Computer science is unique in its impact and importance

- Computer science has a rich intellectual agenda
- Advances in CS accelerate the pace of discovery in nearly all other fields
- Advances in CS drive economic growth
  - Not just through the growth of the IT industry, but through productivity growth across the entire economy
- Advances in CS touch everyone's lives – they change the way we live, work, learn, and communicate
- Advances in CS are inextricably linked to our ability to address our major national and global challenges
- Advances in CS have major public policy implications
  - Ranging from e-voting and identity management to the nature and global spread of democracy
- "Computational Thinking" is essential for all 21st century citizens!

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