Cable television upgrade

More high definition channels are available in Virginia Tech’s new cable television system. The cutover to the new system was completed May 20, except for portions of The Inn at Virginia Tech.

The new channel guides are available at www.cns.vt.edu/cable_main.html.

Staff appreciation day

The 20th annual Staff Appreciation Day was held May 21 in the Rector Field House. 4help and the Information Technology Security Office worked together to host a booth, seeing an estimated 1000 employees.

Staff Career Achievement Award

John Nichols received one of the university’s 2014 Staff Career Achievement award in recognition of his 38-year career spent advocating for technological advancements in Network Infrastructure and Services. John’s retirement came as the second integrated voice and data communications systems of his career approaches its final stages.

For more on this recognition, see http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2014/04/042114-facstaffaward-hrnichols.html.

IT maintenance calendar

Did you know? The Information Technology maintenance calendar is available to everyone through www.computing.vt.edu. Check the left side navigation menu for “SAMS IT Event Calendar.”

On the calendar for May is the telecommunications upgrade on May 31 that will result in early morning outages.
New graduates

Student workers in Information Technology along with employees who have been pursuing degrees completed their work this spring. Some of this year’s graduates are listed below.

Collaborative Computing Solutions
Samantha Johnson  BS Computer Science
Carlos Vializ  BS Computer Science

Network Infrastructure and Services
Andrew Barnes  BS Ocean Engineering
Nick Burns  BS Electrical Engineering
Graham Day  BS Mechanical Engineering
Nicole Dimond  BS Business Information Technology
Justin Jett  BS Aerospace Engineering
Evan Nicoles  BS Electrical Engineering
Mike Richards  BS Chemical Engineering
Anne Sheppard  BS Management and Leadership (Bluefield College), Summa Cum Laude
Teresa Snavely  BS Management and Leadership (Bluefield College), Cum Laude

Technology-enhanced Learning & Online Strategies
Mohammedkhair Alnajar  BS Computer Science and Psychology
Sean Czerniak  BS Mechanical Engineering
Gareth H. Griffith  MFA Creative Technologies
Grayson Van Buren  BA – Art History
Alison Kim  MFA Creative Technologies
Karen Laiacona  BA Communication
Taikara Peek  BS- Aerospace Engineering, Communication Design
Benjamin Roble  BS Computer Science
Adam N. Smith  Ph.D. Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science

Welcome new salaried employees

Advanced Research Computing
Brian Marshall  Computational Scientist

Converged Technologies for Security, Safety, and Resilience
Kalpana Kethineedi  Systems Analyst

Enterprise Systems
Kara Johnson  Application Analyst

Network Infrastructure and Services
Sara Beth Charlton  IT Analyst
Richard Reczkowski  Field Tech

Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies
Cynthia Keister  Web Developer: Graphics/Media/