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Spring 2025 Tech Tips

FSU ITS is excited to welcome everyone back for the Spring 2025 semester! The start of a new year brings exciting opportunities to explore the latest technology. The ITS Service Catalog provides students, faculty and staff with tech that will make professional and academic careers easier. Microsoft Office 365 and Zoom are just two of the applications everyone has unlimited access to—anytime, anywhere. Check out our article to learn more about how you can make your spring semester more productive with ITS tools and apps.

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ITS News

Submit Your Seminole Showcase Proposal Today

Are you interested in presenting cutting-edge technology services, applications and learning initiatives for higher education? Now is your opportunity! ITS is looking for proposals from IT professionals interested in presenting at the ITS Seminole Showcase in April. Keep an eye out for the proposal submission form!

- Call for Proposals: February 7
- Proposal Deadline: February 21
- Notification of Proposal Acceptances: March 7

ITS to Present on AI at the Hub

Two team members from ITS will lead sessions this spring at the Faculty Innovators Coffee Chats. The informal discussions, hosted by the Innovation Hub, will focus on various topics in generative artificial intelligence (AI). On January 29, Dr. **John L. Crow**, instructional development faculty in the Office of Digital Learning, will examine AI in the classroom. **Derek Kooi**, ITS emerging technology developer, will discuss Microsoft Mesh and immersive media at the March 19 session. Additional topics include AI detection methods, AI and virtual reality in music, AI and student learning and digital humanities. The chats begin on January 15 and meet every other Wednesday from 8:30-10AM at the Innovation Hub.

[More Information](#)

Seminole Showcase Planning Committee

The second annual Seminole Showcase is scheduled for early April. If you would like to be on the planning committee for the event, reach out to **Brandon Casey** via Teams or email. The committee will meet a few times over the next three months to select presentation proposals and coordinate other event details.

Join the Committee

ITS Chili Cook-Off

The ITS Chili Master title is back up for grabs! Mark your calendars for the annual ITS Chili Cook-Off. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 19. Tasting starts at noon in the TSB Commons. Staff will vote to determine the winner. RSVP below if you plan to attend or enter the competition.

RSVP

Computer Tutors Classes

Computer Tutors has released their 2025 class schedule. New this year are several one-day classes featuring Microsoft Copilot and other AI technology, as well as a CompTIA A+ Operating Systems intro class and Network Essentials class. Many courses offered by Computer Tutors provide training for certifications included in the [ITS Professional Development Bonus Plan](#). Set your professional development goals for the year and sign up today.

Computer Tutors Schedule

Intern Coffee Hour

ITS is hosting an intern coffee hour on Wednesday, January 29 at 10AM in room 1440 at TSB. The event, which will feature a critical thinking workshop, will help kick off the spring semester and welcome our newest cohort of interns across the organization. All interns and their supervisors are encouraged to attend.



PursuITS Wants to Hear from You

Have you ever wondered, “Can I submit something for the newsletter?” Yes! You can! We have created a Qualtrics form for all ITS employees to submit content ideas of things they would like to share. Whether it is an event your team is planning, an award your employee received or a project update, we want to hear from you. Submit today for your chance to be featured in next month’s edition of *PursuITS*!

Submit Here



STF Spotlight | Hearing Lab

The Florida State University [College of Communication and Information](#)'s Speech & Hearing Lab enables students to learn and train in a hands-on environment focused on speech-language pathology and audiology. As the field of speech pathology grows, the lab provides a unique opportunity for students to develop their skills and enrich their learning through hands-on experience with advanced training technology, which was recently funded by the [Student Technology Fee](#). The lab utilizes high-quality audiology equipment to perform auditory brainstem response testing which enables students to assess hearing in young adults, individuals with intellectual disabilities and those with auditory nerve issues. The equipment also features otoacoustic emissions, which are sound echoes generated by the ear during the hearing process, allowing audiologists to assess a person's hearing ability. Unlike other programs across the United States, FSU's Hearing Lab is the only one to provide undergraduate students with one-on-one experience with this type of equipment. Beyond campus opportunities, the lab's impact extends globally, with students participating in annual service trips to Guatemala, providing essential hearing care to underserved communities.

College of Social Work Launches AI Education Environment

The FSU College of Social Work is receiving national recognition for their AI-powered virtual training environment. A recently launched immersive platform uses the technology of MeetKai, a world-leading AI-metaverse company, to train social service workers in realistic, scenario-based environments. The training environment enables students to identify red flags they may encounter on a child welfare or other home visit, preparing them for real-world situations from the safety of the virtual reality environment.

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We Are IT



We Are IT | Meet Scott Bickley!

Meet **Scott Bickley**! As director of the FSU Testing Center, Scott leads his team in maintaining FSU's high academic standards. On weekends, he enjoys creating board games and spending quality time with his family.

Meet Scott

Happy Anniversary!

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

15 Years

Johnny White

10 Years

Thomas Jones
Michael
Sereico

5 Years

Brad Bigelow
Sara Mischler
Robert
Pedersen

1 Year

Thomas
Stevenson
Kathleen
Taylor
James Stewart
Kestrel Ward
Richard Conn
Shemon
Jenkins
Rutuja Umrao
Jagtap

Tygh VanZandt
Emily Krna
Matthew
Hummel
Tajrian Bhuiyan
Gavin McDavitt
Jackson Gates
Devin Jackson

Shout Outs



Jonathan Fozard Featured in CIO Magazine

"I became determined to harness technology not just as a tool but to empower teams and others to unlock their full potential." **Jonathan Fozard** was recently featured in *CIO Magazine* for leading innovation at FSU. The feature highlights his role as CIO and passion for fostering collaboration and driving change. Take time to read his exclusive interview on his professional trajectory, future plans, words of wisdom and nod to Frogger.

Photo Credit: CIO Magazine

[Read the Article](#)

ITS Employees Represent FSU in National Leadership Cohort

Congratulations to **Darla Shrum** and **Jorge Vidal** for recently serving on the MOR Leaders National Cohort. The cohort, comprised of over 30 leaders from public and private universities, is a leadership development program designed to bring together leaders from varying organizations to grow their leadership skills together. Darla and Jorge represented FSU as part of the Fall 2024 cohort. "The MOR Leaders program has been transformative for my career, helping me grow as a confident and strategic leader," says Darla. "This experience has taught me to think big-picture and lead with conviction, better equipping me to make a lasting impact at FSU."

Wall of Awesomeness

New team member? Passed certification? Job well done? Check out the [Wall of Awesomeness channel](#) on the ITS Staff Teams site for more staff shout outs. All ITS employees are welcome to post personal and team accomplishments to the channel.



"Our department is in a pivotal position right now, leading by example and creating new opportunities to achieve more than ever before."

Jonathan Fozard, Associate Vice President & Chief Information Officer

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@ Hobbit West
01/28



Innovator Coffee
Chat
01/29



Bootcamp 2025
02/11



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