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- Innovative educational programs that provide inclusive and effective learning environments and prepare graduates to be ethical professionals, leaders, and innovators in computer science (Student Success),
- Pioneering research programs that foster the creation of computing knowledge and invention of new technologies (Research and Innovation),
- Design, development, and potential commercialization of technologies to solve socially-relevant science and engineering problems (Commercialization), and
- Active local and global partnerships and collaborations with educational, government, non-profit, and commercial organizations that align with our commitment to diversity (Collaboration).

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