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FSU Developing Statewide Data System to Improve Mental Health in Florida

For years, critical data about Florida's behavioral healthcare system has been scattered among state agencies, making it difficult to assess how well the system serves patients and where improvements are needed.

Now, Florida State University is working to bring that information together to give policymakers and researchers a clearer picture of mental health and substance use treatment across the state.

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Cyberween Is Here



Put your cyber smarts to the test and encourage faculty, staff and students to participate in our annual cyber showdown as FSU faces off against 11 other Florida universities!

From Monday, Oct. 19, through Friday, Oct. 30, head to **its.fsu.edu/cyberween** and enter the virtual haunted house to take on five terrifying cybersecurity scenarios! FSU won last year, and this year we need your help to bring home the cybersecurity championship…now is not the time to ghost us!

Learn More

Play the Cyberween Game

Annual Cybersecurity Training

Don't forget to finish your 2026 Cybersecurity Training! The training should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. All employees and student workers are required to complete this training by Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026. Please do your part in creating a safe and secure online campus community.

Learn More About the Annual Cybersecurity Training

Additionally, join us for this optional training session designed to help you keep our digital environment secure, hone your technical defense skills, and stay aware of potential threats.

- **October 29: SPEAR Seminole Prepared: Emergency and Response Training (Remote)**

ITS News

ArtesAI Is Officially Live

ArtesAI is here! FSU's new AI workspace gives faculty, staff and students free, secure access to multiple AI models like Claude and ChatGPT, along with the ability to build custom AI agents that handle routine, multi-step tasks. Sign in at **artesai.fsu.edu** with your FSU credentials and start exploring!

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FSU Computer Scientist Wins Grand Prize from ReliaQuest



(Bill Lax/Florida State University Communications)

A Florida State University computer scientist won a $100,000 grand prize from cybersecurity company ReliaQuest after delivering a winning pitch for Sage, a startup designed to protect personal data.

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ReliaQuest Intern Coffee Hour



On Sept. 24, ReliaQuest's Ryan Borum, senior manager of GreyMatter Operations, and Sara Mirza, GreyMatter operations lead, met with the ITS Intern Cohort during an Intern Coffee Hour. They discussed the company's operations and potential career paths, and Mirza returned the following week to lead a training for interns.

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ITS Interns Gain Real-World Experience with Enrollment Management Technology



At Enrollment Management Technology (EMT), student interns hired through the ITS Intern Cohort program help run the systems every Florida State University applicant passes through. Humberto “Bert” Messeguer and his team provide each intern with hands-on experience, one-on-one mentorship and industry connections that prepare them for their future careers.

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FSU Google Days Brings Hands-On AI Learning to Campus



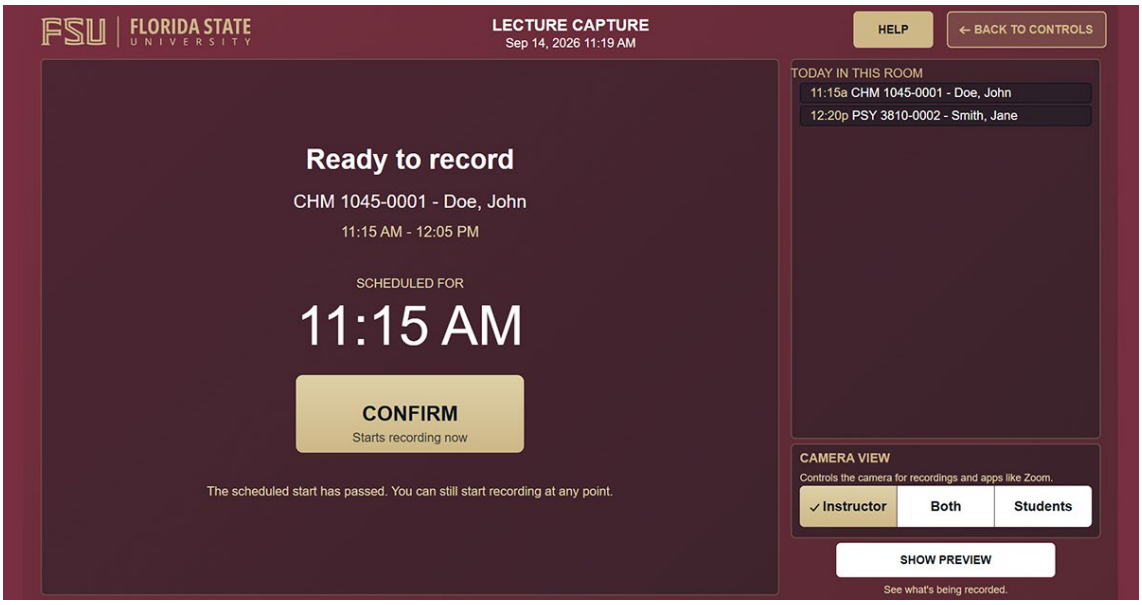
Florida State University recently welcomed more than 1,000 faculty, staff and students to Google Days 2026, a two-day event featuring hands-on AI training,

demonstrations and discussions.

Hosted Oct. 7-8 by **FSU Information Technology Services** in partnership with Google for Education, the event explored practical uses of artificial intelligence in higher education.

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Classroom Upgrades: Automated Lecture Capture Project



Graduate assistant Lenny Paz designed and developed a proof-of-concept system that automates lecture capture from start to finish. This system integrates with Ad Astra API to obtain course scheduling information, room assignments, and instructor data, as well as Kaltura API to deliver recordings to the instructor's media repository automatically.

Instructors can initiate a recording directly from the Crestron touch panel in their classroom. When a lecture ends, the system sends the recording to the instructor's media library and flags any failed or incomplete uploads.

Paz built and tested the solution in a lab environment, and a pilot is planned for classrooms in the Diffenbaugh Building. The project reduces administrative work and gives instructors simple, in-room control over recording and publishing.

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ITS MagLab Tour



On Sept. 16, ITS employees toured the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory as part of a professional development event. At the MagLab, attendees saw the lab's 45-tesla hybrid magnet, which is the world's strongest magnet! During the tour, ITS employees were able to learn more about the lab's technological capabilities and IT infrastructure. ITS is proud to support the MagLab and its work providing innovative answers to crucial scientific questions.

Learn More About the MagLab

Behind the Scenes With Athletics IT



ITS employees toured Dick Howser and Doak Campbell stadiums with IT Manager **Jorge Pana** and the Athletics IT team. During the tour, attendees learned about the technology and IT infrastructure that support Florida State athletics venues. A highlight of the day was meeting head baseball coach Link Jarrett.

We Are IT

We Are IT | Meet Derek Carraway!



Born and raised in Tallahassee, **Derek Carraway** turned a lifelong interest in technology into a career at Florida State University, where he has worked since January 2018. Today, he serves as an IT Support Specialist with ITS, helping to

inform the university community about information that will help them be more successful at FSU while also championing digital accessibility and inclusive technology.

Meet Derek

Happy Anniversary!

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

25 Years

Ross Corona

20 Years

Shawn Coughlin

15 Years

Jason Orman

10 Years

Al Ferdinand
Kayla Murrill
Chandra Rawat

5 Years

Devon McWhorter
Amanda Randall
Kyle Rinehart
Bobby Sanchez
Rachel Stys
Amanda Whitaker

1 Year

Aiden Allen
Kaylee Andrews
Tyler Leturmy Brown
Christopher Davis
Keshawn Hardy
Michael Hodge
Niko Krinos
Elon Matthews
Wes McCall
Josh Pollock
Jaylen Savoie
Josh Slaven

Announcements & Reminders

FSU HIPAA Virtual Training

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, FSU employees, students, contractors and affiliates who work with protected health information (PHI) are invited to attend a virtual HIPAA training session. The training will cover an overview of HIPAA, individual responsibilities for protecting confidential information, university policies and more. The session will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon and will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. Protecting sensitive health information is an important part of the university's dedication to maintaining a safe digital environment. Please consider attending and thank you for your commitment to safeguarding confidential health data.

Learn More About the HIPAA Virtual Training

Shout Outs

FSU Deputy CISO Participates in ReliaQuest Professional Engagement Training

Congratulations to **Clifford Stokes Jr.**, FSU's deputy chief information security officer, on completing hands-on training with cybersecurity company ReliaQuest as part of FSU's partnership with the organization! Working alongside ReliaQuest staff and industry peers, Stokes explored the company's GreyMatter platform and how its agentic AI capabilities could strengthen FSU's cybersecurity program. Stokes' participation in this training exemplifies the power of this partnership, which opens the door for ITS employees to tap into emerging technology trends and expand their professional networks.

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ITS Deputy CIO Highlights Talent Development at Florida Public Sector Summit



Bobby Sprinkle, ITS deputy chief information officer, recently spoke on a panel at the Florida Public Sector Summit about the cybersecurity workforce shortage. Sprinkle pointed to the ITS Intern Cohort program and employee professional development as examples of how FSU develops technology talent from within, sparking interest from several leaders hoping to connect with ITS interns.

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177,000

Total Unique myFSU Visitors in August 2026

Join IT



Join our team! Browse IT job openings at FSU.

ITS Administrative Lead Representative
Classroom Support Specialist
Analytics Architect
Program Manager, Facility & Grounds

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New Staff Welcome Aboard Session
10/26

REDCap Lunch Learn and Collaborate
10/28

Garnet & Gold Tailgate
10/31

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