



# THE **OCHappenings**



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# Cybersecurity: Be In The (More Than You Ever Wanted To) Know

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## What is cybersecurity?

NOUN: *defending/protecting computers, networks, and data from cyber-attacks and ensuring confidentiality*

When the first computer virus, known as "Creepers," emerged in the 1970s, it marked the beginning of cybersecurity. To combat Creepers, the first antivirus program, "Reaper," was developed to protect systems and data. As personal computers became more prevalent in the 1980s, the need for cybersecurity grew, leading to the creation of commercial antivirus software. The widespread use of the internet in the 1990s further increased the necessity for robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard systems, networks, and data from attacks.



During the 2000s, a significant rise in cybercrime occurred. This surge in cyber threats prompted the development of advanced cybersecurity technologies and the implementation of stricter penalties for cybercrimes. Prioritizing cybersecurity has become increasingly essential for government, private, and public organizations as threats such as ransomware and phishing have become more prevalent.

Today, cybersecurity is a rapidly evolving field that remains critical. It is essential for protecting sensitive information and maintaining the integrity of digital systems in an increasingly interconnected world.

**That's why OCS recently hired a cybersecurity expert, Joe Smith.** He offered some insight into what we need to know, how we can digitally protect ourselves, and ways to support the IT team's efforts.

## What does cybersecurity mean at OCS?

For a company, cybersecurity means protecting everything that enables the business to run effectively in the digital world. For OCS, this means safeguarding employee and customer data, organizing and providing training, and securing company networks, websites, systems, and other critical assets. Having a strong cybersecurity posture at OCS helps prevent breaches and attacks, which in turn allows the company to avoid financial losses and damage to our reputation and customer trust.



## Do you have any examples of how cybersecurity measures thwarted nefarious activity against OCS?

In one example, an email requesting a change in wiring instructions was quarantined by Proofpoint as fraudulent. After further investigation and contact with the dealer, the email was, in fact, fraud and was attempting to reroute the wire transfer to the fraudster's account.

Another example is our website, oakmontfinance.com, which averages about 1,500 attempted cyberattacks per day. Security plug-ins, IP address filtering, and firewall rules all work in conjunction to stop those attacks from being successful.



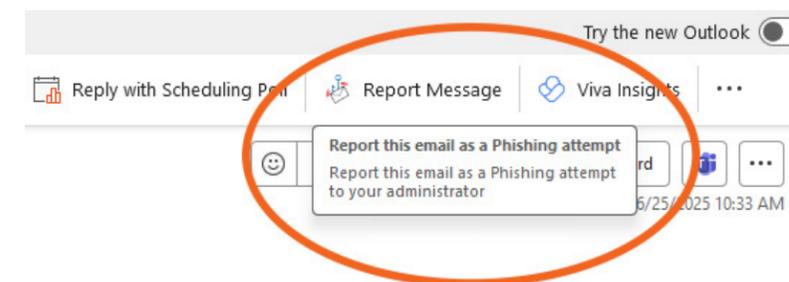
## What are the top three things OCS employees should be aware of from a cybersecurity standpoint on any given day?

1. We are under attack every day, and you are the first line of defense! **Most cyberattacks against OCS will come in the form of business email compromise (BEC)**, which involves phishing, malware, and malicious links sent to our users.
2. Be mindful of what you share and where you share it. **Use company-approved tools to share data** (SharePoint, Outlook, Teams).
3. **Use privacy settings to protect your information on social media** — bad actors can use it to create targeted phishing campaigns or impersonate you to attack your friends/family/coworkers.



## We've heard the "if you see something, say something" mantra when it comes to online attacks, but what steps should an employee take if they do "see something?"

This is really easy to answer! If you see something suspicious or your computer starts doing something strange, take a pause (stop doing what you were doing when the suspicious thing started) and contact IT Security at [cybersecurity@oakmontfinance.com](mailto:cybersecurity@oakmontfinance.com), or send Joe Smith a message on Teams. Also, remember to use the **Report Message/Report this email as a Phishing attempt** from the Home tab to report any suspicious emails for analysis!



## What can we expect next year, if it's possible to predict, when it comes to keeping our systems, customers, partners, and employees safe?

We've had a pretty good year so far, establishing a strong cybersecurity footprint. We've enlisted the help of SideChannel, Inc. as our Managed Service Provider with a vCISO, implemented a secure email gateway (Proofpoint), began a security training program, and are in the process of onboarding with Gradient Cyber, a 24/7/365 Security Operations Center that will monitor our systems and alert of any potential issues or attacks. In addition, Gradient provides us with the tools we need to stay ahead of emerging attack trends. As we continue to follow our cybersecurity roadmap, our data and systems will be safer than ever. So, I would say that in the next year, you can expect minimal disruption to your day-to-day work life but know that we are working behind the scenes every day to improve and become more secure.

# Internal Updates

## Welcome



Maria Wait, Operations Specialist



Zac Hinnenkamp, Credit Analyst

## Employee News



Congratulations **Stephanie Wentland**, CLFP, Project Manager, on being named a [NextGen Leader](#).



Congratulations **Debbie Waldron**, who is now Collections Supervisor.



## Marketing Milestone

OCS [LinkedIn page](#) hit 2,000 followers!



## Monthly Report: May 2025

<b>CREDIT APPS</b>	The credit team reviewed <b>1,040 apps</b> . Daily average of <b>49.5 apps</b> .
<b>SETS SENT OUT</b>	The docs team sent out <b>623 sets</b> . YOY Increase: <b>73%</b>
<b>TITLES PROCESSED</b>	Sent <b>165 titles</b> for processing. Received <b>235 completed</b> Titles/ELTs.
<b>DOCS CHECKED IN</b>	Funding checked in <b>588 sets of docs</b> for an average of <b>28 sets</b> a day.
<b>DEALS</b>	<b>584 deals</b> funded for <b>\$51,226,241.72</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	Working Capital: <b>\$465,000 funded</b> for <b>\$23,450</b> in fees
<b>FISCAL YTD</b>	1251 deals for \$109.6MM Avg ticket size is \$87.7k (Excludes Working Capital deals)

## July Birthdays

Trevor Braegelmann – July 3  
 Amanda Town – July 5  
 Carrie Jaenicke – July 9  
 Hailey Thill – July 11  
 Isaiah Gerads – July 12

Sarah Olmscheid – July 18  
 Tracey Schneider – July 27  
 Nick Trapani – July 27  
 Clay Fischer – July 31  
 Joe Smith – July 31

## July Anniversaries

Andrew Halladay – 13 years  
 DJ Jackson – 13 years  
 Bill Schmidt – 4 years  
 Maria Zimny – 4 years  
 Alicia Moening – 3 years

Jenny Goebel – 3 years  
 Kendra Austing – 3 years  
 Jess Thompson – 1 year  
 Paige Benson – 1 year  
 Romeo Mouk – 1 year



*Happy Birthday & Congratulations!*

## Out & About

### Capitol Connections with Nancy

Nancy Pistorio represented OCS on Capitol Hill! Joining the ELFA's Capitol Connections event, Nancy and many equipment finance professionals advocated for our industry with Congress and the Senate. Thank you to Nancy (and all the participants) for your advocacy.



### Equipment Finance Cares event with Keara and D.J.

Keara Piekanski and D.J. Jackson participated in a regional Equipment Finance Cares event. Keara joined the panel discussion on the Human Side of Equipment Finance, and both she and D.J. discussed the volunteer work the OCS Cares PA team does with the West Chester Food Cupboard. It was an afternoon of learning, sharing, and networking with peers from the equipment finance industry.



## Fun Enforcers

### OCS-PA BBQ

Something smells good! OCS' **Joe "Grillmaster" Smith** was the man behind the BBQ at the PA office's recent cookout. Thanks to Joe for the delicious meats and to the PA employees for making our potluck possible!



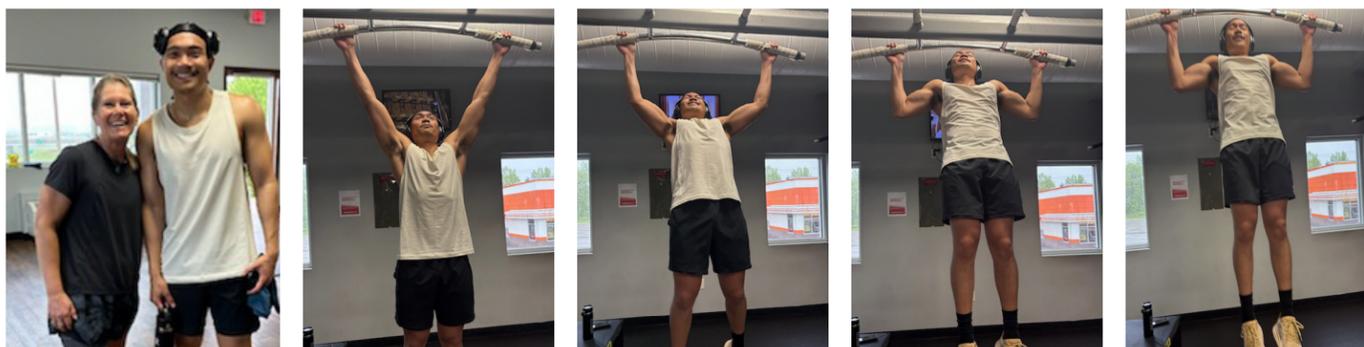
### CPR/First Aid Training (MN and PA)

We're certified! Congratulations to members of the OCS PA and MN offices who participated in our company-sponsored CPR training. Both offices held in-person sessions with a professional trainer, including hands-on experience.



### Murph Challenge

**Tracey Elfering** and **Romeo Mouk** completed the Murph Challenge that Albany Snap Fitness sponsored. The Murph Challenge is a grueling CrossFit workout performed annually on (or around) Memorial Day to honor Navy Lieutenant Michael Murphy, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2005. Congratulations to Tracey and Romeo!



## Perfect Match Trivia:

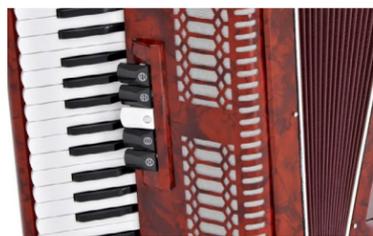
Guess which of these actual celebrations happen in July.

Answer this month's trivia for a chance to win an OCS apparel credit. Take a screenshot of your answers and email it to [marketing@oakmontfinance.com](mailto:marketing@oakmontfinance.com).

As usual, this is the honor system - **no Googling!**

YES - NO

1. National Watermelon month
2. National Sprinkle Day
3. National Ice Cream Month
4. National Nothing Day
5. International Joke Day
6. Say Something Nice Day
7. National Give Something Away Day
8. National Iced Tea Day
9. Onion Ring Day
10. National Blueberry Month
11. National Fried Chicken Day
12. National Dog Bite Awareness Month
13. National Accordion Month
14. Be a Kid Again Day
15. International Panic Day
16. National Avocado Day
17. National Barbecue Month
18. National Grilling Month
19. Blah Blah Blah Day
20. Be Nice to New Jersey Week





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