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Without software development, we wouldn't have the fast, efficient and communicable software technology we have today. Software developers were and are needed for us to have and be able to utilize apps, websites, cars, machines, or medical technology. Software developers design, create, utilize, and maintain the software to improve or facilitate something. It truly inspires me how Mr. Phil Baptiste and other developers can use their skills and knowledge to solve problems and improve the world. Their knowledge and skills are crucial for the Navy and Marine Corps to continue succeeding in operations and missions. As technology keeps evolving, the Navy and Marine Corps will have to fight through not only physical but also cyberspace battles. In order for them to succeed, software development will continue to be needed to create and maintain protective and efficient systems.

Mr. Baptiste truly inspired me with his wise words, knowledge, character, and divergent thinking. He emphasized the importance of teamwork needed to succeed in what you are creating. Mr. Baptiste encourages students to not keep their ideas to themselves, rather share and build on each other's ideas to create something bigger and greater. Something that will facilitate someone's life or make something better. He shared the mindset that all developers should have, "don't build for you, build for the world." These words inspire and push me more towards software development and STEM-related careers in the Navy or Marine Corps. I want to build and code for my country. I aspire to be a cyber operations officer in the armed forces. As the years pass, the world, the Navy, and the Marine Corps will have to fight against the most dangerous cyber threats and attacks ever. I want to protect this country and its people from these attacks and aid in preventing them. Given these points, Mr. Phil Baptiste inspired and helped me answer my questions of, "why cybersecurity, why the military?"

There is always something to improve on or grow on in life. Equally, applications, websites, machines or any type of technology always do and will always need to get upgraded and improved in order to lessen their vulnerabilities and increase their efficiency. Therefore, software development and cybersecurity teams will definitely advance over the next 15-20 years. These advancements could be anything from instituting Internet of Things into Navy ships as Mr. Phil Baptiste mentioned. It could also include creating, even strengthening applications and software to accurately detect potential threats through cybersecurity. Whatever these advancements may be, they will truly benefit this nation in equipping both the Navy and Marine Corps in preventing, terminating, and resolving any obstacles that this nation is faced with. Improvements and advancements in software development and cybersecurity by 2040 will surely benefit and protect this nation's citizens as well. By 2040 developers could most likely be thriving in producing or improving medical technology to facilitate high-risk surgeries or treat incurable illnesses. Recent reports in 2020 found that close to 50% of Americans lose around \$712.4 billion in financial identity thefts. As Cybercriminals become more proficient in scamming, the number of people to be victims of fraud is expected to rise by 2040. For this reason, the combinations of software development and cybersecurity will be critical to detect and defeat threats to our national security.

Overall, Mr. Phil Baptiste inspires me to pursue a STEM career such as software development or cybersecurity in the Navy or Marine Corps. He inspires me to build for this country. He instilled in me the idea of accepting knowledge from others, sharing that treasure of knowledge with others, and together improving and creating technology that will improve and better not only the Navy and Marine corps but also the daily lives of everyone. That way, come 2040 our nation and its people will be equipped with technology and scholars to protect and fight against any threat. With this being said, Software development currently does and surely will, play a huge role in shaping fast and efficient technology in the Navy and Marine Corps.