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Renowned Computer Scientist to Present Tech Talk at UMKC

School of Computing and Engineering Hosts John Carmack on May 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The University of Missouri Kansas City is set to host technology pioneer John Carmack on Friday, May 12 for a Tech Talk event hosted by the School of Computing and Engineering (SCE). The event will take place from 4 – 5 p.m. in the Jeannette Nichols Forum, located on the first floor of the UMKC Miller Nichols Library Learning Center, 800 E 51st St., Kansas City.

Carmack, co-founder of id Software, is a renowned leader in technology development who has altered the landscape of multiple industries. He has pioneered the adoption of several computer graphic techniques widely used today and has led the development of many of the pillars of today's gaming industry.

In 2000, he founded Armadillo Aerospace, working part time to design and build rocket ships. In 2012, Carmack ushered in the modern era of Virtual Reality, leading to his current position as Chief Technology Officer of Oculus, a Facebook company.

Carmack was inducted into the Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences' Hall of Fame, awarded two Emmy® awards for his work in graphics technology, received a Lifetime

Achievement Award from the Game Developers Conference, and was awarded the prestigious

BAFTA Fellowship Award.

Carmack will discuss systems engineering using examples from virtual reality during the May 12

Tech Talk. The event is free and open to the public. The discussion will begin at 4 p.m. and a

meet-and-greet will be held immediately following at 5 p.m. RSVP is required for space

accommodations.

About the UMKC School of Computing and Engineering
Located in one of the nation's largest engineering communities, the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Computing and Engineering prepares students to work in cutting-edge engineering, computer science and information technology careers. SCE's internationally recognized faculty prepare students for today's competitive job market by providing a curriculum that includes the latest technology and business trends, as well as a comprehensive education in each field's theory and fundamental practice.

About the University of Missouri-Kansas City
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