

DIVERSITY IN COMPUTING

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Diversity in Computing - Outline

- Why should we care?
- What is the problem/status of problem?
- Why is there a lack of diversity in computing?
- What can we do about it?

Diversity in Computing: Why should we care?

Its where the good jobs are

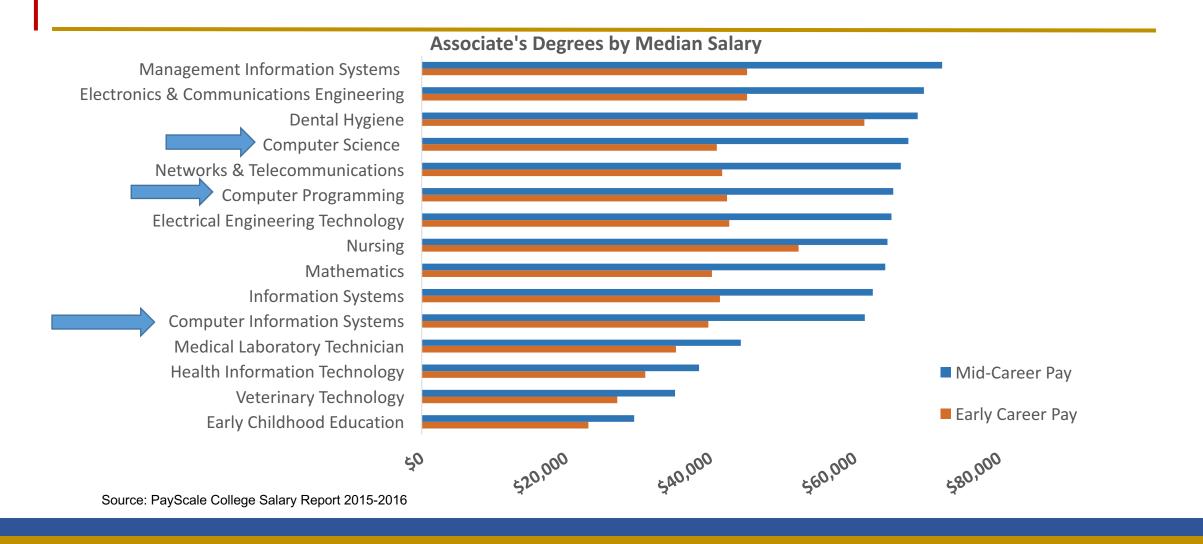
Jobs are Plenty; Jobs are Satisfying

Best Jobs in America" Reports*

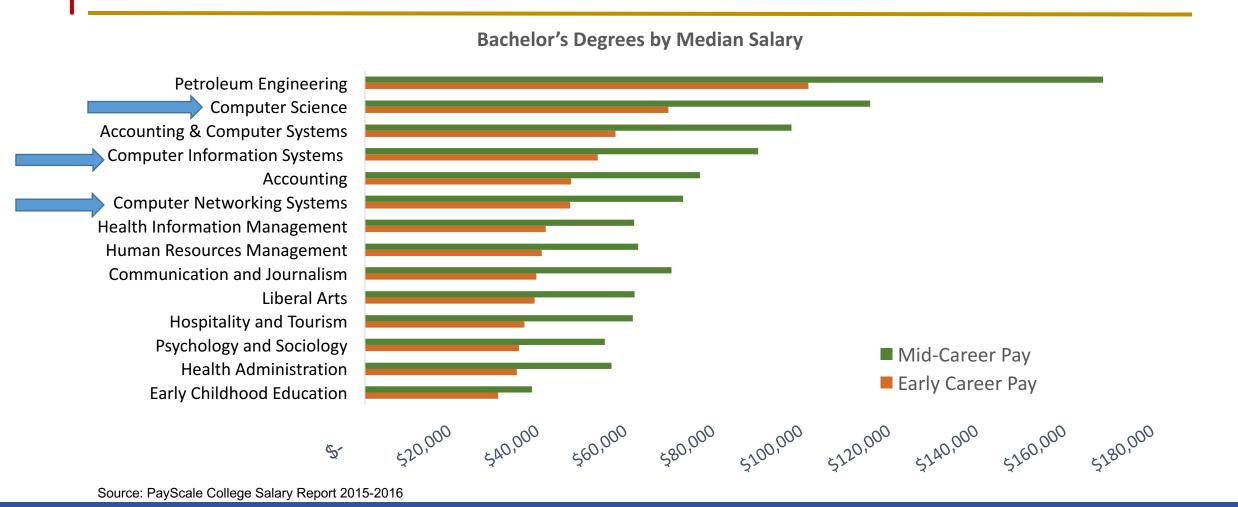
US News	5 of top 15 (including #1 and #2)
Salary.com	2 of top 10 (including #1)
CNN Money	3 of top 10

^{*}Based on job satisfaction, stability, and salary

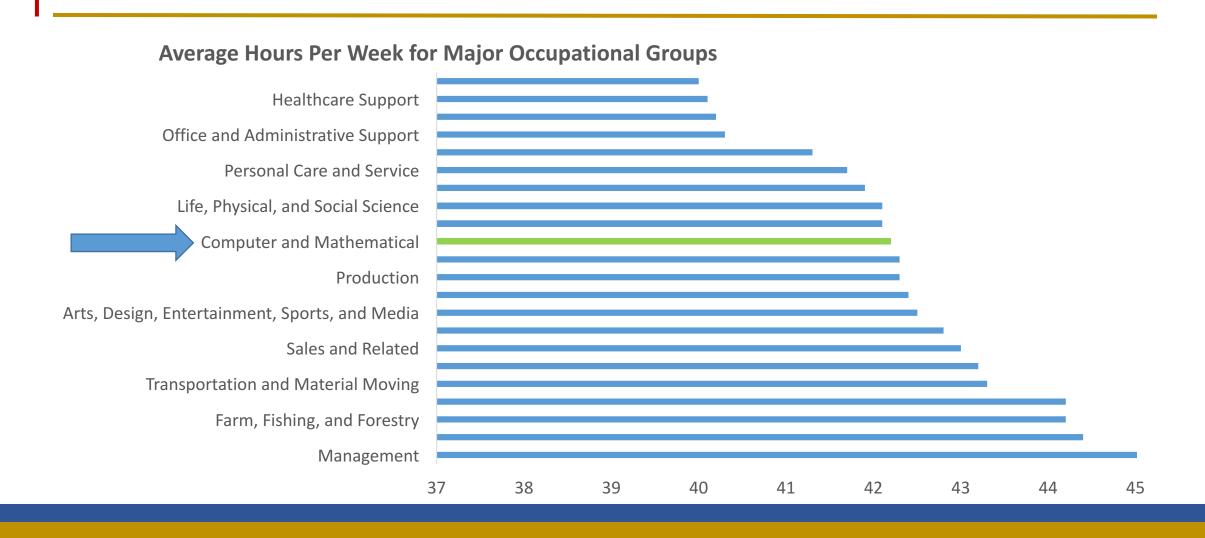
Jobs are Well Paid: Associate's Degrees



Jobs are Well Paid: Bachelor's Degrees

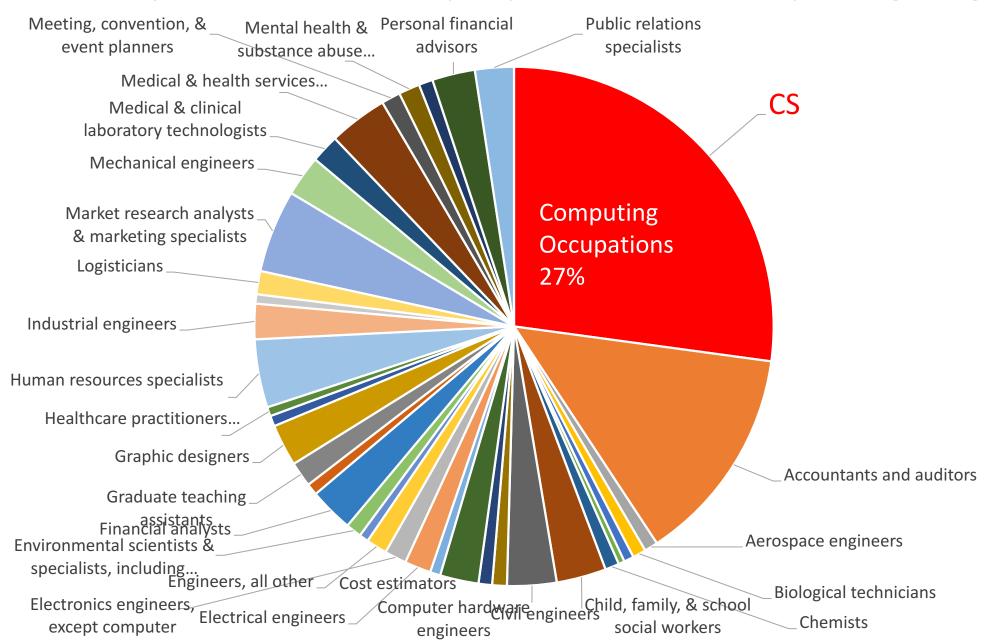


Computing Jobs Let You Work & Have a Life

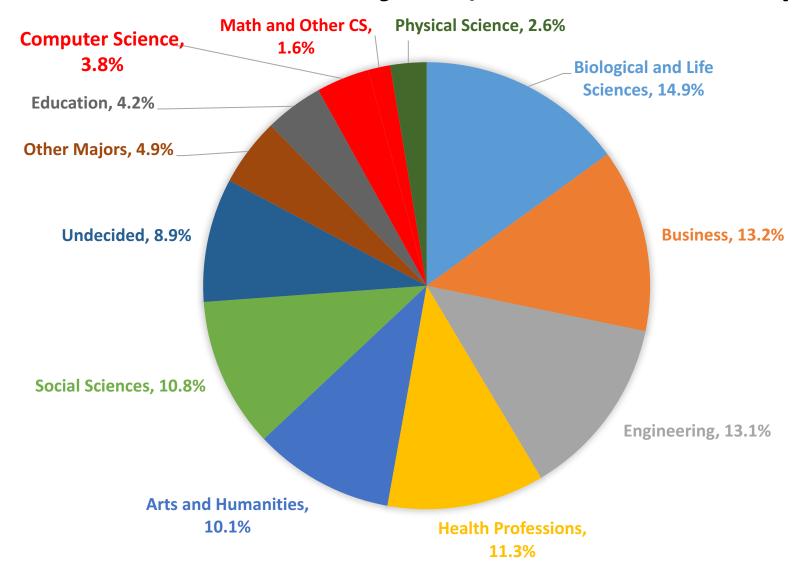


But computing has a problem. It attracts too few people.

BLS Projected 2022 employment: Jobs requiring degree

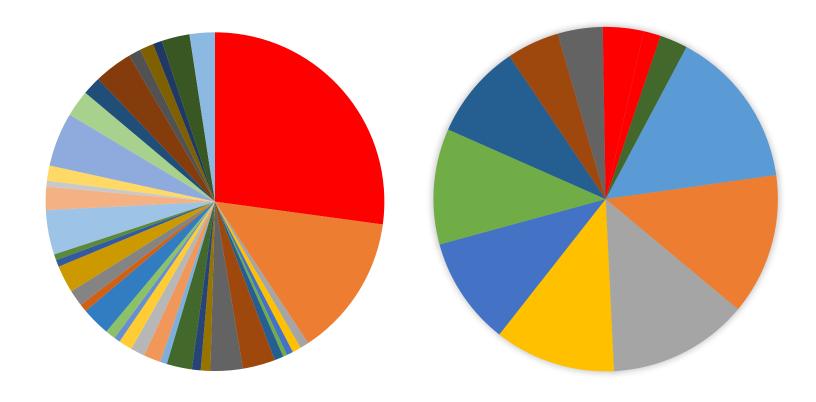


2015 Intended Major (national sample)



Eagan, K., Stolzenberg, E. B., Bates, A. K., Aragon, M. C., Suchard, M. R., & Rios-Aguilar, C. (2015). *The American freshman: National norms fall 2015*. Los Angeles: Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA.

Let's compare...

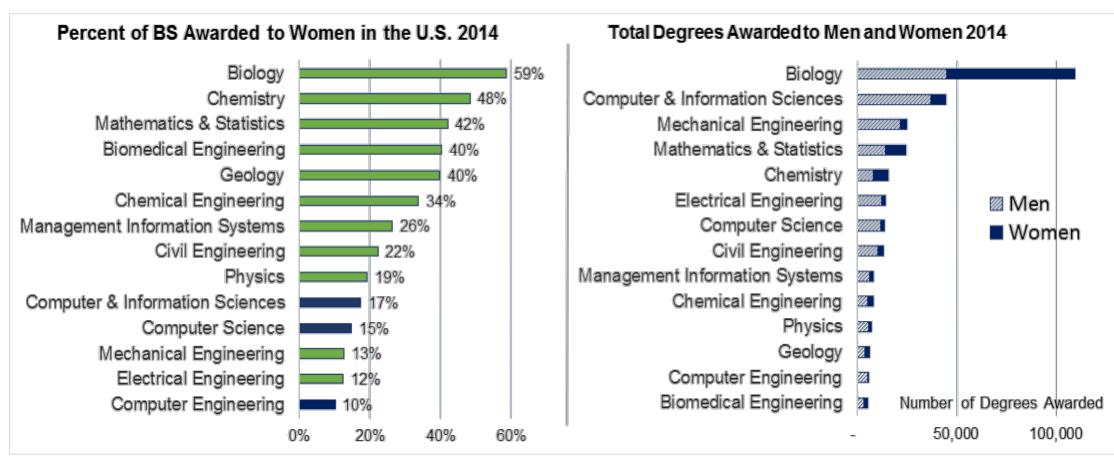


Demand and low production explains the CS initiatives

- January 30, 2016: President Obama introduced the "Computer Science for All" initiative
- CS curricula will become compulsory in:
 - primary and middle schools in San Francisco
 - primary schools in New York City
 - for high school graduation in Chicago
- High schools in Arkansas, Texas, and New York City now must offer a CS course

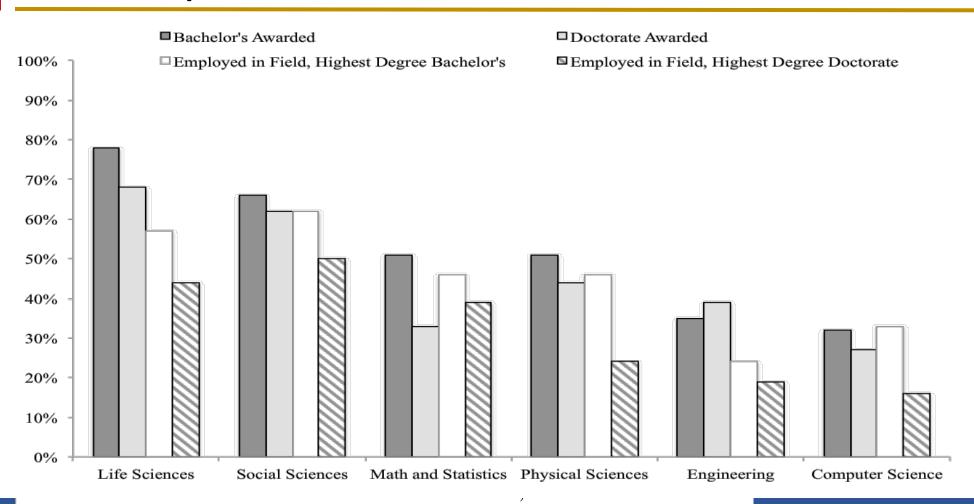
But computing has a problem. It attracts only a narrow range of people.

Women's Presence in STEM Disciplines Varies



Source: Data Retrieved from National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System, 2015.

Percent of Degrees Awarded 2013, Major Occupations: Women and Underrepresented Minority Men



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So, why should that matter?

Why does it matter to you?

The Value of Diversity to Computer Science

- Enhances innovation
- Expands the qualified employee pool
- Improves the bottom line

- Promotes equality/inclusion
- Reflects user/consumer base
- Global competitiveness

ncwit.org/businesscase



Why is there a lack of diversity in computing?

- Lack of knowledge of what computing is
- Misconceptions about what people in computing jobs do
- Stereotypes about who you "need to be" to do well in computing

What can we do about it?

- Actively recruit for diversity
- Utilize research based, best-practice retention strategies that will engage your students and sustain their interest
- Create an environment that fosters interest, confidence, learning, sense of belonging, and occupational identity
- Some examples of what we'll talk about in this workshop:
 - Inclusive pedagogy
 - Implicit bias & Stereotype threat and how to avoid them
 - Case study on implementing workshop strategies

Questions?

Thank You!



Diversity in Computing: Activity

- Explore computing education and workforce data in your area:
- https://goo.gl/forms/4JvHzqBeK8xT5AAy1