

Roaring Success: CSE Alumni Talk Series :

“FROM CAMPUS TO CORNER OFFICE: CAREER LESSONS FROM AN LSU TIGER”

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ABOUT ALAINA

ALAINA METZ SMITH HAS OVER 35 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION. SHE HOLDS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (LSU), WHERE SHE WAS A GRADUATE ASSISTANT AND TUTOR, FOSTERING HER EARLY COMMITMENT TO MENTORSHIP. ALAINA SPENT 18 YEARS AT CHEVRON, LEADING A GLOBAL TEAM OF OVER 250 EMPLOYEES AND OVERSEEING LARGE-SCALE IT PROJECT DELIVERY IN PETROTECHNICAL AND CORPORATE FUNCTIONS. BEFORE CHEVRON, SHE WORKED AS A CONSULTANT WITH COMPUTER SCIENCE CORPORATION FOR EIGHT YEARS, SPECIALIZING IN COMPLEX IT SOLUTIONS, AND GAINED VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN IT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEM SUPPORT DURING HER DECADE AT ENRON CORP. ALAINA CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE LSU FOUNDATION NATIONAL BOARD AND THE DIVISION OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING BOARD, USING HER EXPERTISE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, GREGORY SMITH, ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT PHILANTHROPY, SUPPORTING THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION, LSU FOUNDATION, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE THROUGH MULTIPLE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS.

ABSTRACT

IN *FROM CAMPUS TO CORNER OFFICE: CAREER LESSONS FROM AN LSU TIGER*, A PROUD LSU ALUMNUS REFLECTS ON A DYNAMIC CAREER JOURNEY, SHARING VALUABLE INSIGHTS GAINED ALONG THE WAY. THIS SESSION WILL HIGHLIGHT KEY STRATEGIES FOR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS, INCLUDING EFFECTIVE TEAM COLLABORATION, BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH NETWORKING AND MENTORING, EMBRACING NEW CHALLENGES WITH A MINDSET OF LIFELONG LEARNING, MAINTAINING SELF-CARE FOR SUSTAINABLE ACHIEVEMENT, AND GIVING BACK TO SUPPORT FUTURE GENERATIONS. THROUGH PRACTICAL ADVICE AND PERSONAL ANECDOTES, THIS SESSION AIMS TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER THE NEXT WAVE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS TO NAVIGATE THEIR OWN CAREER PATHS WITH CONFIDENCE AND RESILIENCE.



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