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May graduates

Twenty-eight employees of Information Technology earned degrees this May. The degree recipients include two master's degrees. Majors include:

- Accounting & Information Systems
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Finance
- History
- Housing & Resource Management
- Industrial & Systems Engineering
- Management
- Marketing
- Mechanical Engineering
- Philosophy
- Psychology

Service recognition

The following employees of Information Technology were recognized this spring for their service to the university.

Enterprise Systems

30 Years	Larken Smith
25 Years	Janet Linkous, Curtis Shields
20 Years	Gary Kendall, Joan Myklebust
15 Years	Judy Wills

IT Security

30 Years	Randy Marchany
15 Years	Rhonda Randel

Learning Technologies

30 Years	Tom Head, JoAnn Michaels, Bruce Rakes
25 Years	Bill Holbach, Verner Plott
10 Years	Anne Moore

Network Infrastructure and Services

30 Years	Patsy Galliher
25 Years	Jay Altizer, Wanda Baber, Judy Lilly, Deborah Smith, Bruce Williams
20 Years	Robin Carner, Dubby Charlton, Jack Lipos, Ann Poff, Dexter Sloan, Daniel Suroski, Laurie Zirkle
15 Years	Clark Gaylord, Nancy Gibson, Terry Grubb, Carrie Nowlin
10 Years	Peter Haggerty, Carl Harris, Dan Joyce, Raymond Sira

Planning and Administration

20 Years	Florence Huffman, John Krallman
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Secure Enterprise Technology Initiatives

10 Years	Marc De Bonis
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Social Security number transition

The last major push to convert from Social Security numbers as IDs occurred this month when the AIS General Team converted most remaining student numbers. Entering students have been assigned university ID numbers for the past three years, and this year's graduating class is the last that used SSNs on entering as freshmen. During the conversion project, over 600,000 records have been converted. Moving away from Social Security numbers-as-IDs reduces risks to individual members of the university community, and limits SSNs to those uses that require it such as tax and Social Security reporting, including Taxpayer Relief Act reporting for students.

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Top-ten current IT issues

For the first time, security and identity management rose to first place over funding.

- 1. Security and Identity Management*
- 2. Funding IT*
- 3. Administrative/ERP/Information Systems*
- 4. Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*
- 5. Faculty Development, Support, and Training*
- 6. Infrastructure*
- 7. Strategic Planning*
- 8. Governance, Organization, and Leadership*
- 9. E-Learning/Distributed Teaching and Learning*
- 10. Web Systems and Services*

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