

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **U.S. News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference to Host “Cyber Security is STEM” Lunch Panel** *DHS Cyber Security Education Chief and Cyber Security Leaders to Accelerate Cyber Security STEM Education in Schools*

Washington, D.C.—U.S. News STEM Solutions announced today the “Cyber Security is STEM” session preceding the 2014 U.S. News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference. Cyber Security leaders from industry will join Robin “Montana” Williams, the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Branch Chief of National Cybersecurity Education & Awareness, on Wednesday, April 23 for an invitation only lunch panel to brief educators on the nation’s cyber security education strategy. Panelists will discuss how cyber security is playing a key role in advancing America’s STEM mission and inspiring students to pursue cutting edge careers.

“Cyber security is growing at an unprecedented pace and involves some of the most modern uses of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It touches almost every part of our lives, from tracking down computer hackers that try to steal identities, protecting health care records, to biometrics on our smartphones,” remarked Williams. “The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) provides our education system a strong tool for our nation’s educators to partner with industry.”

Leading companies are taking an active role to inspire millions of students around cyber security. BAE Systems is launching the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) LifeJourney where students can test drive their future as a CTO. “Students become part of my Cyber Technology team at BAE and help solve cyber security challenges,” said Peder Jungck, CTO with BAE Systems. “Students can now connect what they learn in the classroom with what we do in the industry.”

CompTIA is also playing a key role in cyber security education with their CompTIA certifications. Steve Morrill, Director of Technology at Loyola Blakefield High School in Baltimore commented: “Two years ago our students were unaware of the career opportunities in cyber security and STEM. In the last year our students developed a real passion for their future in STEM, earned CompTIA certifications and won

global cyber competitions accelerating their desire for computer science, math and analytics. Cyber security is one of the most popular team sports on campus. Even more important is that our students are securing internships with leading companies and are inspiring their classmates to pursue cyber security.”

Rick Geritz, CEO of LifeJourney, will moderate a session on how schools are providing their students the skills and capabilities to take advantage of this rapidly growing STEM market.

For more information on the “Cyber Security is STEM” luncheon, email us at [kevin@lifejourney.us](mailto:kevin@lifejourney.us) or [claudia@usnewsstemsolutions.com](mailto:claudia@usnewsstemsolutions.com).

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**U.S. News STEM Solutions**—The National Leadership Conference is a mission-critical event focused on the shortage of science, technology, engineering and math skills in the American workforce. Produced by U.S. News & World Report, it brings the issue onto the national stage and assembles major corporations, leading educators, top policymakers and education technology companies in order to create the collective impact needed to fill jobs now and advance the future STEM workforce. In 2014, the conference is held April 23 – 25, 2014 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the USA Science and Engineering Festival. [www.usnewsstemsolutions.com](http://www.usnewsstemsolutions.com).

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