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October is here and brings along shorter days, mid-terms, Cyber-Awareness month, and the latest edition of the Center for Academic Technology Newsletter! In this issue, read faculty spotlights of classroom technology, LMS evaluation updates (including Moodle training sessions), the re-vamped Apple Learning Community, the new online Help Desk submission option, and find out how you can integrate Information Commons into your department or classroom.

**Unplugging: Can you?** Harrisburg University instituted its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual blackout. For one week, University servers blocked network access to social media outlets. We have challenged ourselves to a social media fast (at least one day).

How long can you last?

## Apple Learning Community

Remembering Steve Jobs 1955-2011

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

11/15/2011 4:30-6:00pm JH048

12/01/2011 4:30-6:00pm JH048

The October Apple Learning community focused on the iPad. Presenters included Roger Boop (COE), John Lucich (COPHS), and Michelle Stigter (LAS), and a group of faculty and staff who routinely incorporate this technology in their pedagogy, professional practice, and every-day life shared ideas about the broad utility of this remarkable tool.

The Center for Academic Technology will include the iPad cart as a feature of these sessions to accommodate a hands-on experience for those who attend.

These sessions will be open to all Apple users (and explorers) in the Butler community. Light refreshments will be provided. Come, find out what others on campus are doing with Apple devices. If you'd like to feature your work at one of these sessions, please email [jcroger1@butler.edu](mailto:jcroger1@butler.edu).

### Media Services Changes

Earlier this year, in an effort to streamline support for classrooms and labs, we integrated Media Services into Client Services. If you require the delivery of a laptop cart for your class this fall, please contact the Help Desk, [helpdesk@butler.edu](mailto:helpdesk@butler.edu) or by phone to 4357. As always, if you are in a mediated classroom and require assistance, push the classroom priority button on the classroom phone. If you are in a classroom without a phone, please dial the Helpdesk and when the automated response begins, press 3.





## Learning Management Assessment Update

Blackboard functions as Butler's current Learning Management System (LMS). It was adopted in 2000 and is set for evaluation against current competitors during the 2011-12 academic year to ensure the most effective system is in place. While we have remained consistent in upgrades to the Blackboard system, we acknowledge that these changes may or may not be keeping pace with the changes in pedagogical demands of Butler students and faculty. Our evaluation process is informed via extensive data review of evaluation projects conducted by our peers throughout the country with simultaneous assessment of the leading open-source competitor, Moodle. Project-outcome will validate Blackboard as the appropriate system for Butler or recommend Moodle as an alternative or initiate a new evaluation if neither are deemed appropriate for our campus requirements. For a complete summary of the project statement, list of individuals involved in the evaluation, and other information please visit the LMS Project site: <http://blogs.butler.edu/lms/>.

An executive summary about the project is available: <http://blogs.butler.edu/lms/files/2011/08/executive-summary.pdf>

Questions about the evaluation project should be directed to Julianne M. Miranda, Senior Director, Center for Academic Technology – [jmiranda@butler.edu](mailto:jmiranda@butler.edu)

## Cyber Security Awareness

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, proclaimed by President Obama on 10/03/11, who began his speech, "Americans, along with people around the world, depend on the Internet and digital tools for all aspects of our lives – from mobile devices to online commerce and social networking. This fundamental reliance is why our digital infrastructure is a strategic national asset, and why its security is our shared responsibility... we recognize the role we all play in ensuring our information and communications infrastructure is interoperable, secure, reliable, and open to all."

To read more, visit [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org). To find out what you can do as part of the Butler community, visit [butler.edu/it/safe](http://butler.edu/it/safe).

### ***Need HELP?***

*You can now submit Help Desk requests and track progress online. Visit [www.butler.edu/it/helpdesk](http://www.butler.edu/it/helpdesk) and click <http://itrequest.butler.edu>*





## October Event Schedule

Get to Know Windows 7  
10/25, 2:00-3:00 PM

Excel 2010 Basics  
10/17, 1:00-2:00 PM

Access 2010 Basics  
10/18, 11:00-12:00noon

Power Point 2010 Basics  
10/19, 10:00-11:00 AM

Outlook 2010 Basics  
10/20, 1:00-2:00 PM

TLT: Blackboard and Panopto  
10/26, 11:00-12:00noon

ePortfolio (Chalk&Wire)  
10/26, 1:00-2:00 PM

SMART Board Technology  
10/27, 10:30-12:00noon

Blogs 101  
10/31, 3:00-4:30 PM

## New! Moodle Sessions

Moodle Essentials for Instructors  
11/01, 10:00-11:30 AM  
11/03, 1:00-2:30 PM  
12/01, 10:00-11:30 AM

Moodle Assignments & Activities  
11/08, 1:00-2:00 PM  
12/06, 10:00-11:00 AM

Moodle Gradebook  
11/15, 1:00-2:00 PM  
12/08, 10:00-11:00 AM

## November Event Schedule

TLT: Digital Makeover  
11/01, 1:00-2:30 PM

Outlook 2010 Basics  
11/01, 3:00-4:00 PM

Excel 2010 Basics  
11/02, 3:00-4:00 PM

Get to Know Windows 7  
11/03, 1:00-2:00 PM  
11/30, 3:00-4:00 PM

Transition to Office 2010  
11/09, 10:30-11:30 AM

SMART Board Technology  
11/11, 10:30-12noon

Power Point 2010 Basics  
11/14, 1:00-2:00 PM

Intro to iPad  
11/15, 3:00-4:00 PM

Apple Learning Community  
11/15, 4:30-6:00 PM

Blackboard Open Consulting  
11/16, 1:00-3:00 PM

TLT: Social Bookmarking  
11/16, 3:00-4:00 PM

Word 2010 Basics  
11/17, 1:00-2:00 PM

Access 2010 Basics  
11/18, 9:00-10:00 AM

Mac 101  
11/28, 10-11:30 AM

ePortfolio (Chalk&Wire)  
11/29, 1:00-2:00 PM

*All Center for Academic  
Technology Training Events  
and Workshops are located  
in the lower level of Jordan  
Hall in room 048 unless  
otherwise noted.*

*For additional information,  
contact us at 317.940.8575*





## Faculty Spotlights and Learning Environment Technologies

### **SCREENCAST - O - MATIC**

*Michele Schultz, Instructor in COPHS PA Program, will pilot a new method to provide video critique to student assignments. **Screencast-O-Matic**, an online screen recorder for both Windows and Mac, offers one-click, software-free recording. Users capture screen images and webcam recordings and upload the video directly to YouTube or export the video as an MP4, AVI or FLV movie file. The Free account limits recording time to 15 minutes and an upgrade to a Pro account allows unlimited recording time and other features including: advanced recorder controls, editing and scripting tools, and the ability to use the recorder offline outside of a browser. Explore at <http://www.screencast-o-matic.com/>*

### **Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle: COPHS Digital Community Outreach**

This Fall, second and third year professional phase pharmacy students will extend their services to the community, especially the Butler University community, by creating and performing Healthy Weight and Lifestyle videos for their Nutrition Support elective, RX\_618. Each student will write 3-4 "general information" pre-questions and will then research and cast their own 3-4 minute health information podcast. Upon completion, the educational videos will be available on the Healthy Horizons website [www.butler.edu/healthyhorizons](http://www.butler.edu/healthyhorizons) as well as the Butler Pharmacy Community Outreach website [www.butleroutreachpharmacy.org](http://www.butleroutreachpharmacy.org)

### **\*\*News Flashes\*\***

\*Check out the Learning Resource Center and Office of Student Disability Services' new testing area and office spaces, located on the first floor of Jordan Hall\*

\*Interested in iPad Technology? Contact CAT to request an individual loan or explore classroom integration of the new iPad cart of 20 devices \*

\*Students, Faculty, and Staff may now send faxes from Irwin Library. For more information, contact 940.9227\*

Questions? Contact the Center for Academic Technology, 940.8575