CIPS Youth Engagement Strategy

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As we continue to advance the cause of IT professionalism in Canada and grow our organization, CIPS faces several organizational challenges. One of the most significant of those challenges is how to effectively engage Canada's youth and get them excited about a career in IT.

As a response to this challenge, the OEC asked me (Jay Payette) to create a strategy to help CIPS increase its exposure to and engagement of Canadian youth. That request began the process of creating what has become the Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) which is a plan to help ignite interest in CIPS and IT professionalism amongst high school students, IT students, young professionals and other target groups. At the core of the strategy is what I call the 4E approach: Engage, Enable, Educate, Enroll.

Using the 4E approach, I performed a study and compiled a list of recommendations classified as Critical, Recommended and Nice-to-Have. Currently, the OEC and the CCITP have decided to move forward implementing all the Critical and some Recommended items. To do this, I am leading up a mobilization program containing several projects. They include:

- Youth marketing review
- Website modernization
- Social Media strategy
- Campus speaking kits for members
- National campus operations system
- Proposal of a non-professional designation

Several of these projects are currently underway but we are...
always looking for help. If you are interested in learning more please feel free to contact me at jay.payette@accenture.com.

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I (Diane Brockman - JVS Toronto) work for an online mentoring project through JVS Toronto, a non-profit organization in Ontario that assists internationally trained individuals with employment needs. Our online mentoring program matches experienced people in various professions with newcomer professionals - we call them "mentees" - in the same or similar field. Our mentees have either been in Canada less than three years or they are in the latter stages of immigration but haven't arrived yet.

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Dr. Joseph Turner currently serves as Chair of the Seoul Accord, an international organization for the mutual recognition of accreditation agencies for computing programs. His current activities also include serving as a Vice-President and Chair of the Publications Committee of IFIP (International Federation for Information Processing), Chair of the Accreditation Council Training Committee for ABET (the US accrediting agency for programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology), and Team Chair for ABET computing accreditation evaluations. He has previously served as Vice-President of the ACM, President of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB), Chairman of the ACM Education Board, and as a member of the Boards of Directors of the Computing Research Association, the National Educational Computing Association, and the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors. He has served more than 20 times as a consultant and on evaluation teams for computer science programs at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels both for individual institutions and for state agencies, and has chaired more than 25 accreditation evaluation teams.

Dr. Elizabeth Hawthorne: Leading Top Educator, Professor, and Computing Professional; Chair ACM Two-year College Education Committee shares her valued insights into Security, the Semantic Web, education and online learning, skills and careers

Dr. Hawthorne is a Senior Professor of Computer Science at Union County College in Cranford, NJ and serves as Chair of the Association for Computing Machinery’s Two-Year College Education Committee (http://www.acmtyc.org). In her role as Chair of the ACM TYCEC, she also serves as the principal investigator for a National Science Foundation grant, Strategic Summit on the Computing Education Challenges facing America's Community Colleges. She is a member of several ACM Special Interest Groups including SIGCSE, SIGCAS, SIGITE, and SIGSAC as well as the IEEE Computer Society, where she is listed in the annual Women in Engineering Directory. Dr. Hawthorne writes a semi-annual column, Community College Corner, for ACM Inroads. She co-authored a white paper entitled, Cybersecurity Education in Community Colleges Across America: a Survey of Four Approaches by Five Institutions (2002) that is published in Protecting Information: The Role of Community Colleges in Cybersecurity Education, a joint workshop sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the American Association for Community Colleges. She has made numerous presentations at regional, national and international conferences; her research pursuits include the scholarship of teaching and learning in both the physical and virtual classrooms as well as creating online communities of practice for computing educators.

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