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Dr. Bardo's October 2015 Newsletter

Learn More...
2015 WSU
Technology Fair

October 20, 2015
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
2nd Floor Rhatigan
Student Center

www.wichita.edu/learnmore

The complex block contains a collage of six photographs on the left side, showing various scenes from a technology fair. The photos depict people interacting with different pieces of technology, including a man in a red shirt holding a device, a woman adjusting her glasses, a man in a grey shirt talking to a woman, and a man in a blue shirt working at a computer. On the right side of the block, there is a white rectangular area with black text providing details about the fair, including the date, time, location, and a website link.

The creation of new knowledge and ideas is a crucial component in Wichita State University's Innovation University. That spirit of innovation will be on display next week during the 5th annual WSU Technology Fair.

The fair – which features more than 40 booths – invites faculty, staff and students to discover how today's technology is being used by our outstanding campus community in the classroom and workplace.

Although technology often includes new gadgets and apps, many of which will be presented at the fair, it also goes well beyond that to ideas that contribute to continuous improvement.

One example is a booth highlighting a student/professor ethnography project with the historic Dunbar Theatre that seeks to increase student civic-mindedness through digital technology. This project is especially of interest because it reaches beyond our classroom walls and into the Wichita community.

Then we have “Convergent Technologies in Business and Education,” which will demonstrate the ways convergent mobile technology and resources are changing how business is conducted. Why does this matter? Because these technologies are helping shape the readiness of college graduates.

The fair will also demonstrate to us how technology can help our everyday work lives.

WSU’s Purchasing Office has teamed up with Humanscale to show new innovative and ergonomic solutions that create comfortable workstations for today’s office.

And if you, like most of us, are tired of seeing the over-the-limit emails from HelpDesk, Information Technology Services has quite the system set up to take your inbox from scary to manageable.

I encourage everyone to stop by and take a look at all that the technology fair has to offer. It’s from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, on the second floor of the Rhatigan Student Center. Go to wichita.edu/learnmore for more information.

I would also like to encourage you to attend the 2015 Innovation Celebration from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, in Pike Room 266 in the RSC.

The first of its kind at Wichita State, this exciting event will honor faculty and staff who have adopted and advanced the Innovation University concept. We’ll have awards, prizes, collision opportunities and refreshments.

I hope to see you there!

A Shocker You Should Know: Darryl Carrington

Darryl Carrington has worn many hats at Wichita State University, working simultaneously as a student in the College of Health Professions, president of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association and a Physical Plant plumber.

He has gained a unique perspective as a plumber, entering every building on campus and interacting with nearly every department. In that time, Darryl learned that many things unite us – food, music, sports...and whether your toilet is working.



“A plumbing breach can ruin a person’s day,” he says. “Conversely, the correction of such a breach can result in instant gratification. So then, the cumulative effect is celebratory.”

Darryl’s characteristic positive attitude, coupled with his valuable skills, always made things better. And he has taken his community service spirit beyond the academic community into his roles both in the Fairmount neighborhood and in his current job as a community liaison under the Kansas Health Foundation Grant to the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs.

Darryl equates the connection between Wichita State and the Fairmount neighborhood as a body – one that must be healthy in all its parts to function at the highest level. Fairmount, he says, is an ill body part that we are in the process of restoring.

“The goal is to develop a neighborhood, a space that is indeed healthy,” he says.

Wichita State, he says, plays an important role in helping improve the vibrancy of the neighborhood, which has always been home to many Shocker faculty, staff and students.

Serving his community and fellow man comes naturally to Darryl, who says he learned his ideals from his father, a former police chief in Compton, California, and his mother, who served the Carter administration’s Department of Labor in Washington.

“I believe my parental influences have contributed to my desire to serve,” Darryl says.

When Darryl began living, worshiping and mentoring in the Fairmount Neighborhood, he served as a member of America-Corps, whose mantra suggests that one person can make a measurable difference in the country.

That experience, along with the support of the TRIO Equal Opportunity Centers program that helped him through his degree, fed his idealistic desire to make a difference wherever he can.

“I believe that we are responsible for one another, and I think the Pope said it best: ‘We’ve only one planet and only one life,’” Darryl says, adding that the following quote by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes sums up his disposition: “A man (or woman) must be a part of the actions and passions of his/ (her) time, under penalty of being judged not have lived.”

Strategic Enrollment Management

Enrollment management is a critical part of planning for university growth, and it’s a process that belongs to all of us, not just Admissions. With that in mind, we’ve recently started the WSU Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Consulting Project with the assistance of AACRAO Consulting to provide assistance with enrollment management in an effort to position Wichita State for long-term enrollment success.

What I'm Reading: Anchors Up: How Cities and Anchor Institutions Can Work Together for a Brighter Future

For a ship, the anchor's role is to stop it from moving. Conversely, anchor institutions, be they research universities or medical centers, have the ability to move cities forward, reshaping their communities for the better.

This recent report explains the need for cities and anchor institutions to work together in order to thrive. That includes institutional and community leaders willing to speak the same language and find a way to collaborate.

Strong anchor institutions with an eye toward the future working with their community is the path forward.

We take that role seriously here at Wichita State University.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1OzWbv9>



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OUR MISSION

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