

Paul Vann: Protecting the Government from Hackers

Schoolcraft College's Distinguished Alumni award is given in recognition of extraordinary achievement and service to the community. Paul Vann's work protecting United States' government agencies and U.S. allies certainly qualifies.

As chief information security officer for the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, Vann protected the CBO's sensitive economic data shared with Congress against potential foreign hackers. And now, he's doing the same thing for Raytheon Foreground Security.

"I enjoyed working for the federal government," he said, "but I had a desire to learn more." Now, his role with Raytheon is protecting friendly governments from international cyber attacks on their homelands.

And it all began at Schoolcraft College – twice. Vann said, "It took me quite some time to get my associate degree." He enrolled in Schoolcraft's Fire Technology

program but wasn't ready for college right out of high school, so he left the program.

Seven years later and facing an uncertain future, he again enrolled at Schoolcraft. Vann graduated with an Associate in General Studies degree in 2004.

"When I look back," he said, "I remembered messing around with my family computer at a young age and quickly learned that the hunger to learn more about the inner workings of a computer was something I was passionate about."

"I'm excited to see what the future at Raytheon brings for me," he said. "I'm proud to say I went to Schoolcraft College, and if I'm living back in Michigan when the time comes, my kids are going to Schoolcraft too."

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