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IDEA Team Hosting Women in Technology Panel

In an ever-evolving world, technology-based jobs are more abundant and crucial than ever.

Once thought of as masculine careers, tech jobs are providing fulfilling opportunities for women more than any other time in history.

Cranberry's Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Advisory (IDEA) Team will host a panel discussion on Women in Technology at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 22 in Grange Hall at the Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Road.

This free, facilitated discussion will showcase women of diverse ages, backgrounds, and careers who engage in and contribute to the technology field. Held in conjunction with Women's History Month, the event aims to expand the "pipeline" of women in tech by showcasing stories of success.

Panelists scheduled include:

- Kiran Cherlakola, a registered pharmacist with a master's degree in computer science
- Jordan Fisher, an Associate Software Engineer at Giant Eagle Inc. and senior studying Computer Science at Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Michelle Hapich, a retired math and Computer Science teacher from Ambridge Area High School currently working in data analytics and software development in a hybrid environment
- Kelsie McElroy, a Seneca Valley High School graduate and Computer Science major at Penn State, currently working for Google as a Product Manager for the Ads Safety team
- Mary Frances Reutzel, manager of the Cranberry Library Makerspace
- Rose Smith, a Consultant Technology Analyst with Nationwide's Pet Insurance business unit with 35 years of experience in varying computer science disciplines
- Sylena Smith, a Senior Nuclear Engineer with Westinghouse Electric Company with a Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering, a bachelor of science in chemical and biomolecular engineering, and an associate of science

The panel will be facilitated by Carlen Blackstone, a lifelong educator and advocate of computer science education.

Registration is required at cranberrytownship.org/idea.