPA: 4.0
Area of Focus: Data Analytics



Recent ATF Scholarship Recipients



Ian Chen, Senior
Faulkner University
Major: Computer Information Systems
Overall GPA: 4.0 Major GPA: 4.0
Area of Focus: Coding



Internship & Scholarship Successes

- Ryan Ashley. AUM, BSBA in Information Systems Data Storage Management. Scholarship and Internship with SAIC at Defense Information Systems Agency. Now a GS 15 over all of DISAs Data Storage Management team.
- Daniel Patillo. AUM, BSBA Information System. Scholarship. Manager with Neptune Technology Group in Tallassee, AL
- Lindsay Mann. AUM, BSBA in Information Systems. Scholarship. Is now a Business Manager, and previously worked as a Contract Project Manager at Auburn Montgomery Center for Government in Montgomery, AL
- Akia Hill. AUM, BSBA in Network Security. Scholarship and Internship at SAIC, which later was hired as Contractor for SAIC as the Information Assurance Officer in Montgomery, AL
- Darrell Belcher. AUM, BSBA in Information Technology. Scholarship. Database Administrator with SAIC for DISA in Montgomery, AL



Internship & Scholarship Successes

cont.

- Nicholas Ducote. AUM, BSBA in Information Systems. Scholarship. IT Systems Specialist Associate at State of Alabama Department of Rehabilitation in Montgomery, AL
- Alexandria Greer. USA, BSBA in Information Technology Cyber Security. Is now the Webmaster at Televox Software in Mobile, AL
- Ayesha Renee Famble. ASU, BSBA in Information System. Is now a System Architect/Developer with Ernest Young in Atlanta, GA
- William G Lewis. ASU, BSBA in Information Systems. Is the only Sophomore we have provide scholarship to and he went onto intern at NASA Cape Canaveral, FL
- Thomas Thaggard. AUM, BSBA in Information Systems. Scholarship. Is an IT Recruiter at GDH Government Services in Montgomery, AL



Internship & Scholarship Successes

cont.

- Derrick O'Neal. ASU, BSBA in Information Systems. Scholarship. Is now an Application Developer in Training at IBM in Birmingham, AL
- Tim Ducote. AUM, BSBA in Information Systems. Scholarship and is currently Interning at Validata Computer & Research in Montgomery, AL
- Milton Todd. ASU, BSBA in Information Systems. Scholarship. Is now working at Lockheed Martin in Dallas, TX



Alabama Technology Foundation Sponsorship Program

Our sponsors are the businesses that participate in our annual Alabama Business Technology Conference. These businesses either purchase a convention exhibit booth or sponsor an event that is \$2500 or more. All sponsors will have access to our ATF Student Database.

Our 1st Annual Alabama Business Technology Conference is scheduled for April 22-24, 2020 and will be held at the Montgomery Renaissance Convention Center, 201 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. (More information will be provided soon with registration links.)

There will be close to 190 booth options at our conference, which means that the ATF could potentially have 190 sponsors.

Companies that do not wish to participate in the annual conference but would like access to the database can make a contribution to our non-profit organization of \$2500 or more and we will grant a one (1) year access.

The following slides will provide the benefits for each Booth Exhibitor level of sponsorship.



ATF Individual/Business Sponsorship Program

- Individual Support \$100-\$2499
 - *Tax exempt*
- Business Sponsor \$2500+
 - *Access to the student database for one year*
 - *Tax exempt*



DIAMOND SPONSORS

Diamond sponsorship includes the following benefits:

- 30x20 exhibit booth
- Access to the Alabama Technology Foundation Student Database
- Eight (8) Exhibit Booth passes
- Four (4) Full Conference passes
- Four (4) parking passes
- Opportunity to introduce Wednesday's luncheon Keynote Speaker
- Opportunity to host an afterhours event or booth hosted event (sponsor pays for food/beverage)
- Flyer distribution (sponsor supplies the flyers)
- Up to four (4) 1 minute videos played during General Session (sponsor to supply the videos)
- Designated table at Wednesday's keynote luncheon



PLATINUM SPONSORS

Platinum sponsorship includes the following benefits:

- 20x20 exhibit booth
- Access to the Alabama Technology Foundation Student Database
- Six (6) Exhibit booth passes
- Two (2) Full Conference passes
- Opportunity to host an afterhours event or booth hosted event (sponsor pays for food/beverage)
- Flyer distribution (sponsor supplies the flyers)
- Up to three (3) 1 minute videos played during General Session (sponsor to supply the videos)
- Designated table at Keynote luncheon(s)



GOLD SPONSORS

Gold sponsorship includes the following benefits:

- 10x30 exhibit booth
- Access to the Alabama Technology Foundation Student Database
- Six (6) exhibit booth passes
- Flyer distribution (sponsor supplies the flyers)
- Designated seating at the Keynote luncheon



SILVER SPONSORS

Silver sponsorship includes the following benefits:

- 10x20 exhibit booth
- Access to the Alabama Technology Foundation Student Database
- Four (4) exhibit booth passes
- Flyer distribution (sponsor supplies the flyers)



BRONZE SPONSORS

Bronze sponsorship includes the following benefits:

- 10x10 exhibit booth
- Access to the Alabama Technology Foundation Student Database
- Two (2) exhibit booth passes



College/University Booths

Includes the following benefits:

- 10x10 exhibit booth
- Two (2) exhibit booth passes



Advocates:

- **Statewide Local Chambers**
- **Business Industry**
- **Academia**

Opportunities:

- **Free Student Membership**
- **Internship Opportunities**
- **Workforce development**
- **Access to Alabama's future IT workforce**



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