

CAV Talent Catalyst Pilot Program

Success Story: Bren-Gelyn Padlan

The Story

Bren-Gelyn Padlan was an attendee to the CAV Talent Catalyst Pilot Program as a participant in the program. It was because of the opportunities the program offered to learn breakthrough technology, while learning from the best and brightest minds, that Bren-Gelyn decided to join the program.

Bren-Gelyn is a third-year Computer Systems Engineering student at Carleton University who immigrated to Ottawa from the Philippines in 2017. She looks for qualities that will give her an edge over the competition and prepare her for her career. Bren-Gelyn plans to work full time once she completes her undergraduate degree at university then explore her options for post-secondary education as she works full time.

The Obstacle

Being a student at Carleton University and focusing on her studies, Bren-Gelyn had limited opportunities to learn more about self-driving cars or to learn more about the industry, and felt her options were limited. Having a place where she could learn from the experts appealed to her and she wanted to pursue the subject further.



As Bren-Gelyn noticed when she attended the workshop in person, she saw that she was the only woman in the room. She wants to help change that and be a role model to others that will come after her.

The Solution

Since attending the CAV program, Bren-Gelyn has joined many clubs that touch on the field of self-driving cars to learn as much as possible on the subject. The program really triggered her enthusiasm for the industry, and she will use the additional resources such as research papers that were presented to her during the training to boost her knowledge.

As women are underrepresented in the field, Bren-Gelyn feels motivated to earn her spot in the field.



Through programs such as the CAV Talent program she feels it helps her earn a competitive edge and it will help her successfully gain employment. She will use the contacts that she made from the program when it is time to job search.

The Update & the Future

Bren-Gelyn's next steps in her career are to dive in and take advantage of any future opportunities that come her way. When she completes the Computer Systems Engineering program, she plans to find a job in a company where she loves to work and create new technology that will advance the world with innovation and technology.

Testimonial



“The CAV Talent Catalyst Pilot Program gave me the opportunity to learn in an environment outside of the classroom about the concepts regarding Adaptive Cruise Controls, V2X Communications, Localization, and many more. Participating in this program also allowed me to network with other people and gain valuable insights into what to expect in this type of industry. I would definitely recommend this program to students like me.” - Bren-Gelyn Padlan

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