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WSU ITS CONTINUES WORK ON HyFlex CLASSROOM AV SYSTEMS

Work has begun in earnest on outfitting selected classrooms with built-in remote access and lecture recording AV systems. Team members focused on mid-sized classrooms in Pasteur, adding cameras, microphones, and related AV systems to these learning spaces. This built-in capacity is one of several solutions available to WSU instructors for hosting remote students and guest speakers live through web conferencing quickly and easily.

It is important to note that every learning and meeting space at WSU is already a “HyFlex” space and we are simply improving upon existing abilities to deliver high-quality, accessible learning experiences for our students in selected large and mid-sized spaces.

The list of classrooms slated for work this summer includes:

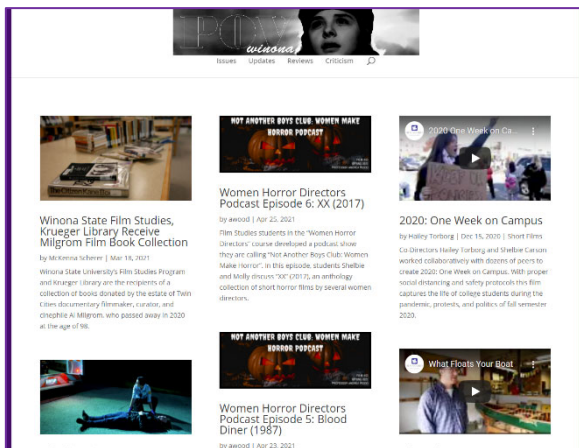
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ITS MISSION

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.

ITS TO EXPAND ACADEMIC WORDPRESS SERVICES THIS FALL



WSU ITS continued its preparations to support academic applications of WordPress, the popular blogging and web development platform. ITS has been managing several WordPress multi-site instances for several years, but they have been used primarily for marketing and promotional purposes (e.g., <https://blogs.winona.edu/campus-life/>). TLT is now managing a new WordPress domain at <https://educate.winona.edu> that will be used to support faculty-led activities that engage our students as creators. A great example is [POVwinona](https://povwinona.com), a WordPress site managed by Dr. Andrea Wood and her Film Studies students that hosts student reviews and critiques. Engaging students in such activities is a recognized [high impact practice](#) with well-documented

learning benefits. The expansion of this service is part of a larger effort to empower our students to use technology for knowledge creation as well as consumption.

“Tech Quote”

“The technology you use impresses no one. The experience you create with it is everything.”

— Sean Gerety, User Experience Manager at The Home Depot

ITS COLLABORATES ON A \$150K MULTI-CAMPUS COLLABORATION GRANT PROPOSAL



Minnesota State confirmed receipt of a Multi-Campus Collaboration Grant Proposal titled, The CONNECT VR Project: Campus Opportunities for a New Networked Educational Collaborative Technology. This \$150K proposal will involve WSU, Century College, Northland Community and Technical College, and St. Cloud State University, working together to develop and deploy virtual reality simulations for anatomy and physiology courses. Opportunities for WSU faculty and students to help create and test open VR simulations that can be shared across the system will yield numerous benefits and serve as an important contribution to our focus on Tomorrow’s Technology.

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.

TECH TEAM SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Zach Boudreau

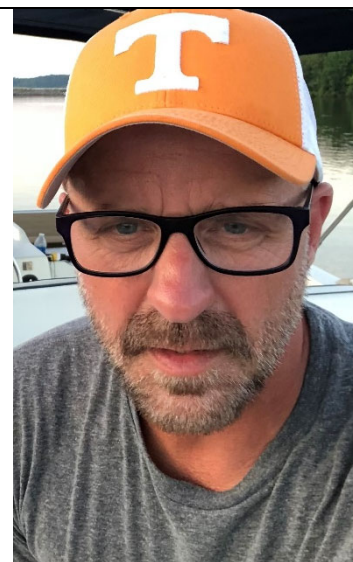
POSITION: WSU Webmaster

YEARS AT WSU ITS: 13+

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR WSU ITS: “I am responsible for much of WSU’s public-facing/marketing web development. www.Winona.edu”

FAVORITE PART OF ITS: “Through my time at WSU is amazing and almost mind-boggling how much has changed in the world of web development. So, one of my favorite points of this position is the continuation of learning new technology and related solutions.”

FUN FACT ABOUT ZACH: “I piloted a 50’ houseboat from Chattanooga, TN to La Crosse, WI in 2010!”



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