Staff Appreciation Day

The Information Technology Security Office and 4Help engaged with many more than 650 staff members at Staff Appreciation Day. Prizes for playing Plinko or spinning the Prize Wheel included insulated bags, cups, jar openers, hand sanitizers, and water bottles with this year’s new design: “security.vt.edu: KEEP YOUR COMPUTER CLEAN, KEEP YOUR COMPUTER WORKING—4help.vt.edu.”

We also distributed materials, including flyers and bookmarks from ITSO. Beth Lancaster (ITSO), Anne Sheppard, David Duckett, Alexia Lutz (4Help student) and Joyce Landreth from IT Support also engaged many staff in conversations about “not clicking the shiny” and distributing “Don’t Get Hooked” stickers referring folks to our phishing information site.

Wireless on the patio

Completed in the last week of May is the first outdoor WiFi, in use on Newman Library patio!
New graduates

Each year, Information Technology tracks student and non-student employees who receive their degree. The following have consented to have their names published in this newsletter.

From Enterprise Systems

Wes Conley, M.S., Information Technology
Jennifer Rush, M.S., Information Technology

From NI&S

Joel Lasher, B.S., Electrical Engineering
Kandice Lucking, Associates of Applied Science in Human Services (New River Community College)

From SETI

Brandon Woolwine, B. S., Business Information Technology.

From TLOS

Jacob Boston, B. A., Creative Writing
Arielle Estes, M. A. Ed., Counselor Education
Mariah Jones, B. F. A., Visual Communication Design

Emily McCloud, B. S., Mathematics
Ilya Komarov, B. S., Psychology
Tamar Petersen, M. F. A., Creative Technologies
Leonard Roberson, B. S., Mathematics
Rhakim Smith, B. F. A., Studio Art
Dorothy Strater, Ed.S., Integrative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Ryan Sutherland, B. S., Accounting and Information Systems
Andrew Tweedt, M.S., Information Technology
Alasia Washington, B. S., Sociology and Human Development
Rebecca Wiegmann, B. S., Psychology
Chloe Young, B. F. A., Visual Communication Design
Shawn Yu, B. S., Construction Engineering and Management

GIS Leadership awards

At Virginia Tech’s annual Geographic Information Systems (GIS) symposium, Katherine Williams (IT Acquisitions) and Seth Peery (Converged Technologies for Security, Safety, and Resilience) received awards recognizing their service to the geospatial community at Virginia Tech and beyond. Williams manages the ESRI contract and handles distribution and licensing for the public universities in Virginia. Peery administers the on-premises GIS server infrastructure for the Virginia Tech, and aggregates resources from other IT units into a unified platform that customers can use to store, share and disseminate geospatial data, maps, services and applications. Together, they administer the ArcGIS Online portal for Virginia Tech, a cloud-based computing environment for online cartography and analysis.

The awards were presented by Virginia Tech’s Office of GIS and Remote Sensing Research.

Skype for Business

Microsoft Skype for Business (formerly Lync Online) is available at no cost for faculty, staff and sponsored users. It is part of the cloud-based VT Office 365 suite of software and services.

Skype for Business enables a number of communications capabilities including instant messaging; presence awareness; audio, video, and web conferencing; scheduling; and screen sharing and remote desktop capabilities.

See http://onto.office365.vt.edu or contact Marc DeBonis.