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ITS Newsletter Archives

Information Technology Services' series of monthly emails to all employees aimed at improving communications with campus about tips, information, technology updates and services offered in ITS.

Successful "Science on a Sphere" Demo

ITS recently assisted with viability testing and an exciting demonstration of the Science on a Sphere concept, which is a program within the National Oceanic and Atmopsheric Administration that uses projectors to display visualizations of planetary data on a sphere, creating a giant animated globe. With demo equipment support from vendors EPA Audio Visual and Epson, St. Cloud State distinguished itself in this effort by being the first to test this concept on a semi-sphere and on the largest surface the software has worked on to date (32 ft. diameter). If successful, opportunities for use include exploration of climate change, meteorology, biology, art, data visualization, astronomy, agriculture, aerospace, geography, history, archeology, politics, chemistry and more.

IT Partnership Highlight: Campus Safety Website

PROTECT THE PACK

ITS recently assisted the University Communications team to build a new Campus Safety website. This new website builds upon the *Protect the Pack* theme that began during the COVID-19 pandemic and now takes on a wide range of meanings around protecting ourselves and each other. The new Campus Safety website serves as focal point of information and campus communications about several on-campus and off-campus safety topics affecting our community including weather, crime, health and wellness, and more.

Huskies Esports Arena Development

St. Cloud State continues to revamp the Atwood Quarry Center into the new Huskies Esports Arena. The updated space will include high-end gaming and casting equipment and capabilities, enhanced lighting, new furniture and paint. Thank you to Facilities Management, Student Accessibility Services, UTVS Television and others for their collaboration to plan an innovative space for Esports education and events. Learn more about the arena on the Esports website.

Computer Lab Move in Education Building

To improve accessibility and better utilize space in the Education Building, the computer lab located in EB B206 will be moved to EB A124 over winter break. This computer lab is a "general access" computer lab, which offer computers for students to use and include access to services such as AppsAnywhere. All general access lab computers are accessible for login with a StarID and password.

Learn more about computer labs on the ITS website.

IT Security Tip: Think Before You Accept MFA Prompts

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) prompt-bombing is a cybersecurity attack method in which the attacker sends multiple authentication prompts in an attempt to gain access to a victim's account or an organization's system. To protect yourself, only approve authentication prompts that you are expecting. Report suspicious MFA prompts as they may indicate your password has been compromised.

Learn more about MFA prompt-bombing from sources such as Watchguard and KnowBe4.

Preparing Technology for Spring Semester

It is never too early to report issues in labs, classrooms or your individual workstation. We will proactively update, maintain and test technology equipment over winter break, and encourage you to test your electronic and classroom materials prior to finals and the start of spring semester. Let us know what technology and support you need to wrap up fall semester and prepare for spring.

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season!

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