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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.

Join Huskies Esports Arena Launch Ceremony on April 3rd



Join us today, April 3, at 2:30pm for the launch of the Huskies Esports Arena in the lower level of Atwood. President Dr. Robbyn Wacker will begin with opening remarks at 3pm, followed by presentations from staff and students to discuss strategies being implemented to grow esports on campus. The event will also include a ribbon cutting and a Q&A session for attendees and media.

The launch of our Huskies Esports Arena is a significant milestone for our university as it recognizes the establishment of our new arena that will support students through enhanced academic and competitive esports opportunities, and celebrates the collaboration we have done as a University to build a unique, distinguished and inclusive esports program with an *It's Time* mindset at the forefront.

IT Partnership Highlight: Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Demos for High Schoolers



In partnership with the Department of Geography and Planning, our team member recently taught students about emerging UAS and [GIS technologies](#) through the [Huskies in the High School](#) program. Farmington High School students saw several commercial drones, learned about their sensors and other technology, and used a flight simulator to practice flying a drone. Students gained a broader understanding of the benefits these technologies will have for decision-making as the sensors, technology and education continue to advance. Others interested in a similar demonstration may contact the Department of Geography and Planning.

Now is the Time to Prepare for Fall Semester



Late spring is a great time for faculty and staff to start planning for fall semester to help ensure a more care-free summer. We are here to help! From a technology perspective, we recommend:

- Contacting [your technician](#) now if you will need new or renewed software for fall semester.
- Testing and updating links in your electronic materials such as syllabi, D2L courses, webpages, etc.
- Letting us know of any technology challenges you experience at SCSU. It is never too early to [report an issue](#).

IT Modernization Highlight: Digital Forms & Workflows



ITS is working to create easier and more efficient digital forms and workflows across St. Cloud State, which includes digitizing paper-based forms and processes. In partnership with campus leadership, we are prioritizing the modernization of forms and workflows related to student enrollment, recruitment and retention. To ensure success for the campus, the team meets with stakeholders to review and analyze the current forms and procedures to identify the best approach to improve and digitize processes. So far, the team has developed [27 digital forms](#), which altogether had over 4,000 submissions between summer and fall 2022.

IT Security Tip: Be Mindful During Tax Season



According to the IRS, thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Follow these best practices to keep hackers' hands off your refund.

- Get an Identity Protection PIN from the IRS.
 - Be wary of emails, calls or texts claiming to be from the IRS.
 - Vet your tax preparer and ask what steps they take to protect your information.
 - File as early as you can. The sooner you can file, the less time cybercriminals have to file a fake return and try to steal your refund.
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See the National Cybersecurity Alliance's article on "[Tax Season Security Tips](#)" for even more information about how to protect yourself.

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