[ANNOUNCEMENTS]: Come get your CHI Play tickets

[EVENTS]: 1. GI Town Hall!!
2. Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education

This week's Side Quest includes prizes! A Xbox Game Pass is up for grabs. If you want it, here's how you can enter for a chance to win:

• Send an email to Agata (ajantkiewicz@uwaterloo.ca) or DM her in Slack/Discord/Teams and - in 50 words or less - describe what Agata does in her job. If you need a hint, her very long, fancy title has her as Associate Director, Strategic Planning and Administration. Submissions with made up job responsibilities will be accepted; humour is encouraged!
• Agata will VeRy subjectively choose her favourite submission and award the prize.
• Deadline Oct. 10.

[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

1. With the start of the new term, members of the University community are noticing a marked increase in...
targeted spear phishing attempts, seemingly from individuals within the University. In order to help protect yourself and the University:

- Don’t rush through your emails - check for spelling, grammar, and tonal flags that could indicate a fraudulent sender.
- Take your time and look at the real/underlying URL by hovering over the hyperlink before clicking on anything.
- Enable **2-Factor Authentication** on your accounts (if you haven’t already) to protect your own account from being compromised and used to phish others. [Note: This will be mandatory come November so don’t wait!]

If it looks suspicious....

- Do not open any attachments or click on any links.
- Do not respond.
- Suspected spear phishing attempts should be forwarded as an attachment to the Security Operations Centre at soc@uwaterloo.ca.

Questions or concerns?

- Contact the IST Service Desk, helpdesk@uwaterloo.ca or ext. 44357.
- Learn more about spear phishing and cyber security best practices:
  - [https://uwaterloo.ca/cyber-awareness/](https://uwaterloo.ca/cyber-awareness/)

**[EVENTS]**

**GI Events**

**GI Virtual Town Hall - Tomorrow, Tuesday October 05th**

- The meeting link is: [https://uwaterloo.webex.com/uwaterloo/j.php?MTID=m6468462c6c90c476e51d3cab14917379](https://uwaterloo.webex.com/uwaterloo/j.php?MTID=m6468462c6c90c476e51d3cab14917379)
  - Password is: scrabble

- **For GI students**: Please consider the Town Hall mandatory.
- **GI faculty**: Please attend the Town Hall and encourage your students to do so as well.
- If you cannot attend the Town Hall due to a teaching our class conflict, please email Grace Van Dam at games.institute@uwaterloo.ca

**GI SavePoint Socials**

1. First "Coffee N' Chill" of the term | WEDNESDAY, October 07th @9am | Discord

**UW Events**

**Cryptography, Security, and Privacy (CrySP) Speaker Series on Privacy**

*Zoom event on Tuesday, October 6th @1:30PM EDT/EST*

- In her recent best-selling book Algorithms of Oppression, Dr. Safiya Noble challenges the idea that “Big Tech” offers an equal playing field for all forms of ideas, identities, and activities.
- Her work argues that the combination of private interests, along with the monopoly status of a relatively small number of internet companies, leads to a limited understanding of how racism is created, maintained, and disseminated in
everyday digital engagements.

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<td>Monday October 19th - Tuesday October 20th, @11am EDT/EST</td>
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<td>• Building on the discussion at <a href="#">last year’s Summit</a>, the 2020 Summit will be <a href="#">hosted virtually by the University of Wisconsin System</a> and will serve as an opportunity to gather evidence-based information, engage in a dialogue, and gain diverse perspectives on how to effectively combat sexual harassment.</td>
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<td>• This day-and-a-half event will feature a combination of panel discussions, expert presentations, and a poster session through which attendees can share research and novel ideas and practices currently being explored or implemented.</td>
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Not yet a member? Join our Discord here and start your social adventure with us today!

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<td>So if you were around in the summer, you may remember us kicking off a little contest called “Virtually There” (you can check out this <a href="#">PDF for details</a>). We even extended it through the end of August...but what happened next?</td>
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<td>Well, in short, life! Things around here (and probably for you) got pretty crazy leading into the Fall term, and regretfully, the contest was overlooked in favour of more pressing tasks. However, we’re back and so is the contest.</td>
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<td><strong>A big thank you</strong> to everyone who submitted on time for the original date! You’ll be receiving an “earlybird” prize for your dedication within the coming weeks. We have not forgotten you! All original submissions will also be included in the larger pool of prizes when the contest is over. The contest then will be extending through the end of the Fall semester. Keep an eye out in next week’s WH@Gl email, alongside Discord&amp;Slack for further details. The rules remain the same, but the dates will be updated.</td>
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<td>The legacy of the traditional GI social “Coffee&amp;Toast” returns once again this semester in its digital format on Discord! Wednesday mornings join us over in “The Save Point 🛒” voice at 9am EDT/EST to 10am to touch base, take pause, and hang out with your fellow GI members. Webcams not required, hot beverages encouraged, and PJs are likely.</td>
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<td>We’re also instituting bi-weekly gaming sessions on Friday afternoons starting at 4pm. Want to play <a href="#">Overwatch</a> or <a href="#">Among Us</a> with some GI folks or encourage people to try out some fun multiplayer game you’re obsessed with? Want to do a D&amp;D one-shot and want a time to organize around? This slot is very open ended so we welcome all kinds of participation. Multiple games and groups can use the same time slot, the point is simply to have a time already set up. You know that thing we always do when we say “Hey we should get coffee sometime” but it never happens because you never set a time? Well, it’s time to game, and it’s every other week at 4pm.</td>
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<td>We encourage members to continue in the channel if they wish to blow off steam and roll into a virtual pub crawl on Fridays as well, should the vibe strike 🥃.</td>
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