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Press Release

Davenport, Iowa September 6, 2018: Security Advisor Alliance (SAA) partners with Quad Cities Cybersecurity Alliance (QC Cyber) and St. Ambrose University to introduce 100 local high school students to cybersecurity as a career.

Dr. John Johnson, a founding member of the nonprofit Security Advisor Alliance and President of the Quad Cities Cybersecurity Alliance, saw an opportunity to join the mission of these two groups and to work with St. Ambrose University and instructors at local high schools to put on a new event for the community. “QC Cyber has been working with the QC Chamber of Commerce and local universities to raise awareness to cybersecurity issues, and to provide training for IT professionals, business owners and the community. We have been putting on an annual cybersecurity conference, CornCon, for four years now. In this partnership with SAA, we are able to benefit from the one-day curriculum they have developed to introduce high school students to cybersecurity as a career. Along with SAU, I believe we can offer students and opportunity to be trained and employed as a cybersecurity professional in the Quad Cities.”

The event will be held at St. Ambrose University, from 9am to 2pm on Thursday, September 6, 2018. Students will participate in professional led mini lessons providing them with a basic understanding of cybersecurity, ethical use of technology and digital citizenship. Students will interact with cybersecurity professionals to discuss career opportunities and participate in a Capture the Flag (CTF) competition. The event will be followed by a tour of the SAU campus.

Davenport is one of 15 cities in the 2018 Security Advisor Alliance Cybersecurity Converge Tour. Johnson is also leading a similar event in downtown Chicago on October 12, 2018, for SAA. The Tour is meant to reinforce efforts with Project Lead the Way and the International Consortium of Minority Cybersecurity Professionals to develop cybersecurity curriculum for 8,000 schools and 2.4 million students nationwide and ensure that all students have a path into cybersecurity. The Converge Tour unites cybersecurity partners, executives and practitioners to ensure Science, Technology, Education, Arts, Math (STEAM) initiatives have the resources to educate students and educators on cybersecurity.

The Security Advisor Alliance is a nonprofit founded in 2013 by a group of 35 dedicated cybersecurity leaders and has since grown to over 500 members across the globe. SAA is led by an advisory board of Chief Information Security Officers and senior leaders from some of the most influential companies in the world who are committed to the mission of aligning the cybersecurity industry in support of one another, promote growth within the space, give back to schools, community organizations and startups.

This event is not open to the public and local high schools will select students to attend. For further information, please visit <https://qccyber.com>, contact John Johnson at john@qccyber.com or call 563-639-4111.