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WSU ITS HELPS MAKE ZOOM-ENABLED IN-PERSON EVENTS A GO

WSU in-person meetings came roaring back in late summer, with Zoom accommodation of course! WSU ITS Teaching, Learning & Technology (TLT) group supported the 'COA Retreat', 'Welcome Back events' (on both the Winona and Rochester campuses), and WSU's awesome Admissions team's 'active Fall Prep Days'.



Zoom accommodation for in-person meetings can happen in multiple ways and requires some preparation; TLT works with the campus community to make these events a resounding success.

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 ITS SUPPORTS 2021 EdD SUMMER RESIDENCY IN-PERSON

ITS staff worked with Education faculty to welcome, orient, and train WSU Doctor of Education degree program students in-person in our wonderful Education Village space. Both the new and last year's student cohorts spent the week working with their faculty to get to know one another and move forward with their thesis projects.

ITS Teaching, Learning & Technology (TLT) staff delivered five, 1-hour, in-person sessions that focused on various tech-related topics of importance to the doctoral students.

TLT Director, Ken Graetz welcomed the groups, provided an overview of WSU educational technology systems and services, and engaged students in a discussion about the importance and changing nature of digital literacy.

Peggy Welshons co-taught a session on the use of Qualtrics for conducting survey research with Danielle Tamke, while Norb Thomes and Chad Kjorlien delivered three sessions covering advanced Word techniques, inserting Excel tables and charts into Word documents, and using Excel to do thematic analysis of qualitative data. Additionally, a Teams site was created to share information and develop an online support community.

“Tech Quote”

“Success in creating AI would be the biggest event in human history. Unfortunately, it might also be the last, unless we learn how to avoid the risks.”

— Stephen Hawking, English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, and author

REACH WILL REACH WSU STUDENTS THIS SUMMER



WSU ITS made significant progress on the deployment of the Anthology Reach student CRM suite. Reach offers a set of tools for supporting and tracking student communication of all sorts, allowing WSU to deliver a highly personalized, timely, and engaging communication and information sharing experience.

Warrior Hub, IT, ACE, and WSU Rochester have been using Reach for email and text communication with current students for about five

months and the MyWarriorLife Student Portal has been live for current undergraduate and graduate students since February. WSU’s MyWarriorLife Student Portal will be used by all of our prospective students; registration for Admissions events, including daily visits, will be migrated as well. Additionally, ITS and the Hub will test a new chat product that integrates with Reach.

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.

JULY DL2 BRIGHTSPACE UPGRADE BRINGS IMPROVEMENTS TO ASSIGNMENTS AND THE GRADE BOOK

WSU’s D2L Brightspace instance was updated in July. The update brought enhancements to both the Assignments and Grades tools. Teachers can now select or create an assignment category when creating an Assignment folder using the new creation experience. Text, Calculated, and Formula grade item types can also now be grouped in grade categories. This will help instructors keep their assignments and grade book better organized, making it easier for their students to navigate their D2L courses.

WSU ITS’ Teaching Learning & Technology group (TLT) is always available for any related questions, simply contact TLT at tlt@winona.edu or join them in their Zoom support room at <https://minnstate.zoom.us/my/wsutlt>.



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