Current News

Meet the new chair of the CIS Department. Dr. David Wierschem received his PhD in MIS and his MS in Operations Research from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1998. He has an MBA from Georgia State University and his BS from Texas A&M University. He has taught everything from statistics to database to telecommunications. His areas of specialty are networking and database. His research interests include IT certifications, cultural impacts on web design, and data mining. He is an avid supporter of AITP. As a student chapter advisor he co-hosted a national and regional conference, served as the database competition coordinator and has been a judge on several competitions.

He comes to us from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX where he has been an associate professor of MIS, AACSB Coordinator, Graduate Coordinator, International Coordinator, and Technology Coordinator. During his tenure as AACSB Coordinator Midwestern State University successfully obtained AACSB accreditation.

He was born in New York City but got to Texas as soon as he could. He has lived in New York, Connecticut, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Georgia and Texas. He has traveled extensively in the US and abroad. He likes playing Sid Meier’s—Civilization and he loves driving his 1973 Maverick when it’s not too hot.

AITP

Being a member of the Texas State Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) student chapter is about gaining a greater understanding of the role information technology plays in business; it’s also about professional networking, and it’s about being the best in the IT field.

Texas State AITP is one of the largest and, by far, the most active AITP student chapters in the nation. It supports its members by helping them with their educational career and through the transition to a career professional. The chapter works in partnership with the McCoy College CIS Department and has several CIS faculty members serving as chapter advisors. The chapter also works with the San Antonio and Austin AITP professional chapters.

The chapter works to give students a better understanding of the vital business role of IT including the most current hardware and software, the proper relationship of IT to management, and the necessity for a professional attitude among IT professionals. The chapter encourages professional and social networking between students, faculty, and business professionals in an informative and technologically advanced environment.
Did you know that according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “Three of the 10 industries projected to have the most wage and salary employment growth are in professional and business services: management, scientific, and technical consulting; computer systems design; and employment services.” All three of these areas are supported by a degree in CIS!

Specific occupations targeted for growth include: management analysts, computer software engineers-applications, network systems analysts and data communication analysts.

Of the fastest growing careers network systems and data communications analysts ranks number 2! Also identified are Computer software engineers - applications, and computer software engineers - systems software.

What this says is that there are a lot of opportunities for CIS graduates and at Texas State we are doing all that we can to help get you there.

And the future looks even brighter. As technology continues to expand its reach, opportunities will continue to expand. For example, the introduction of the iPad, growth of mobile media applications, and new technologies in communications and data transfer all need CIS graduates like you!

High school-level contests include PC Troubleshooting, Java, and Microsoft Office 2007. The college-level Visual Basic competition is also open to high school students. Breakfast and lunch are also included for high school registrants. For more information or to participate, please visit itsymposium.txstateaitp.org.

In May 2010, Texas State AITP opened the first high school AITP chapter in the nation to be sponsored by a college chapter. Lehman High School in Kyle, Texas, formed its chapter, and, with its officers in place, opened for operation. Texas State AITP looks forward to expanding this program to bring other high school students the benefits of AITP as well as a broader knowledge of IT, of the IT industry, and of the educational opportunities in IT available at the college level.