WSU ITS SUPPORTS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Members of WSU ITS worked tirelessly, behind the scenes, to help prepare and facilitate the 2021 in-person commencement ceremonies. It was a major team effort.

Preparation began weeks ago with network services and AV systems testing in McCown Gymnasium and Altra Federal Credit Union Stadium-Maxwell Field.

In addition to streaming the ceremonies to hundreds of remote guests, ITS streamed the ceremonies live from McCown to the jumbotron on the football field for all the adoring, proud parents, grandparent, caregivers, and guests.

The crowd at the football stadium was also streamed back into McCown for the graduates to see – providing for a unique two-way experience for all involved.

WSU ITS is proud to have contributed to an event our students will remember for the rest of their lives.

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.

eWarrior PROGRAM ATTRACTS ATTENTION AT JUNIOR DAY

ITS participated in the first Junior Day, delivering two presentations and answering questions at our eWarrior Digital Life and Learning table.

It was a great opportunity to speak with future Warriors and their guests about the importance of digital literacy and professional technology skills and the way WSU’s technological ecosystem will benefit them.

Both sessions on Saturday were filled to capacity, it was a beautiful day, and a good time was had by all.

Details of the eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program can be found at https://www.winona.edu/technology/students.asp.
ITS TO PILOT HYPOTHESES.IS COLLABORATIVE ANNOTATION TOOL

In the final days of April, ITS finalized an agreement with Hypothes.is to pilot testing D2L Brightspace integration through December 2021. Hypothes.is is a web-based tool that allows groups of students to annotate web pages and other online resources together. TLT will work with Hypothes.is staff to provide technical and pedagogical support, host training workshops, and develop online documentation.

A pilot cohort of at least three faculty will be formed and will receive direct support from Hypothes.is and TLT related to their course-specific use of the tool. WSU will also gain access to the Hypothes.is AnnotateED Community, including free access to the I Annotate Conference and other events.

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: Thomas Hill
POSITION: Director of Learning Spaces – T.L.T.
YEARS AT WSU ITS: 24 years ... “I think”
WHAT DO YOU DO FOR WSU ITS: “Sometimes it seems like everything. I support classes, Zoom, Event hosting – is the list really endless?”
FAVORITE PART OF ITS: “As a member of the ITS Teaching Learning & Technology team, one of my favorite parts of this position is the incredible staff with which I get to work on a daily basis. Additionally, working on the daily challenges of this position is actually enjoyable; keeps me on my toes and guarantees that there will never be a dull day.”
FUN FACT ABOUT TOM: “I raise quail in my back yard!”

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