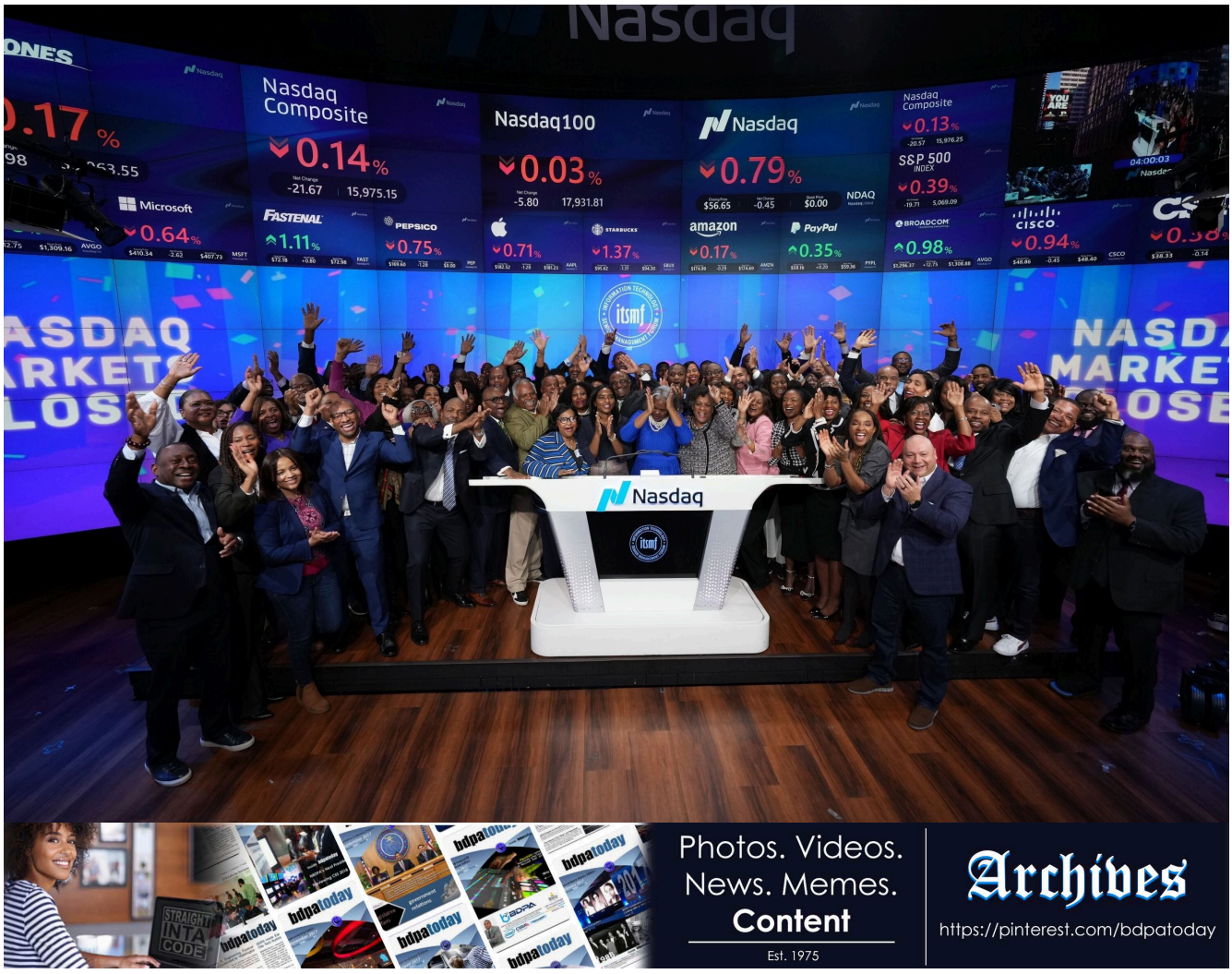
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Cover photo: **ITSMF** leaders, members and partners celebrate after President & CEO **Johanna Jones** rang the **Nasdaq Closing Bell** at the Nasdaq MarketSite in Times Square in 2024, honoring the organization's 14 founders and the contributions of Black technology executives, *photo courtesy Nasdaq and ITSMF*

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ITSMF AT 30: THREE DECADES OF BUILDING BLACK CTOs, CIOs AND CISOs

Born from a CIO panel at a BDPA conference in Atlanta, the Information Technology Senior Management Forum turned thirty this June by celebrating its founders, graduating 104 academy leaders and doubling down on the community that sustains executives at the top of the technology stack.

30 Years
FOUNDED 1996 AT A BDPA CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA

14
FOUNDERS, MOST OF THEM SITTING CORPORATE CIOS

104
ACADEMY GRADUATES HONORED AT THE SPRING SYMPOSIUM

June 2 to 5
S1 SYMPOSIUM AND GRADUATIONS IN ALPHARETTA, GA.

ALPHARETTA, Ga.: The Information Technology Senior Management Forum (ITSMF) marked its 30th anniversary in June the way it has spent three decades: by putting Black technology executives at the center of the room. Its Spring Symposium, held June 2 to 5 at the Avalon Hotel in Alpharetta, Georgia, was combined for the first time with the graduations, capstone presentations and hooding ceremonies of its academies, giving the whole ITSMF network a front row seat as 104 leaders completed their programs.

President and CEO Johanna Jones called it the most important meeting in the organization's history, and the founders were there to prove it. They joined a session on 30 years of perspective, many still shaping the industry as entrepreneurs and public company board directors.

A SEAT AT THE TABLE

When senior technology leaders gathered at a BDPA conference in Atlanta in 1996, they saw how few Black professionals held technology executive roles. ITSMF's founders cited a figure of roughly 3 percent of IT management positions. Most of the founders were chief information officers of major corporations, and they resolved to build a nonprofit that would develop the next generation of C level technology leaders rather than wait for one to appear.

Thirty years later the titles have multiplied. Today's senior technology leaders may serve as chief technology officer, chief information officer, chief information security officer, chief data officer or chief Ai officer, often while answering directly to a board. ITSMF's members include accomplished midlevel professionals, senior executives, CIOs and business owners from Fortune 1000 companies, the public sector, nonprofits and academia.

> *"It is nurtured leaders who truly transform future leaders."*
>
> JOHANNA JONES, PRESIDENT & CEO, ITSMF

THE CXO PIPELINE

The engine behind that pipeline is ITSMF's Global Institute for Professional Development (GIPD), led by Robert D. Scott. Its Executive Academy, directed by Dr. James O. Rodgers, and its Management Academy, directed by Dr. Reginald H. Turner, pair rigorous coursework with capstone projects that participants present to peers and sponsors. The EMERGE track develops rising managers before they reach the executive suite.

At the symposium, the Emerge, Elevate and CxO forums let members compare notes with peers and partners, while the Ignite Forum spotlighted member entrepreneurs disrupting their markets. A session on corporate board leadership addressed the next step for executives who already run large technology organizations.

THE CISO MOMENT

Jones describes cybersecurity and Ai as the dual engines of the industry, and the agenda reflected it. The CISO Forum gathered security chiefs facing new pressure from regulators, insurers and boards, and the Great Ai and Quantum Debate brought together member experts and partners on what both technologies mean for the enterprise. Alicia Lyttle, CEO of Ai InnoVision, headlined a new President's Breakfast for VIP attendees.

IT'S MY FAMILY

ITSMF members like to say the initials stand for "It's My Family," and the organization treats community support as strategy rather than sentiment. Its approach develops leaders in mind, body and soul. In an April message, Jones acknowledged tightening budgets, work stress and burnout, arguing that the cure is connection and not only rest.

Board Chair Dane Bamburry declared 2026 the Year of the Member, and ITSMF is recruiting Member Ambassadors in the largest U.S. cities to support members year round; Rob Peterkins launched a well attended member event in New York City in April. The ITSMF Foundation funds college mentoring and scholarships, including the Carl Williams Memorial Scholarship honoring the inaugural chair, and a MindEdge partnership directs 40 to 50 percent of course tuition to scholarships. The Thrive campaign invites members and partners to sustain the work.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR BDPA

ITSMF and BDPA share a family tree (see page 5). For S.I.T.E.S. students and young professionals, ITSMF offers a visible map from first job to boardroom: master the technology, lead the enterprise and reach back. **bt**

SAVE THE DATE

ITSMF's 5th Annual Technology Leaders Awards Gala and 30th Anniversary Celebration is set for Saturday, September 19, 2026, in Atlanta. Details at itsmfleaders.org.

WHO LEADS ITSMF

Johanna R. Jones serves as President and CEO. Dane Bamburry, senior director of enterprise architecture at Cox Enterprises, chairs the board, with Meredith Harper as vice chair. The late Carl Williams, the inaugural chair, remains Chair Emeritus.

JOIN THE FAMILY

Membership, academies, the Speakers Bureau, mentoring and sponsorships are open to technology leaders and partners. Visit itsmfleaders.org or email connect@itsmfleaders.org.

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(L-R) ITSMF Zackarie "Zack" Lemelle, past chairman of the Information Technology Senior Management Forum (ITSMF); with the late Earl A. Pace, Jr., Co-Founder, National BDPA; and Fred Smith, Jr., Lockheed Martin (IS&GS)

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One Family Tree: How a BDPA Conference Gave Rise to ITSMF

ATLANTA—Long before ITSMF celebrated its 30th anniversary, its story began inside a BDPA ballroom. Earl A. Pace, Jr. and David Wimberly founded BDPA, then Black Data Processing Associates, in Philadelphia in 1975 to open doors for African Americans in computing far beyond data entry. Two decades later, BDPA's national conference had become the place where Black technologists gathered at every career stage.

At the 1996 BDPA conference in Atlanta, Pace moderated a panel of chief information officers: Eurel Bell of IBM, Steve Edmonson of AlliedSignal, Clarence Ogletree of Whirlpool, Henry Roberts of ABN AMRO, Debra Speights of Zurich Insurance, Sheila Talton of Unisource, Alana Ward Robinson of Sara Lee, John Weathers of IBM and Carl Williams of Amoco. The executives kept talking after the session ended. That gathering led to further meetings, and fourteen founders built the Information Technology Senior Management Forum, with Williams as its first chair.

The women among those founders, including Debra Speights-Christopher, F. Joyce Lewis, Dr. Stephanie Parson, Alana Ward Robinson, Sheila Talton and Yvonne Sharpe, helped shape the organization from day one. Williams, who died in 2022, is honored today by the Carl Williams Memorial Scholarship.

The two organizations grew along parallel tracks. BDPA built a national pipeline that starts in high school, launching technology training for students in 1986 and its National High School Computer Competition, now in its 40th year. ITSMF focused on the top of the pipeline, developing directors, vice presidents and CxOs through its academies.

In 2026 the tracks meet again. ITSMF celebrated its founders at its June symposium in Alpharetta, while BDPA Indy prepares to host BDPACON26 in Indianapolis, July 15 to 18. A student who competes at BDPA today may lead an ITSMF forum tomorrow. bt

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THE NEW CxO PLAYBOOK: GOVERNING RISK IN THE QUANTUM AND EXASCALE ERA

A post quantum executive order, a $10 billion quantum commitment and a new supercomputing leader made June 2026 the month governance, risk and compliance moved to the center of every technology executive's job description.

WASHINGTON: For years, governance, risk and compliance (GRC) lived in audit binders and quarterly reviews. In June 2026 it became a front line engineering problem. On June 22 the White House signed two executive orders that will reshape the roles of chief information officers, chief technology officers and chief information security officers: Executive Order 14412, Securing the Nation Against Advanced Cryptographic Attacks, and Executive Order 14413, Ushering in the Next Frontier of Quantum Innovation.

A NEW SEAT: THE PQC MIGRATION LEAD

EO 14412 gives federal agencies 30 days to name a post quantum cryptography (PQC) migration lead and directs the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance within 90 days. High value assets and high impact systems must move to quantum resistant key establishment by December 31, 2030, and to quantum resistant digital signatures by December 31, 2031. The FAR Council must propose a rule requiring covered contractors to meet NIST PQC standards by the end of 2030, and CISA and NIST will define minimum elements for a cryptographic bill of materials (CBOM).

For CxOs, that turns cryptography into a governed asset class. A CBOM sits beside the software bill of materials in the risk register; crypto agility becomes a control objective; and vendor contracts gain new compliance clauses. Agencies and contractors alike will need an executive who owns the inventory, the migration plan and the deadline.

QUANTUM MOVES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

EO 14413 orders an update of the National Quantum Strategy within 180 days, a science focused quantum computer at a Department of Energy facility and a federal quantum workforce strategy. Industry moved just as fast. On June 2, IBM committed more than $10 billion over five years to quantum computing, targeting Starling, its first large scale fault tolerant system, in 2029, and saying it expects partners to demonstrate quantum advantage this year. IBM reports more than 90 deployed systems and over 340 Quantum Network members.

> *"The quantum era is no longer ahead of us, it has started."*
>
> ARVIND KRISHNA, CHAIRMAN & CEO, IBM

For CTOs, that means building quantum use case portfolios in chemistry, logistics and finance now, while CISOs plan for the day those same machines threaten today's encryption.

HPC: EXASCALE BECOMES A CLUB

The 67th TOP500 list, unveiled at ISC 2026 in Hamburg, crowned LineShine at the National Supercomputing Centre in Shenzhen, China, at 2.198 exaflops. El Capitan, Frontier and Aurora followed, with Germany's JUPITER Booster making five systems at or above one exaflop. KAIROS in Toulouse, France led the Green500 for energy efficiency. As Ai training and simulation converge on the same hardware, high performance computing raises GRC questions of its own: export controls, energy and water disclosure, and who governs shared research compute.

GRC, REWIRED

Ai governance joined the stack as well. A June 2 Ai executive order invited frontier developers to submit models for voluntary federal review before release, and a CISA binding directive gave civilian agencies 72 hours to patch the most dangerous flaws. Modern GRC programs are answering with continuous controls monitoring, model risk management and automated evidence collection mapped to NIST frameworks. The CxO of 2026 must speak cryptography, compute and compliance in the same board meeting.

WHAT IT MEANS

ITSMF's Great Ai and Quantum Debate and its CISO Forum put these issues before Black technology executives in June, and BDPACON26 will carry cybersecurity and Ai to students and professionals in Indianapolis in July. For S.I.T.E.S. scholars, PQC engineering, quantum software and HPC operations are careers being written right now. Certifications in cloud security, risk management and quantum fundamentals offer a practical first step, and BDPA chapters and ITSMF academies both supply the mentors to guide the journey. **bt**

JUNE 2026 HEADLINES AT A GLANCE

WHITE HOUSE
EO 14412 PQC Deadline
Dec. 31, 2030
Quantum resistant key establishment for high value federal systems; signatures by 2031
Signed June 22, 2026

IBM
Quantum Commitment
$10B+
Five year investment; fault tolerant Starling targeted for 2029
Announced June 2, 2026

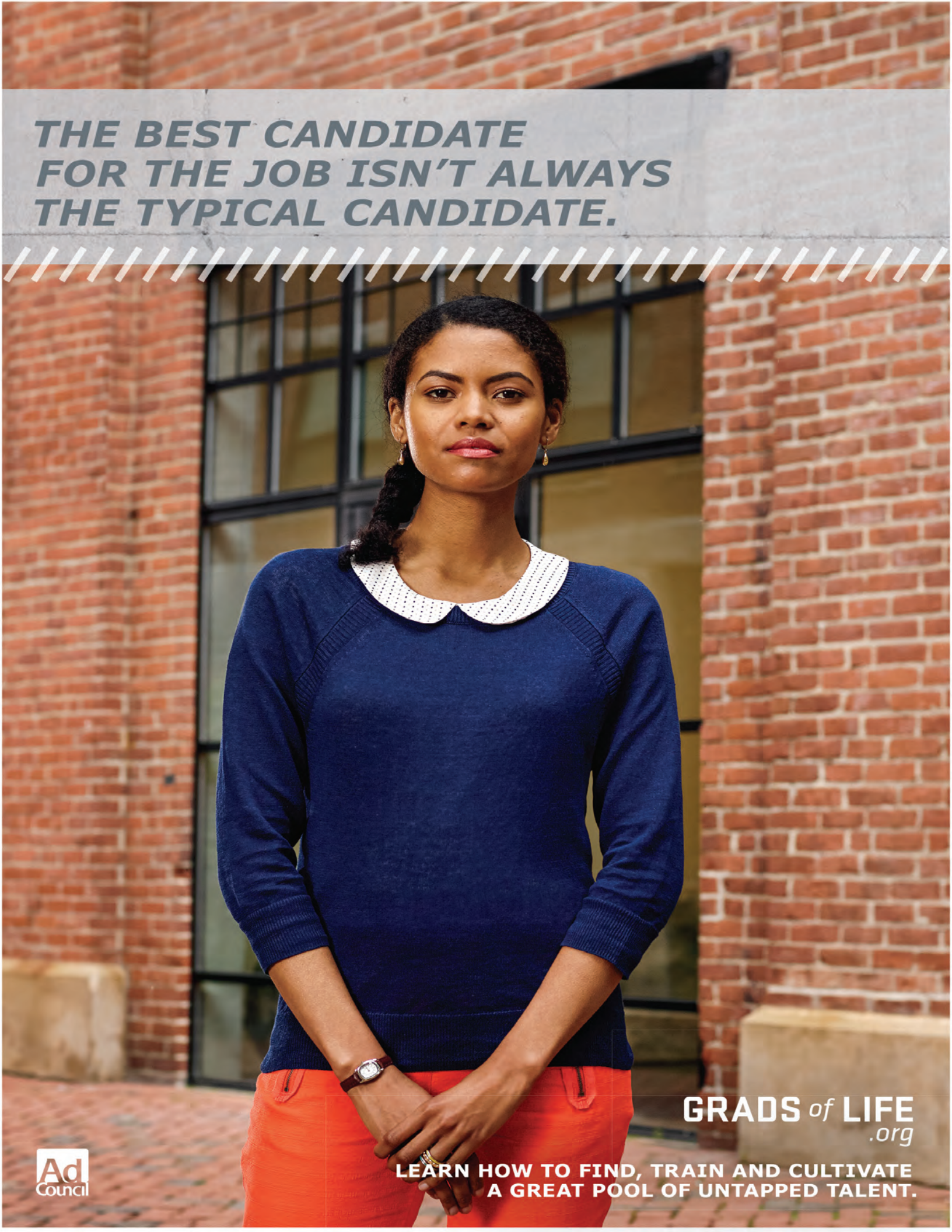
TOP500
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ISC 2026, Hamburg

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Exascale Systems
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LineShine, El Capitan, Frontier, Aurora and JUPITER Booster
June 2026 list

CISA
Binding Directive
72 Hours
Window for civilian agencies to patch the most dangerous flaws
Issued June 2026

ITSMF
Great Ai & Quantum Debate
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Featured at the S1 Symposium in Alpharetta, Ga.
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CONGRESS IN JUNE: FISA LAPSES, THE KIDS ACT PASSES & A SURGE OF Ai AND QUANTUM BILLS

While surveillance authority expired and the White House moved on Ai security and quantum readiness, lawmakers advanced children's online safety and digital replica protections and introduced dozens of bills on Ai, data centers, workers and defense.

WASHINGTON: June opened with a June 2 executive order inviting frontier Ai developers to submit models for voluntary federal review up to 30 days before release and directing a new Ai cybersecurity clearinghouse. On June 22 the President signed two more orders: EO 14412, which sets 2030 and 2031 deadlines for federal post quantum cryptography migration, and EO 14413, which updates the National Quantum Strategy. Export controls that had suspended access to Anthropic's newest models were rescinded by the Commerce Department on June 30.

On the Hill, the House passed the KIDS Act 267 to 117 on June 29 and the Small Business Technological Advancement Act 414 to 4. On June 25 the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee advanced ten Ai bills, including the CREATE Ai Act (H.R. 2385) to establish a National Ai Research Resource, the LIFT Ai Act (H.R. 5584) for K through 12 Ai literacy, and a measure on data center energy and water reporting (H.R. 9372). Members introduced more than three dozen new technology bills.

PASSED ONE CHAMBER OR COMMITTEE | JUNE 2026

KIDS Act (H.R. 7757)

PASSED HOUSE, 267 TO 117

Reps. Brett Guthrie (R, Ky.) and Frank Pallone (D, N.J.). The Energy and Commerce children's online safety package cleared the House floor on June 29 and heads to the Senate.

NO FAKES Act (S. 4591)

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Sens. Chris Coons (D, Del.) and Marsha Blackburn (R, Tenn.). Would protect voices and likenesses from unauthorized digital replicas. Advanced by unanimous voice vote June 18.

SBA Artificial Intelligence Utilization Act (H.R. 8881)

PASSED HOUSE | VOICE VOTE

Rep. Brad Finstad (R, Minn.). Addresses use of Ai by the Small Business Administration. Passed under suspension of the rules on June 23.

NEW TECH BILLS INTRODUCED | JUNE 2026

BILL	SPONSOR	WHAT IT WOULD DO
National Security Commission on Quantum Computing Act of 2026 (H.R. 9318)	Reps. Mike Lawler (R, N.Y.) and Pat Ryan (D, N.Y.)	Create an 11 member commission on the strategic implications of quantum computing
Advancing American Quantum Leadership Act	Sens. Andy Kim (D, N.J.) and Mike Rounds (R, S.D.)	Expand EXIM Bank support to quantum sensing, communications and enabling technologies
Ai Environmental Impacts Act of 2026 (S. 4727 / H.R. 9183)	Sen. Edward Markey (D, Mass.); Rep. Don Beyer (D, Va.)	Direct an EPA study and reporting system on Ai data center environmental impacts
SAFE KIDS Act (S. 4855)	Sens. John Curtis (R, Utah) and Adam Schiff (D, Calif.)	Require child safety by design, parental settings and audits for certain Ai systems
Ai Incident Reporting Act (H.R. 9477)	Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R, Texas)	Require certain Ai developers to report incidents to the Commerce Secretary
Combat Emerging Threats to Critical Infrastructure Act of 2026 (S. 4728)	Sen. Mark Warner (D, Va.)	Have CISA and sector agencies update critical infrastructure security plans
Stop Spying Bosses Act (S. 4831 / H.R. 9402)	Sen. Edward Markey (D, Mass.); Rep. Chris Deluzio (D, Pa.)	Limit and require disclosure of employer surveillance of workers
Ai Workforce Impact Study Act of 2026 (H.R. 9427)	Rep. Valerie Foushee (D, N.C.)	Commission a GAO study of Ai's effects on the workforce
Ultimate Human Responsibility in Defense Systems Act of 2026 (S. 4682)	Sen. Mark Kelly (D, Ariz.)	Require human judgment before Pentagon autonomous weapons use lethal force
Web of Biological Data Act of 2026 (S. 4770 / H.R. 9307)	Sen. Todd Young (R, Ind.); Rep. Matt Van Epps (R, Tenn.)	Build a DOE biological data resource to support Ai driven research

WHAT TO WATCH IN 2026

FISA Section 702: The authority lapsed June 12 after the Senate blocked a short term extension 47 to 52 and the House rejected a three week extension 218 to 198. Collection continues under existing certifications through March 2027.

Ai preemption and quantum security: Reps. Jay Obernolte (R, Calif.) and Lori Trahan (D, Mass.) released a Great American Ai Act discussion draft that would preempt state laws on Ai model development for three years, and Rep. Pat Harrigan (R, N.C.) introduced a bill to codify EO 14412's post quantum migration requirements. In the courts, Trump v. Slaughter (6 to 3) struck down removal protections for FTC commissioners. **bt**

Sources: Tech Policy Press, "June 2026 US Tech Policy Roundup"; Quantum Economic Development Consortium, Law and Policy Briefing (July 2026); Office of Rep. Pat Harrigan (June 29, 2026); Cloudflare Blog on EO 14412 (June 2026); Congress.gov. Status as of June 30, 2026.



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▼ ***(Bottom Photo)*** An iconic photograph featuring ITSMF's Founding Members and Leaders — *photo courtesy,* ***ITSMF*** *circa 1996*




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