

# Illinois Cyber RAMPS Statewide Meeting

March 21, 2025 • 8:30am - 3:30pm  
Moraine Valley Community College

*Preparing the Future Illinois Cybersecurity  
Workforce for Future Cyber Threats*



## Agenda

**8:30 am** Sign-in & Coffee

**9:00 am** **Welcome**

**Overview of the Day and Illinois Cyber Initiative (RAMP): Connecting  
Academic, Business, and Government**

Dr. John Sands | MVCC Department Chair & Professor, Computer Integrated  
Technologies

**10:00 am** **Academica Overview**

Partner Introductions & Collaborative Pathway Development

**10:45 am** **Break**

**11:00 am** **Business and Industry Overview**

**11:15 am** **Introduction to RING Curriculum and Resources**

Jennifer Marden | Research Scientist/ RING Trainer at Center for Cybersecurity  
Research and Education, The University of Alabama in Huntsville

**12:00 pm** **Lunch**

**1:00 pm** **AI Fundamentals and Cybersecurity**

Dr. John Sands & Dr. Kristine Christensen

**2:00 pm** **Compliance and Auditing Frameworks**

Jiri Jirik & Mike Qaissaunee

**3:00 pm** **Call to Action: Future Directions of Illinois Cyber Ecosystem**

