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70+ Events Planned for Wisconsin Tech Month 2022 Throughout the State

Over 20 organizations will host 70+ events in October during Wisconsin Tech Month 2022 (#WTM22). Host organizations include Amazon Web Services, gener8tor's gBETA, UW-Parkside, UW-Stevens Point, Wisconsin Science Festival and Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin, among others. Events will take place across the state including but not limited to Appleton, Kenosha, Stevens Point, Port Washington, Platteville, Madison, Beloit, Sheboygan, Milladore and Milwaukee.

#WTM22 is a community-driven initiative of the Milky Way Tech Hub and Latinos in Tech in collaboration with 2022 partners Techquity, MARS Solutions Group and Wisconsin Voices leading the charge with events. Last fall, Governor Tony Evers proclaimed [October as Wisconsin Tech Month](#).

Featured events include:

- **[Sat 10/1: Wisconsin Tech Month Kickoff Party in Milwaukee](#)**. Join us as we network and kick off WI Tech Month 2022 at Penrod, a local tech company.
- **10/3 - 10/9: Milwaukee Tech Advocacy Week**
 - Many of the events in the first week of October are dedicated to tech advocacy. Please join us to bring your voice to life and learn more ways to evolve our tech ecosystem into the future.
 - 10/4 : [Milky Way Tech Hub Broadband Budget Briefing Webinar](#)
 - 10/6: [Wisconsin Tech Month Lobby Day in Milwaukee](#)
- **[Wed 10/12: Somos Tech Summit](#)**. This highly interactive, fun program will feature many distinguished guests along with corporations in Wisconsin looking to hire students in STEM fields. Also, UMOS will be on hand to offer FREE on-site offering technology certifications for students who want to acquire certifications in a variety of technologies.
- **[Thu 10/13: Live Founders Podcast with Amazon Web Services \(AWS\)](#)**. Join us as we discuss the experiences and growth opportunities of founders throughout Wisconsin, with special guest, Courtney Gras of AWS.
- **[Tue 10/18: Equity in Tech Summit in Milwaukee](#)**. This event provides organizations and individuals with the tools, training and connections needed to build an inclusive, equitable tech workforce.
 - Speakers include Ranell Washington (American Family & SocialX), Jackie Hermes (Accelity Marketing), Adam Gabornitz (Northwestern Mutual), Paula

Phillips (Milwaukee County) and keynote speaker Cynthia Overton from the Kapor Center, a global leader in DEIB in tech.

- **Mon 10/17 - Fri 10/21: Women in Tech Week (Virtual).** Throughout the third week of October, stories of some of the amazing women within Wisconsin's tech ecosystem will be highlighted online.

Latinos in Tech (LIT) is eager to introduce their community to the many possibilities of tech across the state through this partnership. LIT aims to help Latin@s meet the growing demand for technologists as technology occupations are projected to increase by 13 percent by 2030.

"Wisconsin Tech Month is a wonderful opportunity for people to discover new tech, connect with other like minded individuals, and flaunt some of their own skills," says LIT co-founder [Ben Juarez](#). "There are so many paths and we are here for all of it!"

Techquity, an initiative of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, is working in partnership with the Milky Way Tech Hub to amplify a collective policy agenda that focuses on community broadband access and upskilling initiatives.

"I'm excited for Techquity to support and take part in Wisconsin Tech Month as a Milky Way Tech Hub member," says [David Berka](#) of Techquity. "Wisconsin Tech Month provides important opportunities for organizations and advocates to collaborate, join events, share resources, and raise awareness about our community's most pressing issues related to economic and digital equity."

[Nadiyah Johnson](#), founder of the Milky Way Tech Hub, feels it is necessary to celebrate and amplify Wisconsin's tech ecosystem. "We are excited to be working with organizations throughout the state to drive awareness around the importance of technology and highlight its role in decreasing racial wealth and achievement gaps," says Johnson.

"While technology continues to power job growth and economic gains in the state of Wisconsin," Johnson says, "It is necessary to not only see tech as a vehicle for economic growth but also as a way to address some of the pressing issues in our state. The work of this year's Wisconsin Tech Month partners is focused on making Wisconsin a more equitable and inclusive place to live, work and play.."

A full calendar of events can be found on the Milky Way Tech Hub website:

<https://milkywaytechhub.com/witechmonth/>. Individuals and organizations interested in hosting an event as part of Wisconsin Tech Month can sign up online here:

<https://milkywaytechhub.typeform.com/to/o0swztkH>

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About Milky Way Tech Hub

[The Milky Way Tech Hub](#) is realizing the vision that Milwaukee is a tech hub where Black people and other people of color are able to thrive in the field of technology. Through a community-based grass-roots effort Milky Way Tech Hub has begun attracting national and international entrepreneurs to Milwaukee in addition to supporting the local talent already here. The Milky Way Tech Hub's goal is to use its resources, programs, and community partnerships to create equitable opportunities within Milwaukee's tech ecosystem.

About Latinos in Tech

Fostering the next generation of Latin@ tech professionals is just one of the reasons why [Latinos in Tech \(LIT\)](#) was launched in 2019. LIT aims to get Latin@s in the field together to support and develop one another through resource-sharing, special events, and professional development opportunities.

About MARS Solutions Group

[MARS Solutions Group](#) is a top talent supplier to several public sector organizations as well as Fortune 50/500/5000 companies providing staffing solutions and data & cloud consulting. Domain expertise includes IT, engineering, administration, finance, accounting, healthcare, insurance and manufacturing. MARS's survival, success, and growth is attributed to the innovation that is embedded in its business model. In addition to staffing, MARS runs its very own reskilling program called [MARS Returnship](#), and offers an employee recognition platform called [Ovation](#).

About Wisconsin Voices

[Wisconsin Voices](#) works to create a Wisconsin where every person has the inspiration, resources, and access to fully participate in the power of a democracy that provides opportunities for all people to thrive.

We unify a dynamic network of partners in Wisconsin around achieving shared values and goals to build a better democracy for everyone. We build our partners' capacity, amplify their impact, nurture new leadership, promote racial equity, champion transparent policies, and foster civic engagement so that everyone has an equal voice.

About Techquity

[Techquity](#) is a collective impact initiative of United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County. Techquity's vision is simple: To ensure the digital equity and inclusion of every resident in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington counties. Techquity pursues digital equity and inclusion for all via four strategies: Broadband, Devices, Skills, and Advocacy. Through community partnership, Techquity connects stakeholders from all sectors, including business, government, education, and social services, to promote digital equity and inclusion.