



we LEAD
COMPUTER SCIENCE
KY VIRTUAL CAREER ACADEMY

**TOGETHER, LET'S PREPARE
KENTUCKY'S NEXT GENERATION
OF TECH WORKERS**



Who we are

We Lead CS is Kentucky's virtual computer science career academy - making computer science education available to all students in grades 8-12. As a nationally recognized education and workforce training program, we're preparing students to be the most qualified entry level applicants for jobs in:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Computer Programming
- Cybersecurity
- Data Science (coming in 2026-27)
- Network Administration
- Network Security

We equip high school students with the tech skills employers tell us they need in their talent pipelines, ensure students have the employability skills to succeed in the workforce, and involve employers with their future employees in virtual job shadowing, mock job interviews, projects, and internships.

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Join the We Lead CS Employer Advisory Board

Kentucky employers, this is your chance to ensure our students come into the workforce with the skills you need! Join us for 5 virtual meetings to:

- Align We Lead CS curriculum to the skills you need in your talent pipeline.
- Design paid, virtual work experiences for Kentucky students.
- Offer input on our pilot Intro to AI course as we work to ensure all Kentucky students are ready for the future.

Let's schedule a quick call to explore how you or your team can make a lasting impact.

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BE A PART OF A PROGRAM THAT WORKS!

Employers are impressed

Who can serve on the Employer

Advisory Board?

- Experienced leaders in our focus areas who can guide strategy and mentor the next wave of tech professionals.
- Hiring managers who know what skills and qualities make candidates stand out.
- Influencers and connectors in companies passionate about growing the tech workforce.
- Recent graduates/hires who can share their early career perspectives.

Why join us?

- Connect with motivated, career-ready students eager to learn and get a leg-up on recruiting entry-level talent.
- Inspire the next generation of tech professionals.
- Shape Kentucky's talent pipeline with your expertise.
- Boost your visibility as a leader in workforce development.

What is the time commitment?

- Five two-hour meetings
- **December 5, 2025** - 9 am EST
- **February 14, 2026** - 10 am EST
Yes, this is a Saturday! WLCS invites you to be our guest (we'll pay your travel expenses) at the INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati's Tech Olympics - one of the nation's premier events connecting high school students and tech employers we want to replicate in Kentucky. There will be an opportunity to participate virtually for those who don't want to travel.
- **April 17, 2026** - 9 am EST
- **September 18, 2026** - 9 am EST
- **November 13, 2026** - 9 am EST



Susan Mattes

Data Quality & Operations
Senior IT Manager
P&G Global Business Services

"A We Lead CS student joined my team... She demonstrated exceptional technical aptitude, genuine curiosity, and her analytical mindset exceeded my expectations. She quickly mastered complex data scenarios, supporting tools, the challenges of remote communication and collaboration, and delivered high-quality work with minimal oversight."



Chris Schmidt

VP Group Manager
Fifth Third
Co-chair, INTERalliance

"As an employer, I have found We Lead CS students will impress you and it's not uncommon for them to deliver more than your college interns."