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Next Group of SYBAC Students Selected

The ICN has selected its next group of high school students to serve on its Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council (SYBAC). The council is an opportunity for high school students to research and discuss broadband and Internet topics, learn about Iowa technology companies, and complete a cybersecurity certification training. The council meets monthly beginning in September through April. This is ICN's 8th year coordinating the council, which began during the 2015/2016 school year.

[View Student List and Schools](#)

Fiber Network Assists ISU Research with Wireless Technology Project

Progress continues with the rural wireless living lab project that is being led by Iowa State University (ISU) involving wireless technology in areas of Story, Boone and Marshall counties. Using the statewide network, ICN is providing wavelengths across the fiber for ISU to support their Central Iowa ARA project and connections.

[Read more about the Wireless Project](#)

Preparing for Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a global effort to help everyone stay safe and protected when using technology whenever and however you connect.

This October the *See Yourself in Cyber* campaign will focus on the “people” part of cybersecurity, providing information and resources to help educate CISA partners and the public, and ensure all individuals and organizations make smart decisions whether on the job, at home or at school – now and in the future.

Throughout October we will highlight key action steps that everyone should take:

- Enable Multi-Factor Authentication
- Use Strong Passwords
- Recognize and Report Phishing
- Update Your Software

Let ICN be your resource in providing helpful information for your organization.

Welcome to the ICN

We are excited to welcome David Rogers and Jennifer Elsloo to the ICN team. David joins our Business Services team as our newest Account Consultant, and Jennifer Elsloo joins our Payables team as an Accounting Technician 2.



David Rogers
Account Consultant

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Jennifer Elsloo
Accounting Technician 2

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[Strengthening Our Nation's Preparedness with a Public Safety Broadband Network](#)

[K-12 Students Are Using Cyberattacks Shut Down Schools](#)

[Top Tech Students Attempt to Hack Deere Machines](#)

[Across the Country, Local Public Safety Agencies Detail Value of FirstNet Adoption](#)

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