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| **Topic: Dr. Mirkeya Capellán** |
| **Bio:**  Dr. Mirkeya Capellán is responsible for IT Training, Resource Management, and Strategic Projects at the Mercedes-Benz US. Corporate office in Atlanta, GA. She oversees vendor and resource management activities within IT and leads special projects and initiatives by IT management. Dr. Capellán also manages a quality assurance team responsible for conducting performance, load, stress, and integration testing. Prior to Mercedes-Benz, she worked as a Senior Manager at Sogeti USA, an Information Technology consulting firm. In her twenty plus years in the industry, Dr. Capellán has held several positions and worked within different sectors including, Internet development, graphic design, project management, and quality assurance testing. In her past job she led the New York Testing Practice regional office, aside from serving other roles as the Delivery Manager and Corporate Social Responsibility lead. Dr. Capellán is also an adjunct professor at Pace University where she teaches undergraduate courses in computing.  Dr. Capellán is a frequent guest speaker at professional conferences fostering leadership and professional development among minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. Currently, she serves on the committee for Under-represented Women in Computing group and as the Co-Chair for Software Engineering track at 2020 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing conference. She also serves as a mentor at Mercedes-Benz Mentoring Program and has conducted various workshops encouraging young women to pursue careers in technology. Dr. Capellán is an active member of professional groups including: Latinas in Computing (LiC), Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), Black Girls Code (BGC), Software Test and Performance, and Systers ABI.Atlanta. She uses her blog and social networking websites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, to share technology, educational, and career information. Dr. Capellán has appeared on local and international (CNN en Español) television programs as well as radio (WADO 1280AM). She was featured in Diversity in Action magazine, Latinas in Style magazine, and also in a New York Times article about Dominican immigrants and higher education in New York City. In 2018, Dr. Capellán received the Hostos Alumni Excellence Award from her alma mater, Hostos Community College (CUNY).  Dr. Capellán holds a Doctorate of Professional Studies in Computing from Pace University, a Master’s degree in Information Systems, a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, and an Associate’s degree in Liberal Arts. Her research interests include Agile methodologies, testing techniques, and teaching. She and her husband live in Atlanta with their children.  **Video Link:**  <https://bbcontent.seidenberg.pace.edu/CBT/CIS101/CIS101Videos/MirkeyaCapellanEdited.mp4> |

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| Answer the following questions about the video you just viewed in this Discussion Topic: |
| 1. According to Dr. Capellán, you have to learn more. How has she leveraged technology with her career at Mercedes-Benz? |
| 1. After reviewing Dr. Capellán’s bio and watching her video, how do you think you might model your academic experience and career path? |
| 1. Was there ever a skill related to computing that you wanted to know and, therefore, taught yourself? Describe. |
| Post a minimum of a paragraph for each response to the three questions above in this week’s Discussion Topic. Read and respond to at least one other student’s response |