

Date: Thursday May 12, 2016

Place: Holiday Inn Vanderbilt

Note: Please note the change of meeting fees for 2016:

Cost: Professional and Student Members - \$25

Guests - \$30

Discount: \$5 discount for any registration made before noon on the Tuesday before our Thursday meeting

Reservations

Contact Mary Simpson for reservations at
615-367-8083 or msimpson@genesco.com

Meeting Schedule

5:30 - 6:00 Social/Networking
6:00 - 6:45 Dinner
6:45 Business Meeting & Speaker

Soft Skills for IT People

Lauren Lucas - Performance Consultant, Dale Carnegie Training of Tennessee

The majority of Information Technology people are initially hired for their technical or analytical skills. If they progress from a pure technical position, it becomes apparent that soft skills are vitally important. Even in a technical situation, IT people have to deal with Users to determine problems and implement good solutions. They also have to work with peers, often on teams.

In our May meeting, the Speaker will discuss the various soft skills that are needed and how IT people can learn them. Our speaker is Lauren Lucas who is a Performance Consultant for Dale Carnegie Training of Tennessee.

Lauren will discuss how soft skills are important in many phases of IT work. She will touch on such areas as Interviewing for application problems, project presentations, selling your ideas to your boss and management, working on teams, leading teams, and other aspects of dealing with people. Lauren will discuss the various ways to learn soft skills.

Lauren has an interesting background. Prior to her two years with Dale Carnegie Training, she worked for five years with Kidbilly Music as a Facilitator in Business Development. Lauren was a Staff Songwriter for the Eleven Eleven Music Group for two years. She was a Recording Artist for Warner Bros. Entertainment Group of Companies for two years and three years as a Staff Songwriter/Artist for Sony/ATV Music Publishing. Lauren has toured nationally with Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts, Dieks Bentley, Billy Dean, and others. She was nominated for Cover Girl Cosmetic's Fresh Face of Country Music at ACM Awards. Lauren also received a Tony Award nomination for contributing to the musical score of Broadway's stage adaption of Urban Cowboy.

Lauren is active in Women in Numbers (WIN) as a Board Member and in Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI) on the Board of Directors and VP of the Executive Committee. She also supports the Safe Haven Family Shelter, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville, Palmetto Place Children's Shelter, and Room in the Inn.



Lauren Lucas

Lauren came to Nashville to attend Belmont University and earned a Bachelor of Music at Belmont. Lauren says for fun she plays music but is also interested in football and snow skiing. Lauren is being married before our AITP meeting and says she will have a new name.

This is an opportunity to learn about soft skills, which is a subject not often addressed in the IT world.

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AITP May 2016 Meeting Announcement

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