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ITS Wins Risk Management National Award

ITS recently claimed one of the most prestigious honors for security professionals, securing a 2025 Foundry's CSO Award for our Third-Party Risk Management Program. The program was recognized for its innovative approach to managing vendor-related security risks. The program, developed in response to a 2021 audit, ensures that vendors undergo independent security audits and are evaluated using a risk-based framework. Key contributors to the project include **Bill Hunkapiller**, **Jeremy Anderson** and **Keith Bennett**. Reflecting on the achievement, Jonathan Fozard stated, "Winning this award highlights our team's unwavering dedication to upholding the highest standards of security and compliance."

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ITS News

Zoom Phone Feedback

All ITS employees recently migrated phone lines as part of the initial group of users of Zoom Phone at Florida State University! You can now make calls from various devices, no matter your work location. As ITS prepares to roll out this new phone experience to the rest of the campus community, we want to know how we can improve the process and ensure the transition is as successful and smooth as

possible. Please take a moment to complete the one-minute survey to share your Zoom Phone experience by Friday, July 11.

[Complete the Survey](#)

ITS Professional Development Updates

What are you doing to take your career to the next level? The ITS Professional Development Bonus Program was recently updated for the 2025/2026 academic year. The program, designed to encourage personal and professional growth, rewards ITS employees for obtaining training and certifications on various technology topics and applications. Updates include a comprehensive review of the certification list and a precise formula for calculating bonus amounts. Visit the ITS website for more information on the bonus program and approved certifications.

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Annual Cybersecurity Awareness Training Program

In Spring 2025, ITS launched an annual cybersecurity awareness training program for all university employees. As IT professionals, we need your help demonstrating leadership and encouraging FSU employees to complete the training. Training should be completed by all FSU employees by October 15 each year, but ITS leadership is challenging all ITS employees to lead by example and complete the training before the start of the Fall 2025 semester. The interactive training takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed online upon signing in with your FSUID and password.

[Complete the Training](#)

SMART Repository

ITS is working to launch SMART Repository, a solution to a frustrating reality we all face: endless searches through multiple systems, outdated documents and information scattered across countless locations. SMART Repository will significantly reduce this daily struggle by centralizing all ITS resources in one easily accessible location. Beyond reducing these daily inefficiencies, SMART Repository addresses a strategic need. As our institution increasingly relies on data-driven decision making and cross-functional collaboration, having a unified knowledge infrastructure with advanced search capabilities becomes essential for institutional effectiveness. This will enable us to respond quickly to campus needs and deliver exceptional service to our academic community.

[Learn More](#)

HPC Cluster Gains More Power

Recently, **Research Computing Center** staff deployed 20 new compute nodes in the high-performance computing (HPC) cluster, each equipped with two GPU cards. These additions increase the cluster's GPU capacity by 25,360 Teraflops, significantly enhancing its performance. This expansion opens the door to cutting-edge research in data science and artificial intelligence at FSU. Researchers interested in utilizing the new nodes are encouraged to contact the RCC for more information or assistance.

[Contact RCC](#)

InSPIRE Teacher Certification Program

Eighteen educators from Okaloosa County recently completed the InSPIRE Teacher Certification Program offered by Florida State University. This week-long training focused on building skills in artificial intelligence prompt engineering and integrating robotics into classroom instruction. Through partnerships with Microsoft, MantisEDU and Sciberus, the program provided participants with the resources and expertise needed to foster innovative, future-ready learning environments. Over the course of 35 hours, teachers benefited from personalized coaching, a curriculum aligned with educational standards and valuable networking with STEM professionals from the region.

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Intern Connect App Success

The new ITS Intern Connect app, co-developed by two of our own student terms, **Elyse Walcott** and **Matthew Hummel**, launched in May with great success. This launch marked a major milestone in how we support and expand the ITS Intern Cohort program. The app provides a centralized platform for ITS staff and campus technology partners to request interns for the upcoming Fall 2025 semester. With over 60 new submissions and continued interest from returning managers, ITS is on track to host more than 120 student interns this fall. This month, the hiring process will ramp up to hire the next class of interns across a variety of roles and departments. We have also successfully matched all 10 scholarship internship slots, after receiving an overwhelming 24 requests from campus partners. This strong demand highlights the impact of the program, and we are excited to see how the ITS Intern Cohort continues to grow.

See the App

We Are IT



We Are IT | Meet Brandon Casey!

As an engagement coordinator on the Culture and Engagement team, Brandon Casey designs onboarding training and professional development programs to support ITS staff. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling, exploring national parks and gaming with friends.

[Meet Brandon](#)

Happy Anniversary!

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

30 Years

Adrianne McKinnie

25 Years

Debi Williams
Martin Schaefer

20 Years

Ricky Maddox

15 Years

Jason Freeman

10 Years

Amado Cruz

1 Year

Samantha Early
Adam Chalmers
Elbert Graham
Shivakumar Machidi
Jamie Godwin
Jordan McCrone
William Casteel

Shout Outs



ITS Intern Highlights Research at Rocky Mountain CyberSecurity Symposium

ITS' own **Prithish Pandit**, OPS technician, was awarded a scholarship to attend the prestigious Rocky Mountain CyberSecurity Symposium, held in June 2025. The symposium brings together cybersecurity professionals and experts to learn more about the interlay of innovation, education and collaboration in cybersecurity. At the event, Prithish presented on how Florida State University operationalizes the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) within its Secure Data Enclave (NEST) to manage cyberrisks in federally funded research. Keep up the great work, Prithish!

ITS Presents at Blueprint 4D Conference

This month, ERP analyst **Sathish Sundaramoorthy** took the stage at the BLUEPRINT 4D Conference. The five-day event was tailored for Oracle customers and product experts seeking to maximize their use of Oracle applications. Sathish had the opportunity to deliver his presentation, "Bridging AI and ERP: A Deep Dive into LLM Integration with PeopleSoft," and participate in a panel discussion on the future of AI. Great job representing ITS, Sathish!

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