

Candidate Statement for Alamo ISSA Officer Board Member

Board Position: Mentorship Program Director

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Current Job Title/ Description: Senior Information Security Analyst at H-E-B

I lead the Security Awareness Program at H-E-B, managing the security trainings, communications, simulated phishing, and other awareness campaigns and events.

Bio Description (Experience: ISSA/InfoSec/Other organizations):

I have bachelor's degrees in information systems and cybersecurity from UTSA and have experience in IT and cybersecurity roles since 2016 at Marathon Petroleum and am currently a Senior Information Security Analyst at H-E-B leading their Security Awareness Program. I am also working toward a master's degree in information technology, with a concentration in cybersecurity, where I am also the Marketing Coordinator for the UTSA chapter of Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS).

Statement of Interest:

I am interested in developing a mentorship program that will bring together individuals early in their careers and experienced professionals who can offer valuable expertise and insights into the field, guidance, and professional growth and development, to shape the next generation of cybersecurity professionals in San Antonio.

Goals if elected to position:

My goals if elected will be to begin developing the first instance of the Alamo ISSA mentorship program, which includes:

- Define mentorship program objectives and expectations, such as the goals, roles and responsibilities or participants, time commitment, frequency of communication, length of the program, measurements for success, etc.
- Recruit potential mentors and mentees within our Alamo ISSA membership
- Match mentors and mentees based on goals and interests
- Follow up with mentors and mentees to monitor the program and address questions or issues
- Improve and grow the program for future iterations of the program