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To: Wesleyan Staff

Greetings Colleagues,

April showers bring... the next issue of *News from the CIO*. Let's get right to it:

ITS Personnel Updates and Outreach Efforts

I am excited to report that Erik Quimby will be our new Director of User Services, beginning May 16th. Erik will oversee the Desktop Support Team and the Service Center. Also, David Jardim has just transitioned from temporary to full time as our Software Deployment Engineer. We are currently scheduling interviews for a Desktop Support Specialist, and reviewing applications for our next Chief Information Security Officer. I am grateful to all the faculty and staff who assist us in these important searches. I also want to thank the many academic department chairs who have invited myself, Karen Warren, and Rachel Schnepper to department meetings this semester to hear from faculty. I am finding these meetings very productive and look forward to connecting with all departments in the months ahead.

WesCreates Provides Digital Portfolios For Students

After a successful pilot program in classes this spring, we are pleased to announce the launch of WesCreates for the fall 2019 semester. Through WesCreates, students build their own websites, using tools such as WordPress, to take with them when they graduate. WesCreates encourages students to share their learning at Wesleyan and create a digital identity that they own and manage. For more information, please contact Rachel Schnepper at rschnepper@wesleyan.edu.

ITS Staff Present at NERCOMP Annual Meeting

Five Wesleyan ITS staff presented at the annual NERCOMP (the Northeast Regional Computing Program) meeting in March. A consortium of over 300 higher ed institutions from Maine to Pennsylvania, NERCOMP administers member-led professional development opportunities for IT and library staff, and aggressively negotiates software licensing agreements (which benefit Wesleyan immensely). For more information, visit https://nercomp.org/ or contact Karen Warren (who just retired as Chair of NERCOMP's Board of Trustees).

The Wellness Points Program

The Wellness Points Program is managed by Human Resources and rewards employees and their spouses/partners for participating in physical and mental health programs. ITS's Ravi Patil developed the Wellness Points application, which can be found under "My Information" in WesPortal. You can record the date of your annual physical and earn $100, or track your efforts in HR's Spring Fitness Challenge. It's that easy!

Tax Time Brings A Rise In Tax Scams Via Email, Phone, And Social Media

Tax season is upon us, and with it, criminals looking to take advantage of unsuspecting taxpayers. The IRS has made it very clear they do *not* call or email individuals. All communication from the IRS is done the old-fashioned way, via U.S. Postal Service mail. Check out this excellent resource from the IRS web site for more information. Lastly, never email your tax returns as a PDF, as email is an insecure medium. If you have questions about information security, please email security@wesleyan.edu - and thanks!

Finally, If you wish to hear about specific ITS projects, please let me know. We're already gathering topics for next month's *News from the CIO*.

Regards,

Dave