



# #CyberTalentNow

Training Sprint for Maryland IT Professionals

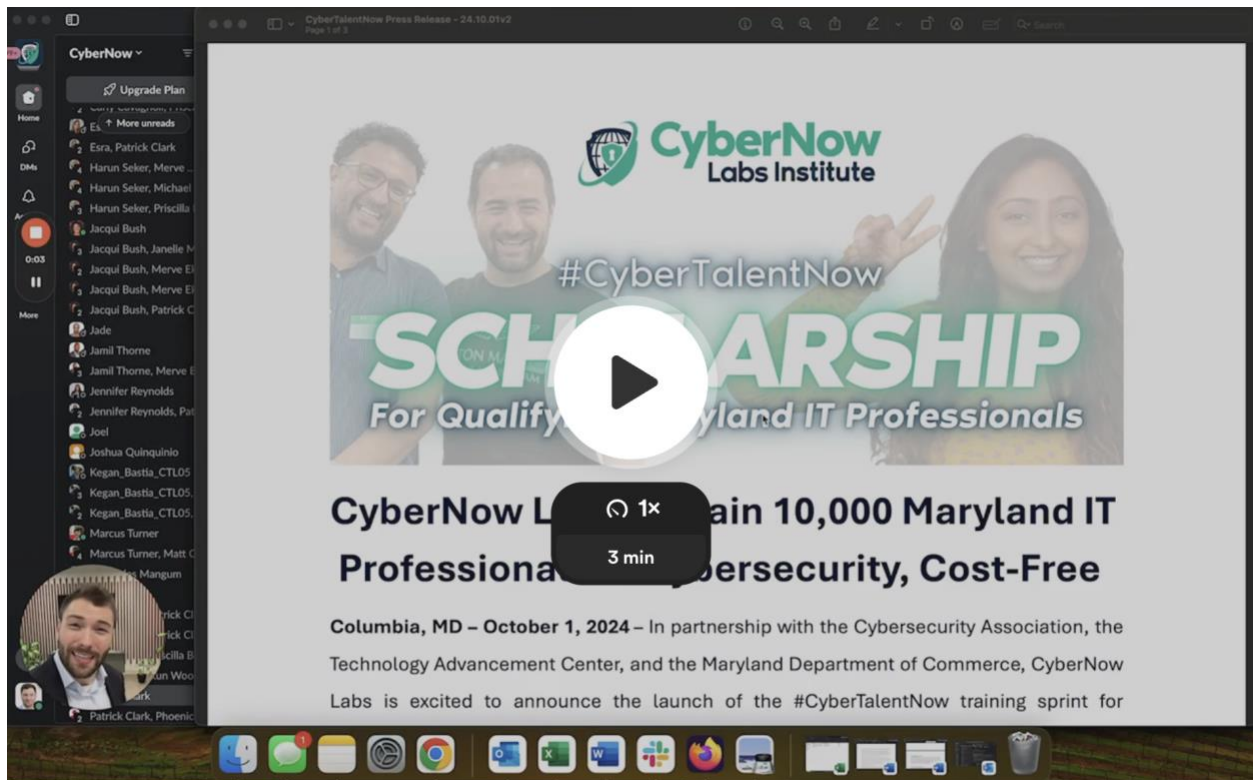


## CyberNow Labs to Train 10,000 Maryland IT Professionals in Cybersecurity, Cost-Free

**Columbia, MD – October 7, 2024** – In partnership with the [Maryland Department of Commerce](#), the [Cybersecurity Association](#), the [Technology Advancement Center](#), the [Maryland Tech Council](#), the [National Cryptologic Foundation](#), and many more -- CyberNow Labs launches **#CyberTalentNow**, a first of its kind security training sprint for Maryland cyber workforce development.

During CyberSecurity Awareness Month, the first 10,000 [qualifying Maryland IT Professionals](#) can enroll for cost-free training into one of CyberNow Labs' live online CompTIA Security+ certification preparation programs, an 8-week course starting the first Monday of each month beginning in November. Live instructor-led sessions will be conducted Monday – Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 PM EDT. Virtual and in-person networking events will be organized throughout the program to facilitate professional networking opportunities.

[CyberNow Labs' President, Gabe Schrade](#) emphasizes that #CyberTalentNow is more than just a security training course. *"Training and networking 10,000 around the Security+ certification is a catalyst to organize collaboration between Maryland IT Professionals, industry, and government on something everyone understands and values. IT Professionals want it, industry wants it, government wants it, so CyberNow Labs will deliver it."*



*CyberNow Labs President, Gabe Schrade overviews the #CyberTalentNow initiative from CyberNow Labs' headquarters, in Virginia*

*"Cybersecurity is one of Maryland's most powerful industry sectors, as well as one with incredible potential for growth. Increasing our cyber workforce is an essential step to harnessing that potential for transformative economic expansion," said [Maryland Commerce Secretary Kevin Anderson](#). "Maryland Commerce applauds CyberNow Labs for spearheading this initiative, which will provide comprehensive, hands-on, authentic cyber training to professionals across the state."*

*[Tasha Cornish, Executive Director of Cybersecurity Association](#), highlights that beneficiaries of the initiative extend beyond the individual. "Obtaining a Security+ certification is not just an individual achievement; it's a strategic advantage for companies in today's competitive landscape. With many private and government organizations now requiring this credential, professionals who pursue Security+ training are not only boosting their skills but also establishing themselves as leaders among top talent. This investment in professional development translates to a stronger, more competitive workforce, ready to tackle the challenges of cybersecurity head-on."*

*"The #CyberTalentNow initiative underscores the growing demand for skilled professionals who can safeguard our digital infrastructure," said [Kelly Schulz, Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Tech Council](#). "By providing Maryland's IT professionals with cost-free access to critical training, we're not only enhancing their career prospects but meeting industry demand for cyber talent and fortifying technology infrastructure in an increasingly complex threat landscape."*

*[Philip Niedermair, Chair of the Board of Advisors for the Technology Advancement Center](#), stressed the high stakes of national cyber workforce development: "We need to make a fundamental shift in our approach to training for cyber - we must provide inspiration and easy access to low cost, high-quality, hands-on cyber training to meet the nation's national security needs in cyber!"*

CyberNow Labs welcomes additional partners to maximize the reach and results of cyber workforce development projects in Maryland and beyond.

**Maryland IT Professionals may apply at [cybernowlabs.com/cybertalentnow](https://cybernowlabs.com/cybertalentnow).**

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### **About CyberNow Labs Institute**

Since 2018, CyberNow Labs has provided hands-on security and incident response training for thousands of current-day security professionals working in over 200 companies nationwide. Organizations span industries and include 39 from the Fortune 500, such as, AT&T, Wells Fargo, Oracle, Deloitte, and RTX. CyberNow Labs is headquartered in Sterling, Virginia. More information can be found at [cybernowlabs.com](https://cybernowlabs.com).

### **About the Maryland Department of Commerce**

The Maryland Department of Commerce plays a pivotal role in promoting the state's economic development. With a focus on creating jobs and fostering business growth, the department offers resources, support, and guidance to businesses in various industries. It is committed to enhancing Maryland's competitiveness and quality of life through strategic investments and initiatives. Learn more at [commerce.maryland.gov](https://commerce.maryland.gov).

### **About the Cybersecurity Association**

The Cybersecurity Association is dedicated to advancing the cybersecurity industry in the Mid-Atlantic and nationally. By connecting businesses, professionals, and resources, the Cyber Association fosters collaboration and innovation, provides educational opportunities, advocacy, and support across the cybersecurity landscape. More information is available at [mdcyber.com](https://mdcyber.com).

### **About the Technology Advancement Center**

The Technology Advancement Center (TAC) is committed to fostering innovation and growth in technology sectors. TAC provides resources and support for businesses and professionals to enhance their skills and drive technological advancements. Through partnerships and programs, TAC aims to cultivate a thriving tech ecosystem that addresses current and future challenges. For more details, visit [thetac.tech](https://thetac.tech).

### **About the Maryland Tech Council**

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) is a collaborative community that is actively engaged in building strong technology and life science industries by supporting the efforts of our individual members. We are the largest technology and life sciences trade association in the state of Maryland, and we provide value by giving members a forum to learn, share, and connect. MTC brings the region's community together into a single, united organization that empowers our members to achieve their business goals through advocacy, networking and education. The vision for the Maryland Tech Council is to propel Maryland to become the number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology in the country. For more information visit [mdtechcouncil.com](https://mdtechcouncil.com).

### **About the National Cryptologic Foundation**

The National Cryptologic Foundation is dedicated to educating the public about the significance of cryptology and preserving its history. Through innovative programs and outreach, the NCF aims to inspire future generations and honor the contributions of those in the field. More information can be found at [cryptologicfoundation.org](https://cryptologicfoundation.org).