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A Year in Review: The Highlights of ITS in 2021

Have you been wondering what ITS was up to in 2021? We are excited to provide some insight into our top initiatives and services the FSU community engaged with in 2021.

[Read Here](#)

ITS News

ITS Professional Development Committee

The ITS Professional Development Committee is holding their first meeting later this month to kick off efforts to improve training and development within ITS. Members of the committee are **Mark Chang, David Cook, Sarah Dennis, Breeze Howard, Brianna McClean, Kaylyn Minnix, Sara Mischler** and **Kathy Wilkes**. In the meantime, you can help by taking the new employee orientation survey to help us improve the ITS onboarding and orientation process as the first step of the professional development journey. If you have any questions, please contact **Kathy Wilkes** at kathy.wilkes@fsu.edu.

[Take the Survey](#)

COVID Updates

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently released [updated COVID-19 guidance](#). The updates include changes to the isolation period for those who test positive with COVID-19. As everyone returns to campus, FSU encourages all students and employees to wear medical-grade face masks while on campus. Vaccine and booster shots as well as PCR testing continue to be available at the Civic Center.

[Stay Healthy](#)

Microsoft Enterprise Program

To support our learning journey, ITS has partnered with Microsoft to participate in the Enterprise Skills Initiative (ESI). The university has been given access to training resources

and a limited number of vouchers for staff to take Microsoft certification examinations. With 49 different certification paths, there is something for everyone. Use the available learning resources to help you prepare and feel confident when taking the certification exam.

[Get Started](#)

ITS Headshots

ITS is coordinating professional headshots for all ITS employees. Stop by the Mores Conference room in TSB on January 18 from 12-2PM and sit for a quick studio portrait. An on-campus session will be held at the Shaw Building on Wednesday, February 2 from 9-11AM. These make great photos for Zoom, LinkedIn and other professional profiles.

[Add to Calendar](#)

FSU IT Employee Orientation

ITS welcomed new IT employees to the university in December with our bi-annual IT Employee Orientation session. The session, which is provided to IT professionals across FSU, serves as a great intro to technology at FSU. The December session covered important ITS projects, initiatives and contacts and provided updates on many ITS services.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Python Bootcamp

Join the **Research Computing Center** for a free, one-day Python programming bootcamp. The hands-on course is split into four sessions, with basic programming in the morning and more advanced topics in the afternoon. This is an introductory course and no prior programming knowledge is necessary.

[Register](#)

Training Resources for the New Year

What do you plan to tackle in 2022? As we look forward to the year ahead and identify goals and dreams for our professional and personal lives, it is the perfect time to take advantage of the free resources available to us. Check out these three tech tools offered by ITS to help you achieve your goals this year.



Read More

Internet Safety and Survivability for Parents

Back by popular demand ... Don't miss this training session on Internet Safety and Survivability for Parents. The session is led by Josh Chancey of FBI Jacksonville and covers the chilling facts about online predators and what you can do to protect your own children. The training is free and open to all members of the FSU community. Tune in at 11AM on Tuesday, January 25.

Join Zoom Meeting

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ITS Raises \$6,572 for FSU Food for Thought Pantry

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual ITS holiday charity drive in December. Thanks to your extreme generosity, ITS raised \$6,572 for the [FSU Food for Thought Pantry](#). These funds will help provide meals and nourishment for currently enrolled students who are facing food insecurity. Thank you for making a difference at FSU!

Meet Fenton Lawler!

Fenton Lawler discovered in college that she had a knack for technology. Pair that with her desire to help people and make a difference, and Fenton stands out as an exceptional computing support technician in the College of Social Work. Outside of work, you can find her traveling the globe or being a kid again at Disney World.

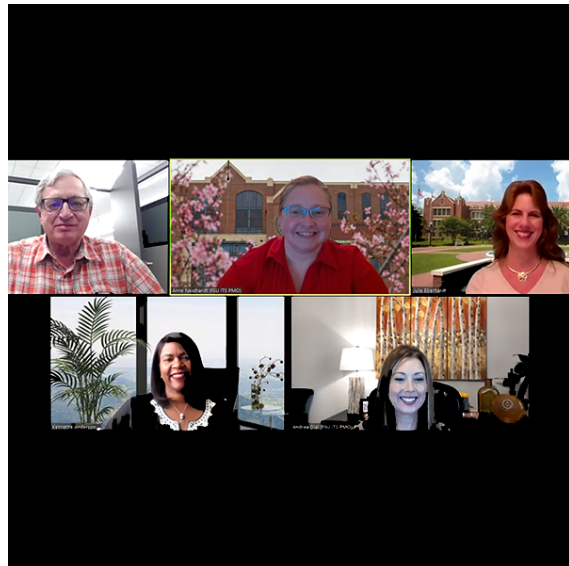
Meet Fenton



Meet the Project Management Team!

The ITS **Project Management Office** is your go-to group for keeping large projects on task. The newly formed team helps facilitate large, cross-team technology projects across the university, including the Health Data Sciences Initiative, One Office 365 consolidation and Student Technology Fee proposals.

Meet the Project Management Team



Welcome to ITS!

New year, new faces! Take a minute to welcome to the team the newest members of ITS, including our Spring 2022 interns: **Brandon Casey, Marie-France Desir, Andrew Harrison, Sharlynn Hurtado-Mantilla, Heather Jones, Malik Siddarth Madasi, Jess Moorefield, Michelle Perez, Nicole Reyes, Staci Smith, David Stephenson** and **Shannon Whisenant**.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy work anniversary to all the ITS employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with FSU this month. What would we do without you?

35 Years

Anthony Harris

25 Years

Daryn Deboer
Stephen Tyson

10 Years

Andrew Roberts

1 Year

Brendan Guinn

Shout Outs



Holiday Heroes

To all the people who logged long hours to respond to COVID guidance updates and keep the university running over the holidays, a thousand thank yous for taking time out of your winter break to perform critical work. A huge shout out to the **Community Engagement Technologies** and **Application Development Services** teams. You are amazing, and your work does not go unnoticed.

Charlotte Souffront-Garcia Receives Latinx Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations to **Charlotte Souffront-Garcia** who was recently named a recipient of the [FSU Latinx Distinguished Faculty and Staff Award](#). The award recognizes staff members for their service to students and the Latinx community. Charlotte has supported students directly in her role as a liaison between ITS and the Division of Student Affairs and is also adviser to the Puerto Rican Student Association and has co-chaired several student task forces.

Bobby Sprinkle Presents at Avaya Conference

Shout out to **Bobby Sprinkle** for presenting at the Avaya ENGAGE Conference in Orlando last December. Bobby represented FSU and sat on a panel to discuss customer success.



“Without the RCC right now or without equivalent support, I would not have been able to do my research which had helped me get an NSF grant, an NIH grant and a corporate grant. [The RCC] has been critical to everything I have done here in the past six years.”

Dr. Christian Bleiholder, FSU Professor, Department of Chemistry

HR Highlights

USPS Employee Evaluations

Attention supervisors: January is the month for USPS employee evaluations. Information on how to write and complete evaluations will be listed within the HR Supervisor Teams site.

Changes to Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

Starting in January the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#) is updating their process. Employees applying for the program will need to complete or renew the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Employment Certification Forms and submit them to FSU Human Resources at HR-Records@fsu.edu.



1,320,964

total number of sessions, or times someone engaged with the ITS website, in 2021

IT Roundup



Learn IT - Creating Lasting Habits

Make this the year that you follow through. Stick to your New Year's resolutions by taking a few minutes to first watch this course by productive leadership coach Dave Crenshaw on [Creating Lasting Habits >](#)



Green IT - Sustainable Resolutions

Want to incorporate sustainability into your New Year's resolutions this year? Here are some suggestions:

- Start using a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated
- Use reusable utensils and straws instead of plastic
- Keep reusable bags in your car to use when you shop
- Reduce food waste
- Buy local produce

[More Recommendations >](#)



Join IT

Join our team! Browse IT [job openings at FSU](#).

[Technology Services Director](#)

[Business Logistics Associate](#)

[IT Support Specialist](#)

[ERP Analyst II](#)

Calendar

Mark your calendar for these upcoming ITS important dates.



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[ITS Staff Meeting](#)

02/01



[Python Bootcamp](#)

02/08



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