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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.

HuskyTech Decorations for Homecoming 2021

Student employees led the Homecoming 2021 decorating of the HuskyTech center last month. We are so proud of our team's effort and extend our congratulations to Records and Registration, Financial Aid, and Atwood/Department of Campus Involvement on their victories in the Homecoming Decorating Competition. Go, Huskies!

You can find pictures of HuskyTech's decorations on our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.
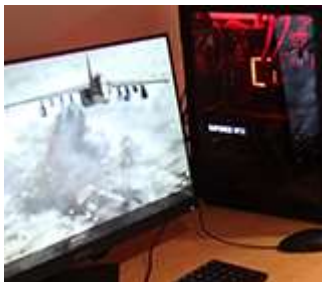
One-Day Sale for Employees - November 22nd

HuskyTech is offering a one-day sale for SCSU employees on Monday, November 22nd (personal purchases only). During the sale, select products will be additionally discounted off the educational price.

You can browse products carried by HuskyTech [online](#) or in-person in Miller Center 102. Employees can take advantage of the sale by making their purchase through HuskyTech on November 22nd and mentioning that they are an SCSU employee. For questions, [contact HuskyTech](#).

Esports Project Update

SCSU is building a campus community-driven esports program to support of student belonging and distinctive academic programs. The project team is:

- Gathering information about current and prospective student interest in various esports titles,
- Testing the feasibility of a centrally-located esports facility (Esports Lounge @Atwood),
- Working to engage, attract and retain students through esports marketing.

See more information and submit feedback on the SCSU Esports webpage.

IT Partnership Highlight: Ed2Go

The Center for Continuing Studies partnered with ITS to introduce a wide range of online courses now available to SCSU students through Ed2Go. These courses offer training for a range of skills including art and design (Photoshop), programming (Python) and business (Quickbooks), as well as eligibility for a certificate of completion.

For more information, see the Center for Continuing Studies Professional Development and Online Training page.

Did You Know: D2L Brightspace Accessibility Checker

D2L Brightspace has a built-in Accessibility Checker to help ensure the content you author in Brightspace Editor conforms to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) and Section 508 accessibility standards. The Accessibility Checker is available within the Editor for use within Content, Widgets, Quizzes, Calendar, Assignments, Discussions and any other tools where a user can access the Editor.

For instructions on using the Accessibility Checker, see D2L Brightspace's online guide and video tutorial.

IT Support Tip: Microsoft Office 365 Updates & Enhancements

[Microsoft Office 365](#) regularly receives updates and enhancements to improve the customer experience by resolving software issues and adding new features. Updates may become available to subscribers at different times as security patches and features rolled out.

You can learn how to check which version of Office 365 your device currently has and see what's new for Office 365 on [Microsoft's website](#).

IT Security Tip: Holiday Shopping Scams

[The holiday shopping season is starting early this year.](#) With COVID-19, supply chain issues and microprocessor shortages, the top gifts will be in demand early and may be difficult to find. These issues provide opportunities for cybercriminals to capitalize on increased demand and short supply.

Do your holiday shopping through known, reputable retailers and watch for offers that are too good to be true, especially for top tech gifts like gaming consoles and mobile devices. Check out the [National Cybersecurity Alliance's Online Shopping Guide](#) for additional steps you can take to protect yourself.

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