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FSU Launches AI Website

FSU recently launched the new AI@FSU initiative. The initiative, spearheaded by Information Technology Services and the Office of the Provost, aims to increase the visibility and recognition of various AI-related projects happening across FSU campuses. The supporting website is designed to integrate artificial intelligence into teaching, learning, research and the overall campus experience and was a joint effort between ITS staff members **Rebekah Dorn**, **Robby Fuselier**, **Kim Houghton**, **Derek Kooi** and **Elizabeth Pitts** and College of Communication & Information professor Paul Marty.

[Check It Out](#)

ITS News

ITS RISE Together Showcase

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of innovative sessions, networking opportunities and student showcases at the second annual ITS RISE Together Showcase. Join us at the Florida State Conference Center on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 1-4:30PM to discover the future of technology at FSU. The half-day conference is open to the FSU community and dedicated to fostering collaboration to drive innovation and modernization across FSU. The showcase will include three session blocks featuring live presentations, each lasting 50 minutes, and a poster

session by ITS student interns during a mid-afternoon intermission. The event presents valuable professional development and networking opportunities you will not want to miss!

[Register Now](#)

HPC Updates

The **Research Computing Center** recently added new cores and software to the high performance compute cluster. Twelve additional liquid-cooled servers were added in February, bringing the total core count to 21,456. In addition, several new and upgraded software packages are also available to RCC customers, including Slurm Scheduler, JupyterLab and VMD.

[Find Out More](#)

Making Accessible Content Easy

The **Office of Digital Learning and Academic Technology** recently launched the Easy Fix 2025 campaign, an initiative designed to improve course accessibility with a series of small, simple changes. The following video tutorials will help ensure PowerPoint presentations are as accessible as possible to all.

- [Checking slides for accessibility](#)
- [Using built-in layouts](#)
- [Adding slide titles](#)
- [Arranging slide content](#)

[More Tips](#)

STF Status Report

Starting this spring, ITS will be requesting Student Technology Fee (STF) grant recipients to fill out a status report every six months until the completion of projects. This survey will be used to help update the Student Technology Fee Committee on how projects are going and find additional ways to fund innovative projects moving forward. The purpose of these status reports is to help ensure the FSU community is getting the most out of the Student Technology Fee grant program.

[Learn More](#)

FSU Athletics Legacy Room Updates

A recent FSU Athletics Department project involved modernizing the baseball and

soccer legacy rooms with interactive tablet systems. FSU senior and Athletics IT Technician **Cole Plympton** designed a tablet-based system that allows staff to control TV displays featuring information on past players and team awards. Custom graphics highlight statistics and careers of past soccer players. This project has enhanced the legacy rooms' environments and put players' work on clear display.

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Modo Florida User Group

On February 25 and 26, ITS hosted the Modo Florida User Group. This event brought together Florida higher education leaders who use the Modo app building platform to share best practices, gain insights into emerging trends and network with peers across the country. Attendees included participants from the University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University and Pennsylvania State University. **Austin Myers**, ITS user experience associate director, had the opportunity to present at the event and give attendees a tour of ITS.



Submit Articles for *PursulTS*

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 *PursulTS*!

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A Lasting Legacy: ITS Through the Years

Information Technology Services has a long history within the halls of Florida State University. In 1973, one of the first ITS buildings, the Centrex building, was constructed to house a mechanical “crossbar” switch providing campus telephone users with the ability to direct dial their calls. By 1988, the switch was decommissioned, and the building was renamed the Robert K. Shaw building. This change marked the beginning of a new era for FSU telecommunications, transitioning from electromechanical technology to modern digital systems. Today, the Robert K. Shaw Building continues to support the university, housing both ITS and the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship.

[Check It Out](#)

Snowflake: Advanced Data Analytics Platform

Snowflake is a complex data analytics platform ITS uses to enhance business processes and support university goals. The platform uses artificial intelligence, machine learning and natural language processing to streamline data management and analysis. Since its creation in 2019, Snowflake has revolutionized data management at FSU, reducing processing time from three months to five days. These processes can help with various projects, including healthcare data, mental health resources and 3D printing. The possibilities for Snowflake are endless.

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We Are IT



We Are IT | Meet Rachel Stys!

As the IT director for FSU's College of Law, **Rachel Stys** leads her team in delivering top-tier technology support and enhancing the classroom experience for students. Outside of work, she stays busy raising her daughter, spending time with her family and teaching fitness classes.

Meet Rachel

Welcome to ITS!

We are excited to welcome the newest members to our team: **Ricardi Antoine**, **Francisca Chinchilla** and **James Stewart**.

Happy Anniversary!

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

25 Years

Ming-Shen Lu

10 Years

Mark Myers
Joseph Thomas
Jorge Vidal

5 Years

Bridgette Crimbley
Fenton Lawler
Robert Sprinkle

1 Year

Samuel Allen
Julie Armour
Francis Davison
Christopher Gallo
Michael Hollowell
Divya Kadava
Archit Khandelwal
Zhe Li
Taras Stokes

Shout Outs



FSU ITS AI Spotlight: Derek Kooi

Recently, Emerging Technology Developer **Derek Kooi** played a key role in integrating and promoting artificial intelligence technologies throughout the university. His passion for AI began during the COVID-19 pandemic, when remote work became the norm and the need for a personal assistant-like device emerged. From there, Derek taught himself the intricacies of AI and is excited to share his knowledge with the FSU community.

[Read the Spotlight](#)



Rebekah Dorn Participates in AI Panel

Shout out to **Rebekah Dorn**, senior director of strategy and outreach, for participating in a panel at the College of Communication & Information Leadership 2025 Conference. The panel, “AI and its Impact on Careers,” focused on how individuals can prepare and respond to the integration of AI in the workforce and included representatives from the Future of Education Technology Conference, Pfizer and GlobalLogic Inc.

FSU Presents at AI Summit

FSU is making headlines in artificial intelligence applications and practices. In February, four FSU experts joined educators from across the nation to present at the AI2 Summit in Orlando. **Robby Fuselier**, senior director of the Office of Digital Learning, joined FSU colleagues Paul Marty, Vanessa Dennen and Darren Brooks as part of an FSU panel titled “How AI is Driving Innovation in Academia.” The panel explored how AI can benefit higher education and society at large.

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Bill Hunkapiller Featured in CrowdStrike Partnership Video

Chief Information Security Officer **Bill Hunkapiller** was recently featured in a partnership video for CrowdStrike, a national cybersecurity company. The video and customer spotlight focused on the efficiencies realized by FSU with the implementation of CrowdStrike and how it has transformed the university’s cybersecurity response. “The integration of endpoint and identity security streamlines everything and helps us focus on real threats,” explains Bill. “It’s not just about protecting the university; it’s about enabling us to focus on what really matters: research, academics and innovation.”

Watch the Video

Chili Champion

They came, they cooked, they conceded ... to **Kurt Griffin**. Thank you to the nine chefs who entered the 2025 ITS Chili Cook-Off. Competition was steep, but in the end, Kurt was crowned the ITS Chili Champion.



"I hope you feel the same sense of pride that I have in our team and the vision we have built together. You are part of something bigger than any one project, system or role."

Jonathan Fozard, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer

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26.4 Gbps

peak campus bandwidth in January 2025

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**FSU Day at the
Capitol**
03/19



ITS Social Hour
04/01



**ITS Town Hall &
RISE Together
Showcase**
04/08



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