**Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2024: Secure Our World!**

**Welcome to Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2024!**Each October, we come together as a community to strengthen our online practices and guard against digital threats. Launched in 2004 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance, this month-long initiative encourages individuals and organizations to enhance their cybersecurity skills and awareness.

This year’s theme, *“*Secure Our World,” focuses on practical, everyday steps you can take to safeguard your devices, recognize phishing attempts, and cultivate strong digital habits. At Cal Poly Humboldt, we’ve curated a series of engaging activities, challenges, and presentations with the chance to win prizes generously donated by Cal Poly Humboldt Dining!

Whether you’re a student, faculty, or staff member, we invite you to participate and elevate your cybersecurity knowledge. By joining in, you’re not only protecting your own digital assets—you’re contributing to the security of our entire campus. And, of course, there are exciting prizes to be won!

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**Webinars & Events: Let’s Get Cyber-Ready!**

**Eric Escobar | Dell SecureWorks: Securing Your Future**

**Date:** October 7th | 11:00am
Join cybersecurity expert Eric Escobar from Dell SecureWorks as he shares strategies for protecting your organization and digital life. Register here.

**InfraGard | Rick McElroy | Cybersecurity Strategies from VMware**

**Date:** October 8th | 11:00am
Rick McElroy, Principal Cybersecurity Strategist at VMware, will offer critical insights into safeguarding your infrastructure from cyber threats. Register [here].

**SDSU Faculty | Lance Larson | Homeland Security & Cybersecurity**

**Date:** October 15th | 1:00pm
Lance Larson, Co-Director of SDSU’s Graduate Program in Homeland Security, will discuss the crucial overlap between homeland security and cybersecurity. Register [here].

**FBI | Internships & Careers**

**Date:** October 16th | 1:00pm
Learn about internships and career opportunities with the FBI. Meet L.A. County FBI agents and discover pathways into cybersecurity careers. Get more information [here].

**Capstone Project: Security Awareness**

**Date:** October 16th | 2:00pm
Industry experts, including Dr. James Stanger (CompTIA) and Gary Landau (Unisys), will discuss elevating student security awareness. Learn more [here].

**AI & Information Security with IBM**

**Date:** October 16th | 3:00pm
IBM will host a session on the future of AI and information security. Learn where the industry is headed from one of the leaders in tech. Find out more [here].

**Stay Safe Online**

**Date:** October 18th | 3:00pm
Edward Ho (Cal State LA ISO) will share simple, actionable tips to stay safe while navigating the internet. Register [here] and stay ahead of cyber threats.

**SJSU Hackathon**

**Date:** October 25th | 10:00am - 2:00pm
**Location:** Virtual (In-person options TBD)
Test your cybersecurity skills in this team-based hackathon, hosted by SJSU IT and the SJSU Cyber Intelligence and Security Club. Open to all CSU students. Sign up [here].

**Additional Resources: Cybersecurity at Your Fingertips**

* Watch CISA’s [“Secure Our World” video series](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4E6a-8HuccA&list=PL-BF3N9rHBLJjjiMk-sjhfoRZObMhBNYr) for expert advice.
* Stay informed with the latest cybersecurity tips from the [SANS OUCH! Newsletter](https://www.sans.org/newsletters/ouch/).

For more information on how to get involved and stay secure, visit [Your Digital Life at Humboldt](https://its.humboldt.edu/security). Let’s make October a month of learning, safety, and fun!