A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

By Alisha Kelly and Clinton Austin
Young AFCEA Co-Presidents

The past two months have been an unprecedented time for our community. While COVID-19 has created uncertainty across the industry, there has been an accelerated adoption of technology and innovative teleworking strategies. The demand for skills in mobile and cloud-based technology has never been higher along with the support roles to deliver this technology. Our IT security professionals are working double time to secure our networks. We are demonstrating that the previous status quo of needing to work on-site is broken as many of us have been successfully working from home full- or part-time. Those still required to be on-site have figured out how to do so safely.

Above all, we know that we are not alone in this difficult time. Lean into (and on) your AFCEA networks at the chapter or international levels to get the necessary insights and skills you need to succeed. If you need help, please reach out to anyone on the Young AFCEAN Executive Committee or network through our three social media channels:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/YoungAFCEANs
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4667650
Twitter: https://twitter.com/young_afcea

We will continue to lead by our actions and can be reached at any time. Stay safe!

~ AK and Austin
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