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FY2025 Annual Report

ITS FY2025 Annual Report

Over the past year, ITS has elevated its impact and raised its profile across campus and throughout the technology industry—establishing our place among technology leaders. We were featured in national news for launching a virtual training environment for child welfare education and received global recognition for investing in the growth and professional development of our employees. We partnered with tech giant Microsoft to transform classroom experiences with AI and launched an award-winning risk management program. All eyes are on ITS, and we are stealing the show.

Read the ITS FY2025 Annual Report to see how far we have come—and how high we are poised to go.

[Read the Annual Report](#)

ITS News

Fall 2025 Intern Cohort

FSU ITS welcomed its largest intern cohort yet this semester. We are excited to have 130 talented interns for the fall, representing teams across integrated communications, web development, cybersecurity and more. Our interns will spend the semester gaining practical skills while working on real-world projects. We cannot wait to see what they accomplish!

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REDCap Transition

The **Research Computing Center** supports groundbreaking research at FSU. As part of this work, REDCap is essential as a secure, HIPAA-compliant platform for data collection and analysis that protects faculty research. This fall, REDCap projects will migrate from the Med School REDCap (redcap.med.fsu.edu) to a new ITS server (redcap.fsu.edu). All MED REDCap users are responsible for moving their projects to the ITS server, so please begin the migration process today.

[Migrate Today](#)

Welcome Week

Another successful first week of classes is in the books! ITS staff was out on campus all week helping students get connected and ready for the semester. Whether it was assisting with dorm move-ins, handing out swag or answering tech questions, ITS was there to help. Our staff loved interacting with students and faculty in-person and getting to be a part of their first week experience. Here's to a great semester!

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Fall 2025 RCC Workshops

The **RCC** has recently announced its Fall 2025 Workshops Schedule for interested participants. These workshops offer a great opportunity to explore topics such as high-performance computing, REDCap and programming languages. If you're interested, sign up for a free workshop today!

[Register Today](#)

Annual Cybersecurity Awareness Training Program

Cybersecurity is a constantly evolving threat, and we must do our part to keep FSU safe from cyberattacks. ITS launched an annual cybersecurity awareness training program for all university employees. The training provides faculty and staff with essential knowledge and skills to recognize the most common cyberthreats and safeguard sensitive information and covers key cybersecurity topics, including phishing and malware. The training should be completed by all FSU employees by October 15 each year.

[More Information](#)

Say Hello to Google for Education

FSU ITS has recently launched its newest partnership: Google for Education. FSU students, faculty and staff have FREE access to this workspace, which includes tools like Google Gemini, NotebookLM and Docs, to name a few. Google for Education can be easily accessed using your FSU single sign-on credentials. This service offers seamless communication and teamwork within a secure, cloud-based environment, helping to connect with the FSU community like never before.

[Check It Out](#)

Academic Integrity Tool Now Available

In Spring 2025, the **Office of Digital Learning and Academic Technology** piloted the academic integrity tool Respondus LockDown Browser. As a result of the successful pilot, FSU invested in the tool, which is available now for university-wide use. Respondus LockDown Browser helps prevent cheating during in-class exams by locking down access to applications, websites, and screen capture tools outside the Canvas learning management system. Pilot participants found the tool easy to

use, well-supported, and effective in securing online assessments.

[Learn More](#)

App Connect Enterprise

Starting in October 2025, we will be replacing our Oracle Service Bus (OSB) platform with IBM's App Connect Enterprise (ACE). This transition is necessary as our current version of OSB is aging and will soon fall out of compliance with support standards. To maintain a secure and stable environment, we must migrate our services to a modern, fully supported platform.

Our primary goal with this initiative is to replace the functionality we currently rely on OSB for: standing up and managing integration endpoints. ACE will serve as the new platform for this purpose, allowing us to continue supporting essential SOAP and REST web services and other data exchanges across systems. While performing the same core function, ACE provides significant advantages over our aging OSB environment, including better support for modern technologies and more flexible integration approaches for future needs.

To ensure a smooth transition, all integrations currently using OSB must be identified, rebuilt, and tested in ACE before the switch. IT professionals should complete all testing and readiness checks by September 2025.

For questions or support during this transition, please contact the Integration Services team at its-esb@fsu.edu.

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Google Day 2025

Florida State University is the only Florida institution—and first group of 100 nationwide — selected by Google Gemini for a \$1 billion initiative to enhance AI skills and innovation in higher education.

The program aims to provide students and educators with AI tools designed to personalize learning, enhance productivity and prepare students for a technology-driven future.

“At Florida State, we are committed to providing our faculty, staff, students, and researchers with the latest tools and advancements, empowering our community to achieve beyond what many think possible”, said Jonathan Fozard, Chief Information Officer at FSU. *“Our adoption of Gemini for Education reflects that commitment, enabling us to push the boundaries of technological innovation, research discovery, and academic excellence; all in a safe and secure environment.”*

Learn more about Google AI tools at Google Days on **Wednesday, September 24**. There will be a professional development session at the Innovator Chats in partnership with Innovation Hub.

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Innovation Wednesdays Coffee Chat	Hands-on Demo	Gemini Snack & Learn
Innovation Hub, Shores Building	Landis Green	College of Medicine Auditorium

[Registration & Agenda](#)

Last Call for Student Tech Fee Applications

The Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee is calling for proposals to projects that will enhance instructional technology on Florida State’s campus. Last award cycle, \$1.4 million was awarded to the colleges, another \$1.4 million was awarded to FSU’s central IT organizations and \$1.5 million was distributed among 64 projects. This cycle, faculty and staff from academic and non-academic departments, along with proposals that went unfunded during previous award cycles, are welcome to apply. The deadline closes on October 5 at 5PM.

[Submit a Proposal](#)



Submit Articles for *Pursuits*

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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Garnet Gaming Lounge Opening

On September 22 from 3-5PM, we are excited to announce the opening of the Garnet Gaming Lounge. Located in the Askew Student Life Center, the lounge will house 30 high-performance gaming stations complete with PCs, monitors and

peripherals. Excitingly, a dedicated Esports shoutcaster station is also in the lounge to deliver live commentary and match analysis during gaming competitions. Meanwhile, more casual gamers will find gaming consoles and couches to play their favorite games.

We Are IT



We Are IT | Meet Justin Kraft!

Meet **Justin Kraft!** As an ERP Analyst III, Justin oversees the procurement side of FSU's enterprise software suite. Outside of work, you can find him and his family hiking, camping, and exploring the great outdoors.

[Meet Justin](#)

Happy Anniversary!

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

35 Years

Robert Mills

25 Years

Travis Zimmerman
Phyllis Williamson

20 Years

Giovanni Lopez

15 Years

Sinclair Madry
Justin Kraft

5 Years

Ethan Burdette

1 Year

Rafe Ewert
Elyse Walcott

Kaylee Andrews
Ryan Ouhmidou

Bradley McGrath
Chelcy Simpson

Prithish Pandit
Jennifer Rabideau
Keith Faunce
Matthew Doughty

Carolina Sucre
Rios
Ainsley Amendola
Samantha Bui
Damon Jackson

Daniel Varney
Ashley Lewis

Shout Outs

ITS at FSUS & FSUPC

ITS support at Florida State University Schools and FSU Panama City campus helped ensure a smooth start to the school year. From preparing devices to readying classrooms, our behind-the-scenes work helped students, teachers, and staff begin the year without a hitch. A special shoutout to **Mark Myers, Robert Prater, Matthew Chaffin, Katrina Holley, Tim Wolff, Trey Mansini** and **Christopher Jenkins** for their hard work to support learning and student success at FSUS and FSUPC!



"I'm encouraged by FSU's commitment to the responsible use of AI in higher education. Not only are we making tools like Google NotebookLM and Gemini available, we're also helping safeguard the information they collect by making sure they comply with institutional policies and data privacy laws."

**Kim Houghton, Office of Digital Learning & Academic
Technology Assistant Director, Communications**

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