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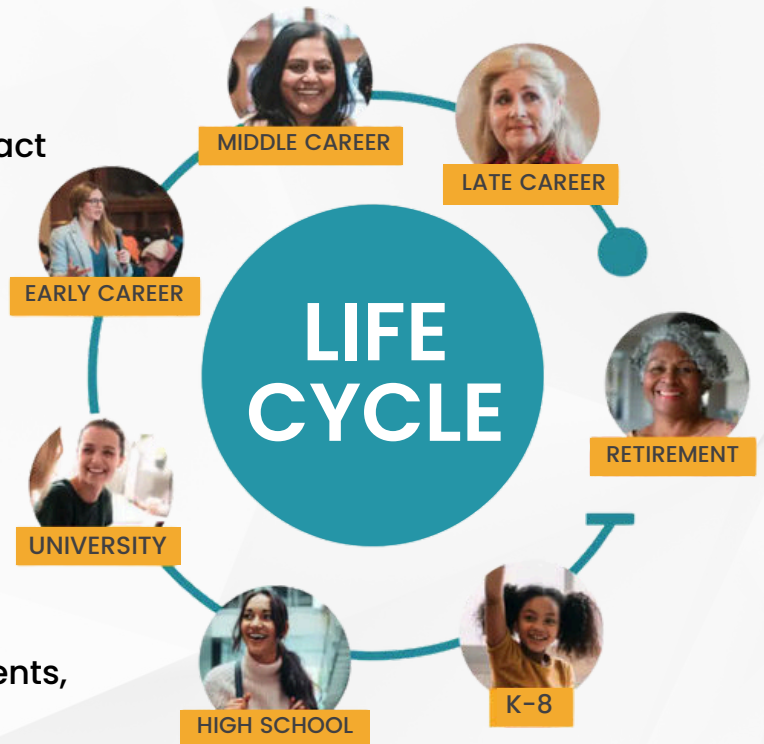in technology foundation

MCWT builds a sustainable pipeline of women in tech, supporting them from grade school through their professional careers. By introducing girls to tech early on, offering scholarships, and connecting them to the industry, we foster interest and confidence in tech from a young age.

Since 2002, we've expanded our reach and impact, helping women thrive in tech at every stage of their journey. Your membership dues and support from our corporate partners fuel this ongoing mission.

HERE'S HOW WE DO IT:

- Results-oriented programs that impact girls and women in technology, ultimately driving diversity and innovation in Michigan's economy.

- Targeted, hands-on events and programs tailored to get K-12 girls and young women interested in pursuing a technology career.

- Convening a network of businesses, parents, professionals, retirees, students, and teachers committed to seeing Michigan's technology community thrives.

LIFE CYCLE

MIDDLE CAREER · LATE CAREER · EARLY CAREER · RETIREMENT · UNIVERSITY · HIGH SCHOOL · K-8

"MCWT has been instrumental in broadening my horizons, allowing me to give back in meaningful ways and to be part of something truly supportive and transformative."

- Vanette Hill, IT Manager, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and MCWT ELEVATE Program Participant and ELEVATE Program Lead

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⊙ Camp Infinity

Each week-long session provides hands-on tech activities for middle and high school girls across the state of Michigan, inspiring creativity and career opportunities.

⊙ GET-IT Connection Summit

This engaging summit is designed for high school girls to explore technology, learn about career paths, and discover educational opportunities in the field.

⊙ GET-IT Cyber Challenge

The biannual GET-IT Cyber Challenge enhances high school students' cybersecurity skills through a self-paced virtual program and culminates in an in-person finals competition.

⊙ Girls GET-IT Clubs

Weekly after-school technology programs and hands-on activities across the state of Michigan foster a supportive community for girls interested in exploring computer science.

⊙ Girls GET-IT Day

GET-IT Day empowered girls in grades 4-8 with hands-on tech learning, providing transportation and materials to explore career opportunities in the field.

⊙ Girls Hack IT

Girls Hack IT provided high school girls hands-on coding experience and online mentorship, fostering real-world skills, confidence, and teamwork.

⊙ Girls Rock IT

MCWT's partnership with the Girl Scouts offered a one-day event featuring hands-on activities for earning technology badges and patches, with MCWT volunteers leading the activities and speaking at the parents' program.

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MCWT empowers university women in tech with programs that build skills, foster connections, and enhance career growth, bridging academics with industry to support Michigan's future tech leaders.

Scholarships

Our scholarship program empowers Michigan women to pursue tech degrees and careers, with awards from $2,000 to $5,000, mentorship, and internship support.

Internships

MCWT partners with Michigan companies to place college students in tech internships. Eligible students must have a 3.0 GPA, be enrolled in a tech program, and gain hands-on experience in the field.
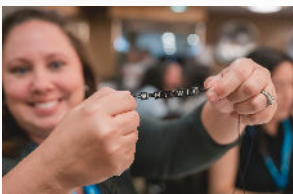
"It was so empowering to be surrounded by students and professionals from diverse backgrounds and to learn from each other's experiences and knowledge. It has been a privilege to connect with so many amazing women and to reconnect with MCWT scholars, volunteers, and staff who have supported my journey, including my mentor, Victoria Jackson.

- Rehab Jadallah, MCWT Scholar and University of Michigan student, who attended MICWIC 2024

MICWIC

The Michigan Celebration of Women in Computing (MICWIC) – an ACM Celebration of Women in Computing – is a biennial event aimed at increasing women's meaningful participation in the computing profession. As part of a nationwide initiative by the ACM, MICWIC brings together university students to foster community, support, and inclusivity in computing, helping to counter feelings of isolation and build a strong network of women in tech.

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⊕ ConnectNet

These sessions offer quarterly, informal events for networking and connection. Attendees from diverse backgrounds across the state join for social, personal, and professional growth.

⊕ ELEVATE

This program benefits current and former managers, combining peer exchanges and insights from senior leaders to foster career growth and networking within cohorts.

⊕ Leadership Clinic

This day-and-a-half clinic empowers experienced female managers through interactive sessions led by Michigan CIOs and tech leaders, focused on advancing leadership skills.

⊕ Reignite!

This program supports women re-entering the workforce or transitioning to tech, offering a pathway for growth and development in a dynamic, in-demand industry.

⊕ Women in Cyber

This hybrid program equips professional women with hands-on cybersecurity skills, using Immersive Labs' interactive content for collaborative learning and growth.

⊕ Women TechPreneurs

This initiative supports women in tech entrepreneurship by providing essential skills, resources, and networks to help them succeed in Michigan's tech sector.

⊕ Lunch & Learn

These 60-minute virtual sessions, featuring seasoned tech leaders, offer leadership and technical skills development. Recorded videos are available as a resource hub.

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