Note from the Chair

My how time flies when you are having fun and that is definitely the case for the month of October this year. Classes are in session, faculty are writing papers, students are studying, and alumni are making a difference. The CIS program at Texas State has seen a dramatic increase in the number of students participating in the Student Chapter of AITP. We had a great time in Houston at the Region 3 competition. We have also been busy preparing for the annual High School Symposium coming up November 5th, and we are just beginning. So keep in touch and keep your eyes open for what happens next!

Of special note, we had 5 students inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the Honor Society for the College of Business. Hats off to: Antonio M. Bardales, Kelly Sean Forciea, Calvin William Griffin, Steven D. Martinez and Sarah K. Terrall.

What a month!! Way To Go Everyone!

David

AITP

If you are a CIS major or alum you have a lot to be proud of. The student chapter of AITP sent 25 students to the AITP Region 3 Regional student conference in Houston, TX. In addition to Texas State there were 25 other schools competing. In the end we cleaned house!

Application Development
1st Place - Doug Fogle and Kelly Forciea

Network Design
1st Place - Michael Gairo and James Thorne

Database Design
1st Place - Doug Fogle and Kelly Forciea

2nd Place - Shannon Flynn and Sarah Terrall

3rd Place - Erin Armstrong and Dotti Bolt

PC Troubleshooting
Finalists - Jack Chen and James Thorne

And the Texas State Chapter was 1st Place Region 3 Contest Winner!!!!

In addition to winning the students were able to network with over 25 different exhibitors and job recruiters. They included USAA, IBM, Microsoft, Marathon Oil, Cisco, Argo, Continental Airlines, Sentigy, and others. The security competition was sponsored by Blue Lance who requested all the security contest participant’s resumes. Microsoft was also sponsoring free certification exams for becoming a Microsoft Technology Associate.

Next up Nationals! Make a point to get involved and join us.

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In the News

No matter where you go it seems there is always technology in the news. Whether it be Facebook and its privacy issues, Apple and its newest blockbuster product, the growth of adult texting, or IBM with record sales of mainframes.

The reality is that no industry, no company, and no person can survive today without technology. And the more technology we have, the more ideas and gadgets and opportunities we find.

According to Robert Half Technologies, an IT search firm, “For a majority of CIO’s (60%), the technical skill set most in demand within their IT departments is network administration. Database management ranked second, with 54%, followed by Windows administration and desktop support, each with 51%.”

Some interesting article headlines from October:
- “Apple: More revenue in one quarter than Google will do in a year.”
- “IPv4 Net addresses now 95% used up.”
- “Newsweek colors Dell, IBM, HP the greenest”
- “Teens: Don’t call us, we’ll text you”
- “71 Percent of Tweets Are Ignored”
- “U.S. Acts to Quiet Blaring TV Ads”
- “Teen Texting Fever May Rage On Into Adulthood”
- And Finally
- “Obama: Future depends on science, math education”

Alumni Focus

Mary Ruthe Miller is the Resource Manager for ExxonMobil Global Services Company / EMIT Global Strategic Services. She joined Exxon Mobile straight after graduation from then Southwest Texas, and has been with them 30 years.

“I’ve been fortunate to have worked in a variety of assignments including applications support, infrastructure development, and Upstream projects.”

Her job has taken her to Africa, Europe, Norway, Scotland, Australia, Canada, South America and traveled throughout the states.

“One of my most challenging assignments was as Delivery Manager for a portfolio Upstream applications project. Our team had the same goals, but we were located in many different time zones.”

Her advice on how to succeed? “Focus on your current assignment and learn everything you can. If you focus and grow in your current assignment, the next one will come more naturally.”

“The best thing about Texas State and the CIS program is that it REALLY prepared me for my starting assignment with ExxonMobil by providing me with specific applications/programming experience and also broad business knowledge so that I could relate to the business world and my internal customers at ExxonMobil.”

What’s Hot! - Scholarships

A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to further education. There are literally billions of dollars worth of scholarships available for students to go to college.

Texas State offers three categories of academic scholarships for incoming freshmen. National Scholarships and Assured Scholarships are automatically awarded to you upon admission, provided you meet certain minimum academic requirements. We also offer a number of Competitive Scholarships, which are awarded on the basis of the overall strength of your scholarship application.

In addition there are a host of other scholarships available for those willing to take some time and effort. A key word search of Google using ‘technology scholarships’ returned over 19 million hits!

Besides scholarships there are grants and student loans that can help a student get the education they want.

Each year, Texas State helps over 17,000 Bobcats finance their education. We offer a variety of assistance options including grants, work-study, student and parent loans, scholarships and nonresident tuition and fee waivers. Regardless of your financial resources, attending Texas State is possible.

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