

# Virtual Symposium on Digital Technology Careers

Houston, TX



June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> | 9:00am – 12pm CST

Join the City of Houston and Microsoft for a live two-day training event focused on skills needed for the future of work!

## Multi-Session Virtual Event for the Houston Region

Participants engage in a series of iterative sessions designed to familiarize them with the Microsoft FAST program and provide general information relating to digital technology careers and the skills required in various industries.

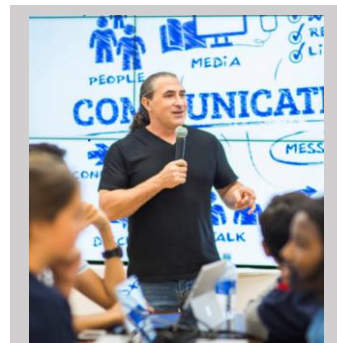
[High-level overview of digital technology careers](#), helps students explore professional opportunities in industry and higher education in emerging technologies.

[Discussion of cutting-edge emerging technologies](#) offers students a roadmap for navigating education and career decisions and provides context for the role that technologies such as artificial intelligence, data science, mediated reality, autonomous systems, and robotics will play in the future of industry and society.

[Introduction to online learning and virtual collaboration](#) provides students insights into the future of education and professional skilling, and prepares them to engage in the program offerings and courses of Microsoft FAST.

[Register](#) today and hold your slot for the Virtual Symposium on Digital Technology Careers!

## Featured Instructor



Dr. Cesare Wright holds undergraduate degrees from Rice University and completed his graduate education at University of Rochester and University of Southern California. He returned to Rice to serve for 7 years as a lecturer in the George R. Brown School of Engineering and the Leadership & Outreach Specialist for the Rice Center for Engineering Leadership (RCEL).



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## Day 1 - June 22nd

### Welcome to Microsoft FAST

This plenary session will introduce students to the Microsoft FAST program, and provide information regarding the program outcomes, registration process, courses and content, and the path to completion/certification.

### Introduction to Online Learning and Virtual Collaboration

In this session, students will be introduced to key concepts and tools for online learning and virtual collaboration, including Zoom, LinkedIn Learning, Teams, Google Classroom, and other industry standard support platforms.

### Post-COVID Career Opportunities in Digital Technology w/ Q&A

Students will gain insight into the types of job and career opportunities that will emerge over the next few years. We will discuss the technical and professional skills necessary to secure these positions, as well as differentiating factors that will help applicants to compete more effectively in the job market.

## Day 2 - June 23rd

### Survey of Emerging Technologies in Industry and Society

Students will explore a variety of exciting emerging technologies that are redefining how we think, interact, and engage with the world around us. The session is designed to provide students an overview of areas of prospective interest for future career paths in digital technology and related fields.

### Panel Discussion - Pathways to Industry and Higher Education

Panelists from industry will field questions and outline next steps necessary for preparing for careers in technology, including skills development, education requirements, work experience, professional networking, and overall personal development. The session will also cover the process for applying to four-year degree programs and graduate school. Students will be challenged to reflect on their life goals and to consider which of these pathways may best position them for success.

Monday, June 22, 2020

#### Day 1

- 9:00 AM Welcome to Microsoft FAST  
*Keynote Speaker:*  
*Jacky Wright, Chief Digital Officer,*  
*Microsoft*
- 9:30 AM Intro to Online Learning and  
Virtual Collaboration
- 10:30 AM Brief Intermission | Open Q&A
- 10:40 AM Post-COVID Career Opportunities in  
Digital Technology w/Q&A
- 12:00 PM Close

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

#### Day 2

- 9:00 AM Survey of Emerging Technologies in  
Industry and Society
- 10:30 AM Brief Intermission | Open Q&A
- 10:40 AM Panel Discussion- Pathways to Industry  
and Higher Education
- 12:00 PM Close

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