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Grace Series Talk

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Do's and Don'ts of Eradicating Your Free Time

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Free time? What is that? Gmail calendars with rainbows of overlapping blocks seem to have become the norm of today leaving no time for bubble baths or beauty sleep (two very important items). Balancing your commitments and calendars to nurture both the introvert and extrovert in all of us is essential for a quality lifestyle. This talk will showcase Grace's journey as a student and early professional as she continues to discover the art of saying no and importance of giving time back to yourself. Grace will also be sharing the role models responsible for influencing and inspiring her path including a rarely mentioned female pioneer technologist and engineer.

Grace Kaldawi grew up in North Dallas where she was homeschooled and attended community college dual-credit classes through high school prior to starting at UTDallas in Fall of 2010 as a Computer Science Freshman where she was awarded the Academic Excellence Scholarship. Grace graduated from **UTDallas in 2014 with a Bachelor's in Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude and in 2015 with a Master's in Software Engineering**. During her time as a student she served as the **president of ACM** prior to founding and leading Women Who Compute. Grace was a recipient of the Grace Hopper Conference Scholarship which she attended twice as a student in addition to attending the Society of Women Engineers National Conference and HackDFW. After graduation Grace has remained active in the Dallas community by serving as Director of Technology for the Dallas chapter of Young Catholic Professionals, Professional Counselor to the UTDallas SWE collegiate chapter, and as a part of the UTDallas Computer Science Alumni Leadership team. Grace held internships at Fujitsu Network Communications, Texas Instruments, and JP Morgan Chase and is currently a Senior Software Engineer for Capital One Auto Finance where she has become an Amazon Web Services Certified Solutions Architect. Grace is also a PADI certified scuba diver and participates in local sailing regattas and weightlifting competitions.

***Free Food *Prizes**

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