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CONFERENCES! CONFERENCES!

This past month, **Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT)** held **their 10th Annual Tech Trek in Silicon Valley** for their Technology fellows in the Career Prep Class of '26. Vassar students attended among the top 15 schools represented across nearly 650 fellows in the Class of '26.

At this conference, Black/Latine/Indigenous students in tech from around the country were able to attend panels, network directly with partner companies and other fellows, and even visit the HQs of industry leaders such as **Netflix, LinkedIn, Apple, and Deloitte**, right in San Francisco!

This past month, students and faculty attended the **ACM New York Celebration of Women in Computing (NYCWiC)** at Lake George!

There were career-building workshops, research talks from several women in the industry, a talk moderated by our own Professor Anna Gommerstadt, and even the **VP of IBM Z** was there to present.

In showcasing their ASL Dictionary App, developed during CMPU-203 this past fall, **Elta Barjami '26** and **Becca Bogstad '26** *won the People's Choice Award for Best Poster* at the conference!

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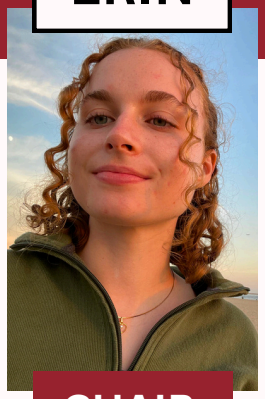

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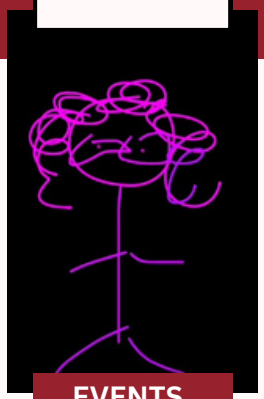

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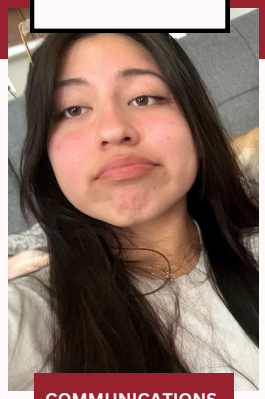

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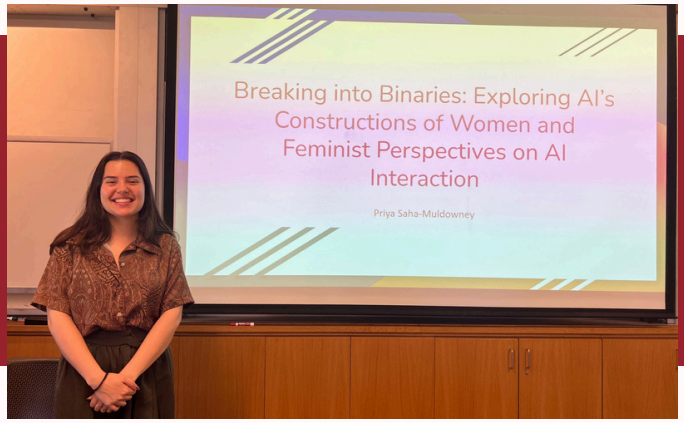

CONGRATULATIONS PRIYA!

This past Wednesday, **Priya Muldowney '24** presented their thesis **"Breaking into Binaries: Exploring AI's Constructions of Women and Feminist Perspectives on AI Interaction"**. With students and faculty alike in attendance, Priya delved into the entrenched gender biases within AI models, highlighting how biased datasets perpetuate harmful conceptualizations of gender. Congratulations to Priya on a successful presentation!

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THANK YOU PRAIRIE!

After two years as an Assistant Professor, **Professor Prairie Rose Goodwin** will be leaving Vassar, and will be teaching at UNC at Chapel Hill beginning next semester. We want to thank Professor Goodwin for her work over these past years, her commitment to bettering the Computer Science department, fostering a sense of community among the students and faculty, and for her willingness outside of the classroom to help students develop both academically and professionally. Her departure leaves a hole in the department for sure, but we know UNC will be so lucky to have her. Best of luck Professor Prairie!

With this issue, we mark the last edition of the GREP News for this academic year (and the last one from our Spring Communications Director Pablo), a moment that can be bittersweet for us all.

In looking back on the year, we've seen the department grow in numbers and community, with new majors and faculty too. We hosted a holiday party, a pre-registration event, a student internship panel, and the end-of-year picnic which were all amazing with great turnouts and host to great moments. We now support a chapter of a national organization in ColorStack for our underrepresented students. In total, our department now serves over 150 majors, in addition to our number of correlates, which will only continue to grow! As well, we say goodbye to around 40 Computer Science Majors in the Senior Class, including two from our beloved CSMC in Sarah and Abby, all of whom we know will go onto amazing ventures, where they will continue to be leaders and innovate beyond what we can even imagine at this point.

Here's to a successful week of finals and a well-deserved break, and a restful and positive summer for you all!

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BONUS PAGES! VASSAR AT SF

From Top to Bottom, Left to Right:

Ashley Brea ‘26 and Edder Hernandez Gomez ‘26 at Apple HQ in Cupertino, CA

Dafne Arreola ‘26 at Netflix HQ in Los Gatos, CA

Fernando Panepinto Hattori ‘26 at Deloitte HQ in San Francisco, CA

Samuel Rebuelta Sanchez ‘26 and Chase Marangu ‘26 at LinkedIn HQ in Sunnyvale, CA

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