

TECH SEMINAR AGENDA

October 10th

Colab (OCB 100)

9 AM-10 AM

Industry Professionals Panel

Panelists: *(see Panelist Bios sheet)*

- Tristan Curtin, DataBank
- David Kramer, Quest Diagnostics
- Ali Ertl, Inceed
- Xander Hacking, FlipSwitch VR

10 AM-11 AM

Networking with Professionals

- Ask questions and get to know more about the panelists and how they navigated their career paths.

11 AM – 12 PM

Career Prep Stations

Sharpen your professional skills at one or all of our career prep stations!

Stations:

- Resume Reviews & Tips
- Interviewing Prep
- Building Your Professional Network

PANELIST BIOS

Xander Hacking

My name is Xander Hacking, and I am currently the Store Manager at FlipSwitch VR. FlipSwitch VR funds Lynx XR Studios, which is where I gained hands-on experience in developing free-roam VR arcade games. Through that opportunity, I learned how to design engaging and entertaining gameplay experience. I am currently working on an educational VR chess game and an in-house free roam VR escape game called "Skeleton Crew: Escaping Davy Jones" where a group of pirates must escape Davy Jones's Locker. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/xander-hacking/>

Tristan Curtin

My name is Tristan Curtin and I'm currently a Data Center Manager for Databank - a colocation provider that is nation-wide. I have been working in the Data Center industry for over 10 years and tangentially for 20 years. I graduated from JCCC. My job is a bit of people management, computer management, and facilities management. We call this the "4-walls" principal. I have interviewed many people in my career and I hope to be helpful to you during the panel and workshop. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tristan-curtin/>

David Kramer

My name is David Kramer and I'm currently the Executive Director of Software Engineering – Corporate & Commercial Solutions at Quest Diagnostics. Currently I lead a team of technology professionals responsible for application design, development and support of a portfolio of technology solutions serving our employees, clients and patients. I have held multiple technology leadership positions over the last 20 years, working for companies such as Intrepid Direct Insurance, Berkley Select and Berkley Technology Services. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dkramer1/>

Ali Ertl

My name is Ali Ertl, and I'm an Account Manager at Inceed, a consulting and placement firm focused on business, accounting, and technical talent. I've been in staffing for 4+ years, starting as a technical recruiter, then moving into account management, where I now serve as the bridge between organizations and the talent they need. I'm passionate about being the "who you know" for hard-working candidates who may not otherwise have the right foot in the door. I moved to KC several years ago to help grow our office as it transitioned from an emerging to an established market. In that time, I've strengthened client relationships, and mentored recruiters to expand our reach and impact. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/althea-ertl/>