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An Inside Look at the Spirit of ITS

As FSU ITS continues to expand, we are excited to share an inside look at the heart of our team and the spirit that drives us. ITS is more than just tech support. We are a dynamic team dedicated to innovation, collaboration and excellence. Our latest feature video takes you behind the scenes, showcasing the people who keep FSU connected, secure and leading cutting-edge technology initiatives.

[Watch the Video](#)

ITS News

ITS Showcase Call for Proposals

ITS is now accepting proposals for presentations at the second annual ITS showcase on Tuesday, April 8. The RISE Together Showcase, formerly known as the Seminole Showcase, is an opportunity to share your knowledge, insights and experiences with peers. Whether you have updates to share from an exciting project, lessons you have learned throughout your career or a personal passion project, everyone is welcome to apply. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, February 21.

[Submit a Proposal](#)

IT Centralization Initiative Continues in 2025

In support of the university's strategic goals and initiatives, ITS will soon welcome technology staff from four more units to central ITS. Forty team members from the Center for Prevention & Early Intervention Policy, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Division of Student Affairs and FSU Foundation will join ITS on February 28 to align technology resources and support. The alignment is part of an ongoing movement to advance technology resources and partnerships and establish technological efficiencies at FSU. Additional university colleges and departments will join ITS throughout 2025.

[More Information](#)

ODL and CoreFSU Collaborate on Accessibility

Beginning in Summer 2025, the ITS **Office of Digital Learning and Academic Technology** will pilot a program to enhance accessibility in high-enrollment, face-to-face CoreFSU courses. Support specialists and trained test proctors will work with instructors to improve course accessibility and provide training to ensure high-quality learning experiences for students. With this initiative, FSU ODL hopes to remove barriers to success for students.

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Gartner Emerging Technologies

The Gartner Emerging Technologies Adoption Radar report explores emerging technologies that will disrupt and shape operations in the year ahead. From agentic AI to homomorphic encryption, the report is intended to guide IT leaders and organizations in evaluating the impact of emerging technologies on operations and investment priorities. A must-read, CIO **Jonathan Fozard** shared the list in the February ITS staff meeting, encouraging team members to become apprised of what is on the horizon for technology in 2025 and how to integrate it at FSU.

[See the List](#)

Microsoft Mesh and Immersive Media

The Innovation Hub hosts informal discussions on various topics in generative artificial intelligence. On March 19, ITS Emerging Technology Developer **Derek Kooi** will present at the Faculty Innovators Coffee Chat on Microsoft Mesh and

immersive media. Microsoft Mesh is a leading AI-powered service that enables coworkers across locations and devices to collaborate in a shared virtual workspace. If you are interested in attending Derek's chat, it will occur from 8:30-10AM at the Innovation Hub.

[Register Here](#)

ITS Chili Cook-Off

Dust off those recipes and queue the slow cookers ... The annual ITS Chili Cook-Off is taking place next week on Wednesday, February 19. Reigning champs **Austin Myers** and **Rutuja Jagtap** will be defending their titles. Tasting starts at noon in the TSB Commons. RSVP below if you plan to attend or enter the competition.

[Enter Competition](#)

Submit Articles for *PursuITS*

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*!

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ITS Intern Coffee Hour

With the semester in full swing, ITS hosted its first Spring 2025 Intern Coffee Hour on January 27. Interns from various teams had the opportunity to network with ITS professionals and learn more about their fellow interns' roles. Following the networking session, interns and employees teamed up for a hands-on critical thinking exercise, constructing towers using spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. Special guest Chief Information Officer **Jonathan Fozard** made an appearance to welcome the interns to the team.

Dell Rally Truck Visits FSU

Wireless mice, high-definition monitors and portable chargers were just a few of the new technologies aboard the Dell Tech Rally Truck as it made its return to the Technology Services Building for the third year in a row. This partnership with Dell has become a spring staple for ITS as our staff have the opportunity to explore new technology, hear about changes and upgrades with Dell and speak with our FSU Dell representatives.

[Event Recap](#)

RCC Researcher Dr. Emma Lehmborg Studies Reproductive Behavior

Dr. Emma Lehmborg is collaborating with Dr. Joseph Travis in the FSU Department of Biological Science on a National Science Foundation-funded grant. Her research specializes in speciation, hybridization and the role of sexual selection and sexual conflict in mediating these phenomena. Dr. Lehmborg uses the FSU **Research Computing Center** to sequence large-scale DNA genomes, helping her explore evolutionary biology questions.

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We Are IT



We Are IT | Meet Phil Kraemer!

Meet **Phil Kraemer**! As the Information Security Training Coordinator, Phil oversees all cybersecurity training initiatives at the university. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling and seeing his grandchildren.

[Meet Phil](#)

Welcome to ITS!

ITS is thrilled to welcome our newest team members: **Charles Abedusuyi, Kelly Aycock, Danielle Bruce, Shaquille Johnson, Martin Mortensen, Sam Sheikh, Cory Thorpe, Dakota Van Aulen, Gagan Ullas Nirgun** and **Manasseh White**.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy work anniversary to all the ITS employees celebrating milestone

anniversaries with FSU this month.

20 Years

Gary Eggebraaten

10 Years

Cynthia Finuff
James Ward

5 Years

Dylan Smith
Brittany Wyatt

1 Year

Pramodh Sairam
Punjai
Venkataraman
William Lamb
Jordan McClendon
Vratika Nathwani
Brianna Savage
Marianella
Oquendo

Shout Outs

ITS Partners with Ukraine University

The impact of ITS is reaching around the world. In August 2024, higher education leaders from Ukraine visited FSU to learn about serving military veterans. The group was interested in creating a cybersecurity certificate program for military members wounded in battle as an alternative way for soldiers to support their country. A partnership was created with FSU, and Chief Information Security Officer **Bill Hunkapiller** helped members of the Ukrainian delegate review and evaluate their program. Thanks in part to Bill's guidance and letter of support, the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv won a \$500,000 grant from Google to launch the "Fundamentals of Cybersecurity for Small Organizations" certificate program. The program focuses on how to counter cyberthreats in small organizations. In addition, Bill has extended the partnership and will be serving as an evaluator for information technology applications to the BridgeUSA program, which builds links between Ukrainian and U.S. scholars to help Ukrainian universities educate and train professionals in the country's recovery and reconstruction.



"Florida State University is one of our valued customers ... While we have partnerships with many educational customers throughout the world, our relationship with Florida State transcends a typical partnership. It is built on a deep understanding and a mutual commitment to drive each other towards excellence. This relationship is founded on more than just mutual respect; it often feels like family."

Carlos Fernandez, Director Specialist, Microsoft

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62,286

sheets scanned by FSU Testing Center staff during the Fall 2024 semester

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**Social Hour at
The Monroe**
02/17



**Intern Coffee
Hour**
02/19



**[FSU's AI and
Machine
Learning Expo](#)**
02/28



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