



Alumni Newsletter January 2019

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What is this?

Hello Alumni! After seeing a couple of you at Shmoocon we realized just how much we miss you and how grateful we are to have you be a part of our community. To keep you involved in everything we are doing we will be releasing a monthly newsletter. This newsletter will contain some of the many things RITSEC took part in the previous month and what we are planning to do in the month to come.

ShmooCon

We are proud to announce that over 30 current RIT students attended ShmooCon 2019. Every member who wanted to attend recieved a ticket from either Shmooze-a-Student or our ticket sharing system.

It was a big year for RIT (as it always is). Two current students were in the opening ceremony in Shmooze-a-student pictures. Alumnus Jared Stroud presented "Weapons of Text Destruction". Finally, for the second time in a row, SPARSA won Hack Fortress!

The RIT Computing Security Alumni Networking Reception was a huge it with over 100 attendees. We had a great time listening to Robert Seacord (NCC Group) and Jack McKenna (RITSEC Secretary) present as we drank our \$14 beverages. A big thanks to Zack Allen and RIT Alumni Relations for organizing the event. Special thank you to SPARSA and the CSEC Department for pitching in too. Although we had a few hiccups getting home due to the beautiful Rochester weather, every RIT student made it back safe. We love seeing you all every year and the sense of camaraderie ShmooCon bring to the RIT security community.

Meetings

Our first meeting was ShmooCon. About 1500 people attended, it was crazy. RITSEC kicked off the semester with Web Week presented by Ohan Fillbach. Our research presentations were Introduction to NGINX Modules - Nicholas O'Brien, CVE-2016-6366 - Joe Graham, Shmoocon - Ian Furr, and Applying Everywhere - Russell Babarsky. All can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfakBry_pXOvaPrWVr1SH-Q

February

Next month we are looking forward to hosting our first ever Hacker-thon! We will be writing security software for 24-hours in the labs. ISTS will occur on February 22-24th.