General Session: Monday at 9:45am

Information Security Concerns of the University…Are They Really Different Than Our Corporate Organizations?

Information security - it must be addressed in our connected world and small intentional efforts can make a difference. We have long been told universities are wide open and corporations are inherently closed environments. Many claim that you can't possibly have security in a college whereas corporations cannot exist without it. On the surface the two might appear to exist on opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to addressing information security but are they really different? Let's take a deeper dive into the current threat landscape facing the two and how each one responds. We can all do our part to help our universities protect their information systems from the world outside the campus.

Speaker:

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Dr. Kevin McKenzie is Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Vice-President of Information Technology for Dollar Tree Inc. which encompasses the enterprise Dollar Tree and Family Dollar stores following the acquisition of Family Dollar by Dollar Tree. Headquartered in Chesapeake, VA, Dollar Tree is the largest and most successful single-price-point retailer in North America. Kevin joined the leadership team at Dollar Tree Inc. in June 2016 where he is responsible for setting the information security strategic vision and establishing the security posture of the combined enterprise.

Prior to joining Dollar Tree Inc., Dr. McKenzie was CISO and Executive Director for Clemson University's Office of Information Security and Privacy where he was charged with the overall information security posture of the university and leading a team to protect one of the nation's most dynamic and challenging higher education environments. Through university and state wide partnerships, Kevin was responsible for overall security of two major health care environments including Health Sciences of SC (HSSC) where he served as the Chief Security Officer (CSO). In addition to his CISO role, Dr. McKenzie was also a Research Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering where he frequently taught information technology courses and mentored future cybersecurity professionals.