

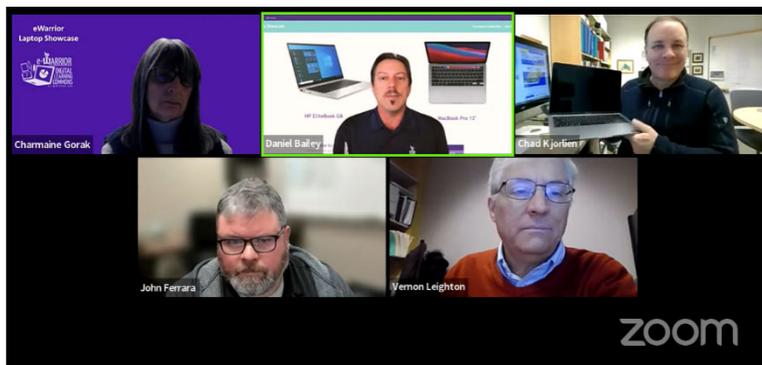
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ITS LAPTOP SHOWCASE UNVEILS NEW MODEL LINEUP



A good time was had by all online during the annual Laptop Showcase. All the bells and whistles of the new HP and MacBook models were on display for the campus community to see. The new laptops include the MacBook Pro and the HP Elitebook 840 G8. The session was hosted on Zoom and streamed live to YouTube. If you missed it, consult the [Laptop Showcase website](#) system information, specs, images and more.

[Check out the Showcase presentation on YouTube](#)

ITS MISSION

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides the technology-based foundation to support and empower the Winona State University (WSU) community to meet and exceed their educational and business needs.

WSU ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY CLASSES USE VR TECH

Fifty students from Dr. Claudia Preston's BIOL 212 Anatomy and Physiology II course, 42% of all the students in the course, donned VR headsets and took a virtual reality trip through the circulatory system as part of an extra credit activity crafted by Dr. Preston with help from WSU's ITS Teaching, Learning & Technology (TLT) department. Partnering with Medis Media, producers of a super high-quality VR platform for medical education called [3D Organon](#), TLT is working with faculty to move beyond the "novelty effect" of VR to develop course-specific applications aligned with student learning objectives and assessments in those courses. Dr. Preston's students participated prior to an exam and then again following their exam on the respiratory and lymphatic systems. Members of TLT and the DLC STARS helped students learn how to use the equipment and benefit from the experience. All participating students noted how useful it was; some of the comments included:

- "Oh, THAT's how that works."
- "Being able to see how the pieces fit together sure helps."
- "Yeah, I couldn't get this from a picture in a textbook."



“Tech Quote”

“The number one benefit of information technology is that it empowers people to do what they want to do. It lets people be creative. It lets people be productive. It lets people learn things they didn't think they could learn before, and so in a sense it is all about potential.”

— Steve Ballmer – American Businessman

ITS INSTALLS INTERACTIVE DIGITAL DISPLAYS IN LIBRARY

WSU ITS staff worked hard installing and configuring two new 65” displays in Krueger Library. Located just outside Rooms 107 and 108 and outfitted with Airtame wireless display capability, these screens will support Library instruction and overflow for events happening in 107 and 108. When not being used in this way, they can be used to display digital signage. These screens expand the instructional space in the library and can be used by students as well as faculty and staff.



ITS VISION

Information Technology Services (ITS) endeavors to position the University as a national leader in the innovative and effective use of technology to support the academic enterprise.

ITS MEMBER HOSTS TED TALK



In mid-February one of our amazing ITS STARS hosted a TED Talk Tuesday on “The New Sick Day.” In addition to her creative work with MarComm, Kiva Grote-Hirsch has been part of the TLT team going on four years now. She works directly with faculty, assists with educational technology projects, and handles classroom technology troubleshooting. Now more than ever, ITS depends on our STARS to deliver world-class services and we are blessed with the best and brightest students on campus.

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