**How The Speed Meet and Greet works!**

The Computer Science Co-op Program is pleased to host, in conjunction with our business guests, our eight annual Speed Meet and Greet. This event will provide you with the opportunity to enhance your understanding of the participating organizations and the larger Manitoba marketplace! Last year we hosted fifteen employers and expect the same success rate to continue this year.

Based on the premise of “speed dating,” business guests from different organizations will host a table and provide an overview of their company, discussing career paths and opportunities in a concise and focussed format.

* Each participating organization will have a designated, clearly identifiable table. The representative(s) will remain seated at the same table throughout the event. **You will move**.
* Tables seat up to six students, and one or two representatives from the organization.
* Each session will last twelve minutes after which time you will be given one minute to move to another table. You will have a chance to talk in greater detail to the representatives during the reception. The idea is to maximize your exposure to the organizations - NETWORK!!!
* During the twelve minutes, the representatives will provide a brief overview of their organization, mandate or mission, scope and size, services or products and insight into the different career opportunities available.
* **Students are encouraged to ask questions**. Do your research. Make a plan for the evening!
* **All students MUST bring personal cards** that will serve the same purpose as a business card. Your personal card should include your name, degree information, specializations if any, email and telephone number, and if you have a LinkedIn account – your LinkedIn URL. When you’re talking to employers this is what you will present to them that will remind them of your interaction when selecting students for interviews.
* **Attire for the Speed Meet and Greet event is business casual –** no runners, jeans or hoodies are allowed. You are making a first impression and your presentation is a big part of that.

**Have fun!** This is a chance for you to interact with a wide variety of ICT professionals, to learn about new opportunities, and to meet potential mentors who want to share their insights and experiences!

**We are excited about hosting this event and hope you will take advantage of the opportunity!**