



Information and Telecommunication Systems



From the Director

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This is my first ITS news column written in my office in Schoonover Center! We have just completed a year with all three labs, our offices, and space for our graduate students under one roof. We can go to the labs during bad weather and not get wet! If you have not had a chance to visit ITS in its new space, please make plans to stop by and have a look.



Hans Kruse

June is the month for BobCat Student Orientation (BSO), where incoming students learn more about OU and the campus, get advising, and register for their fall classes. ITS and 3 other schools in the Scripps College are using the ITS lab spaces for BSO - an interesting side-effect of having all of the College in one building. **Phil Campbell** and I again, as in previous years, observed that pretty much all incoming ITS students have some relationship to the IT industry already, through parents or close relatives. Many of them know ITS alumni. So, if you come across a promising high school student in your social circles, make sure to mention ITS to them!

Let me close with a big thank-you to **Mike Herrmann BSC '93**. Mike arranged for his new employer, Broadsoft Inc., to provide ITS with access to their hosted VoIP offerings. Phil Campbell incorporated this access into the ITS VoIP class this year; he and Mike are now working on more in-depth use of this capability.

Recent Alums Who Found Employment

Khader Alshaar - Hyland Software

Kahtan AlJewary - Intel

Haley Baker - Ohio University OIT

Saijeevan Devireddy - First Communications
Alex Douglas - IGS Energy
James Emerson - Progressive Insurance
Milkias Keflemariam - Nationwide Insurance
Adam Luck - IGS Energy
Christina Maharjan - Sprint
Dylan Maloni - Nationwide Insurance
Nandan Sadineni - Nationwide Insurance

OU Student Expo

MITS student **Maryam Ban** submitted a project at the OU Student Expo 2016: "Measuring and Improving Business Process Resiliency Using Enterprise Architecture." The project was a joint effort by **Maryam Ban**; **Praveen Kumar**, Consultant, Enterprise Architecture at Nationwide Insurance and OSU professor; and ITS professors **Andy Snow** and **John Hoag**. Maryam also presented the project at the Ohio Academy of Science annual meeting.



MITS student Maryam Ban with Professor John Hoag.

Women in STEM Panel

ITS alum **JJ DiGeronimo BSC '95** returned to the OU campus to present "Professional Strategies for Women in STEM: Advice for Developing Your Career," with panelists **Kim Thompson**, Lecturer, OU; ITS alum **Kristen Lowery BSC '95**, VP of Technology Infrastructure, Nationwide; and **Christine Copa**, Technology Consultant, Accenture.

The talk, jointly hosted by the Society of Women Engineers, the American Association of University Women, Women in Information & Telecommunication Systems, Women in Information Systems and the Scripps Diversity Committee, attracted a large and appreciative

audience. To read the Post story, go to <http://ow.ly/10oFfw>



From left Kim Thompson, OU; Christine Copa, Accenture; JJ DiGeronimo '95, Tech Saavy Women; Kristen Lowery '95, Nationwide; and Trevor Roycroft, ITS.

Alumni Updates

Steve Engle BSC '92 is the VP of Sales at Exactr. **Sangeeta Nagaraja-Walsh BSC '96**, Director, Account Management with Verizon, is managing the Verizon Wireless Account as well as pursuing new partnerships and platform verticals. **Frank Quintana BSC '98** is a Network Engineering Lead with JP MorganChase.

David Blum BSC '00 is the Chief Information Officer for W.W. Williams, one of the nation's largest industrial distribution, repair, and service companies. **Keith Cambridge BSC '01** is a Senior Managing Consultant with IBM Global Business Solutions (Cybersecurity). **Brian Folan BSC '06** is the Director of Service Delivery at Mattersight. **Brad Tunstall BSC '06**, IT Systems Engineer Lead, is the VoIP Engineer on the Unified Communications and Voice Engineering team at Progressive Insurance.

Samantha Ray BSC '07 is a Global Account Manager with Cisco Systems. **Andrew Kahn BSC '09** and **MITS '11** was promoted to NTOC Team Lead with Progressive Insurance. **Sami DeVille-Messerle BSC '09** accepted a promotion to Technical Operations Manager last year with Mignon Faget and managed a total overhaul of the eCommerce website that launched in September. **Allen Furlong BSC '13** is working at a private ISP in Cleveland, t1co, primarily doing vendor and project management with

some NOC support.

Cody Williams BSC '14 is an Analyst-Infrastructure Engineering with Nationwide Insurance. **Haley Baker BSC '15** is an Information Security Analyst with Ohio University. **Adam Luck BSC '08** and **MITS '15** accepted a position with IGS Energy to manage a team of 7 with responsibilities including but not limited to telecommunications, network engineering, server administration and information security. **Kahtan Al Jewary BSC '16** is a Systems Engineer at Intel.

Send us your updated information. Click on "update your information" in the alumni section of the [School's website](#). Want to keep in touch with other alums, let other alums know about a position available with your company, or looking for a job? Instructions for how to subscribe to the alumni listserve are also in the alumni section of the [School's website](#).

The School has a group on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) we hope you will link to.

ITS Day 2016

ITS Day is always a good time for alums to come to campus to interact with students, listen to current topics on technology, and attend the student awards banquet. ITS Day 2016 focused on Innovation, Data Analytics and the Internet of Things with speakers **Brian Minick**, CEO and Co-Founder of Morphick; **Brian Rudy**, Director of Business Intelligence at Verizon Enterprise Solutions; **Carlos Montesinos**, Start-up Initiatives Lead at Intel; and **Pala Kuppusamy**, CEO and Founder of Shoplylabs.

ITS appreciates the alums who participated in the Alumni Panel during ITS Day: **Haley Baker BSC '15**, OU OIT; **Mike DeLuca BSC '97**, VMWare; **Lori Meierdiercks BSC '11**, Century Link; **Zachary Miller BSC '13**, J.P. Morgan Chase Security; and **Brian Rudy BSC '96**, Verizon.



From left: Brian Rudy '96, Verizon; Lori Meierdiercks '11, Century Link; and Haley Baker '15, OU OIT.

Professor Roycroft Promoted

Professor Trevor Roycroft was recently promoted to Full Professor. Feel free to congratulate him at roycroft@ohio.edu.

Student Awards Banquet

Congratulations to the 2016-17 scholarship recipients announced at the Student Awards Banquet during ITS Day 2016: College of Communication - **Caleb Gornall** and **Robert Kilroy**; John F. Smith Memorial - **Noah Reho**; The Progressive Scholar in ITS - **Kyle Hinton**; McClure School Advisory Board/Thomas Lonsbury - **AJ Hudak** and **CJ Johnston**; Ruth and Otto Kruse - **Cameron Hayes**, **Dallas Hickman**, **Jordan Pearson**, and **Trevor Swackhamer**.



Cameron Hayes, Cameron's mother, and Professor Campbell.

Outstanding Graduating Students

Congratulations to **Alekhya Velagapudi**, Outstanding Graduating MITS student, and **Kahtan Al Jewary**, Outstanding Graduating Senior student.



Director Hans Kruse with Alekhya Velagapudi.



Associate Dean Michelle Ferrier with Kahtan Al Jewary.

Network Security Presentation

ITS alum **Kim Rometo**

BSC '04 and **MITS '14**, Executive Director, Technology Operations for America's Mart, shared her professional insights during a presentation on "Managing Network Security-the Daily Challenges" sponsored by three ITS groups: Women in Information and Telecommunication Systems, Telecommunication Systems Management Association, and INSEC.



Kim Rometo

Lonsbury Scholarship Memorial Golf Classic

The Thomas Lonsbury Memorial Scholarship Golf Classic continues to attract participants to an event that raises funds for ITS students. The 2016 Classic will, for the first time, feature 2 flight times in order to accommodate everyone who wants to play. Flight one starts at 8 am - flight 2 starts at 12:45 pm on Thursday, September 22, at the Athens Country Club.

For more information, and to register, go to <http://itsohio.net/support/golf-classic/>.



Participants in the 2015 Classic.

Keep in touch!

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