



June 2026

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ITS Organizational Changes

On June 19, ITS will officially implement changes to its organizational structure. As part of this transition, several positions will report to the CIO and oversee the operations of the departments and offices that have joined ITS under the RISE alignment initiative. One of the key RISE 2030 focus areas is “Architecting a Future-Ready Organizational Framework,” which seeks to expand and streamline ITS operations while remaining accountable and accessible. This reorganization will help create clearer lines of communication, strengthen collaboration across aligned units and ensure ITS is well-positioned to advance its strategic priorities while continuing to provide exceptional service to faculty, staff and students.

ITS News

IT Alignment Advances Collaboration Across FSU

After a little more than two years, 10 cohorts and 300+ full-time IT professionals, critical technology teams across the university have joined ITS, creating a more unified and collaborative approach to supporting students, faculty and staff. The alignment brings together expertise from across campus to strengthen security, improve consistency, streamline services and make it easier for units to access the support they need.

For the FSU community, that means better technology experiences and more efficient operations across the university. By consolidating enterprise technology resources and support under one central IT organization, FSU is better positioned to reduce costs, improve coordination, expand professional development opportunities for staff, and continue building technology services that support innovation in teaching, research and day-to-day work.

[Read More About the ITS Alignment](#)

Cybersecurity Training 2026

As part of our continued commitment to safeguard Florida State University's digital resources, ITS will begin its annual cybersecurity awareness training program on **July 1, 2026**. This required training should be completed by all FSU employees (faculty, staff and student workers) by **October 31, 2026**.

The interactive training should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will cover key cybersecurity topics, including phishing, malware, ransomware and identity theft. Employees will receive the link to the training on **July 1**.

ArtesAI Launching Fall 2026

This month, ITS began the launch of ArtesAI with its pilot test group. ArtesAI is a secure, cloud-based generative AI gateway and platform developed by Cloudforce on Microsoft Azure. Designed specifically with higher education in mind, it serves as a central hub that enables users to securely access and build custom AI tools while maintaining strict data privacy. The pilot group will have the opportunity to utilize the tool first and directly influence how we expand and enhance ArtesAI for the broader FSU community starting in Fall 2026.

LinkedIn Learning – AI Role Play

Did you know you can use LinkedIn Learning to gain familiarity with a variety of complex workplace scenarios? With [LinkedIn Learning's new AI Roleplay feature](#), you can utilize AI-generated coaches to rehearse common and often confusing conversations held in the workplace.

There are hundreds of pre-built scenarios, including giving or receiving feedback, working through interpersonal conflict or negotiating the terms of a deal. You choose what sort of interaction you want to practice, and your AI coach will respond in real-time with personalized answers that change based on your input

and responses. You can even create customized scenarios that are specific to your professional situations. After the session, you will receive personalized feedback in a safe, private environment.

This service can even be personalized for your goals and needs. It is available through text or by voice, and offered in English, French, German, Japanese and Spanish. Your AI coach can also play a variety of roles, including a colleague, superior or direct report. You can even save and share your customized scenario with others on your team.

Whether you're preparing for a difficult conversation, practicing giving feedback or strengthening your leadership skills, LinkedIn Learning's AI Role Play provides a risk-free environment to build your confidence before the real exchange takes place.

Try AI Role Play through LinkedIn Learning today

New ITS Professional Development Series Launches This Summer

ITS is launching a new monthly professional development series, **Connecting ITS: Innovation Exchange & Success**, designed to spotlight the innovation already happening across our teams. Each session will feature three short presentations, real project examples, quick demos and a brief Q&A, creating space for colleagues to connect, share ideas and better understand how our work is advancing FSU's goals.

The summer series focuses on artificial intelligence and how FSU innovators are using it in their projects. The next session will be held virtually on **Wednesday, July 8**. Employees interested in attending can contact ismith24@fsu.edu for the Teams link if they have not already received the invitation in Outlook.

Join the Waitlist for FSU Data Day 2026



FSU's Data Day conference is back **Thursday July 23**, at the FSU Turnbull Conference Center. Geared toward faculty and staff, this free, one-day event features insightful workshops and networking opportunities designed to harness the power of institutional data. Official registration is full, but you can still secure a spot on the waitlist by visiting data.fsu.edu/data-day-fsu.

Join the Waitlist

Jonathan Fozard testifies on the Future of Higher Education in the Age of AI



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On June 3, CIO **Jonathan Fozard** testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development during the hearing “Building an AI-Ready America: Higher Education in the Age of AI.” Fozard emphasized that AI literacy should be treated as a national workforce priority and that higher education must prepare students not only to use AI, but to understand, question, improve, and apply it securely and responsibly.

“AI readiness is no longer optional. It is quickly becoming part of workforce readiness, economic competitiveness, research discovery, student success and institutional transformation,” Fozard said.

He also highlighted FSU’s approach to AI through secure partnerships and the RISE framework, underscoring the importance of hands-on learning, secure access to tools, stronger K-12 to higher education pipelines and continued investment in research infrastructure. We are incredibly proud to see our CIO’s leadership directly shape how schools across the United States will prepare the next generation of leaders!

[Watch the Full Hearing](#)



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We Are IT

We Are IT | Meet Jennifer Leale



Jennifer Leale has spent 25 years at Florida State University turning her love of coding into custom solutions that support departments across campus. As a custom applications developer at ITS, she designs and develops Java applications from the ground up, collaborating on everything from database structure to user experience, and says one of the most rewarding parts of her work is creating tools that solve problems third-party software cannot. Her favorite project, Community Engaged Tallahassee, reflects that approach by connecting volunteers with service opportunities while supporting community engagement across FSU and beyond.

[Meet Jennifer](#)

RCC Spotlight: Eren Erman Ozguven, Ph.D.



Dr. Eren Erman Ozguven's research utilizes advanced modeling, artificial intelligence and high-performance computing to help communities better prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. As Director of the **Resilient Infrastructure & Disaster Response Center (RIDER)**, he studies the "resilience divide." His work examines how infrastructure, location, socioeconomic factors and access to resources shape a community's ability to withstand events like hurricanes and wildfires. With support from the FSU **Research Computing Center (RCC)**, Ozguven's team runs large-scale simulations of hazards and interconnected systems, such as roads and power grids, to improve evacuation planning, strengthen infrastructure resilience and support more equitable disaster response in Florida and beyond.

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Happy Anniversary!

Happy work anniversary to all the ITS employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with FSU this month.

10 Years

Scott Pigott

5 Years

Joshua Crawford
Tammy Elliott
Grace Eunice

1 Year

Sandhiya Natarajan
Cory Thorpe

Shout Outs

ClearPass Implementation Team Delivers a Major Success

ITS has successfully completed the implementation of ClearPass! This upgrade enhances both the security and usability of FSU's guest Wi-Fi experience. With ClearPass in place, guests can now connect to the network more easily without generating an access code, while also benefitting from improved security protections.

This project required extensive planning, coordination and problem-solving across multiple ITS teams. Thanks to their efforts, the transition was completed smoothly, with minimal impact to users. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed to this important initiative!

ITS Summer Appreciation Event Brings Staff Together

Thanks again to the event committee and every individual who helped organize the Summer Appreciation Celebration! We had an amazing time playing games, having friendly competitions and eating sweet treats.

With summer in full swing, we remain thankful to work alongside colleagues who are committed to making ITS a friendly, welcoming and fun work environment. As we enjoy the summer and take advantage of beautiful weather, holiday celebrations and well-deserved vacations, events like the Summer Appreciation Celebration remind us that the people we work with every day are what makes ITS such a special place. Thank you for everything you do to support one another and the FSU community!

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