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July 2020

McMaster Connectivity Newsletter

For the IT community, by the IT community.

McMaster IT News

McMaster University signs onto new Rogers Cellular Agreement

McMaster has signed a new agreement with Rogers. This means big savings for talk and data plans for those on a University-issued Rogers plan. Migration to the new agreement will be done in phases, with the first set to begin in July 2020. Only existing corporate plans will be migrated, **not** personal plans. A Rogers Business Team will support McMaster through this change. Questions regarding this opportunity can be directed at telecom@mcmaster.ca.

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#TechTuesdays with AVP & CTO Gayleen Gray

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Tech Tuesdays

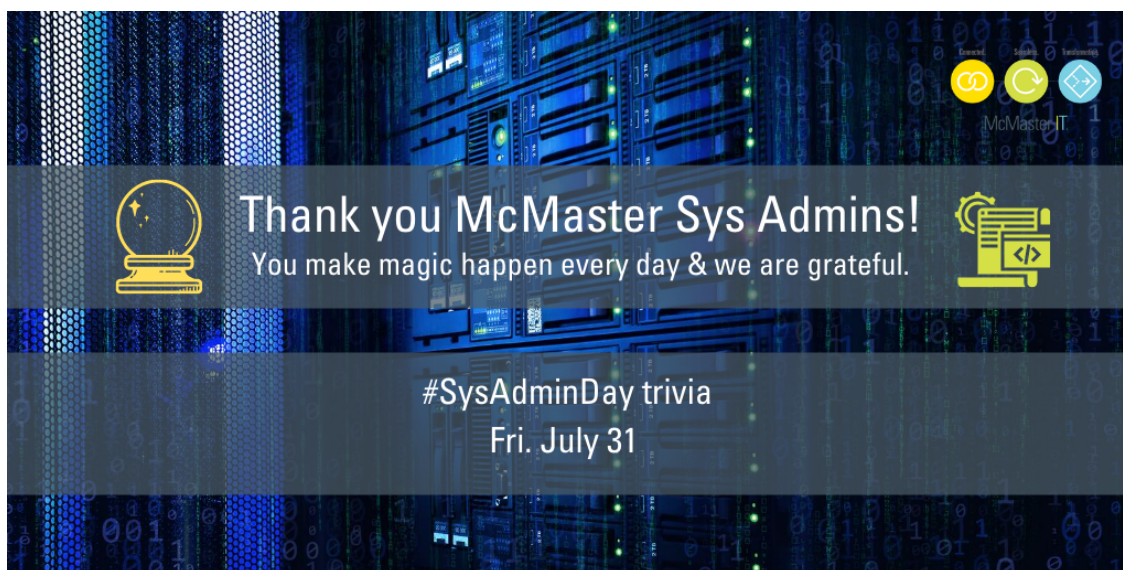
with McMaster AVP & CTO Gayleen Gray



Every other Tuesday in the months of July and August, AVP & CTO Gayleen Gray invites you to a casual, lunch time chat on all things tech. [Join the Microsoft Teams](#) for the next Tech Tuesday and discuss key themes shaping the tech landscape, share ideas and perspectives on the possibilities of IT, and hear community thoughts as we move closer to the fall term.

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Join us for #SysAdminDay Trivia on Friday July 31



Calling all McMaster system administrators to join us for trivia, created by our very own Greg Atkinson. Answer skill testing questions, have some laughs, and get the chance to win a prize (and bragging rights)! Check the McMaster IT Team at 9:00 a.m. on Friday July 31 to access the quiz.

Event Highlights

Introducing new marauders to IT tools and services



Student Success
Centre



Mac 101:

Introduction to University Life

Wednesday, July 15–Monday, July 20: Registration opens July 7

Learn about strategies, skills, programs, tools
and campus resources to support your success at McMaster.

Visit <https://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/events/academic/mac101-introduction-to-university-life/> for more information.

Our partners at the Student Success Centre launched their [Mac101: Introduction to University Life](#) series to help adjust incoming students this fall. McMaster IT team members from across the campus community were involved in panel discussions and the online student services fair to promote IT support and services available to students. Thank you to our volunteers for arming new students and their families with key IT information and resources!

UTS Equity, Diversity & Inclusion film festival wraps for the 2020 season



By: Asma Fayyaz, UTS

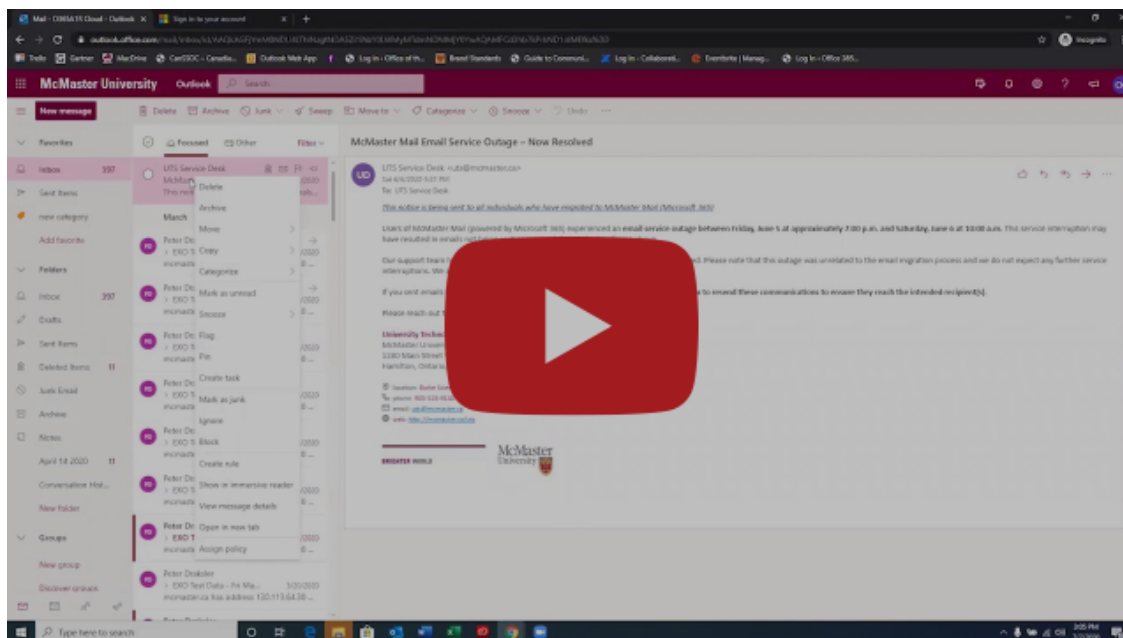
The UTS Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee hosted the second annual EDI film festival. Four sessions were held between June 26 and July 24, all focused on the theme of racism. Participants shared poignant personal stories and had deep conversations about the many faces and forms of racism seen, heard and experienced around us.

Dr. Arig al Shaibah (Associate Vice-President, Equity and Inclusion at McMaster) joined us and urged us to move from complacency to agency, stressing that good intentions are not enough, that we need to take action. Dr. al Shaibah encouraged coalition building and using events like the film festival to engage, speak frankly and lean into discomfort. Debra Christmas (Executive Partner at Gartner) echoed similar ideas, saying that we need to develop our courage muscle and call out racism and discrimination when we see it happening.

This is a heavy and troubling time. As a committee dedicated to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion, we could not ignore the opportunity to address what has happened and continues to happen. Our intent was to use the film festival to raise awareness in a way that forces us to be deliberate and thoughtful about our actions around racism on a daily basis. The sessions were very well received and the UTS EDI Committee intends to continue to offer creative ways to engage in community learning, reflection and dialogue to advance equity, diversity and inclusion.

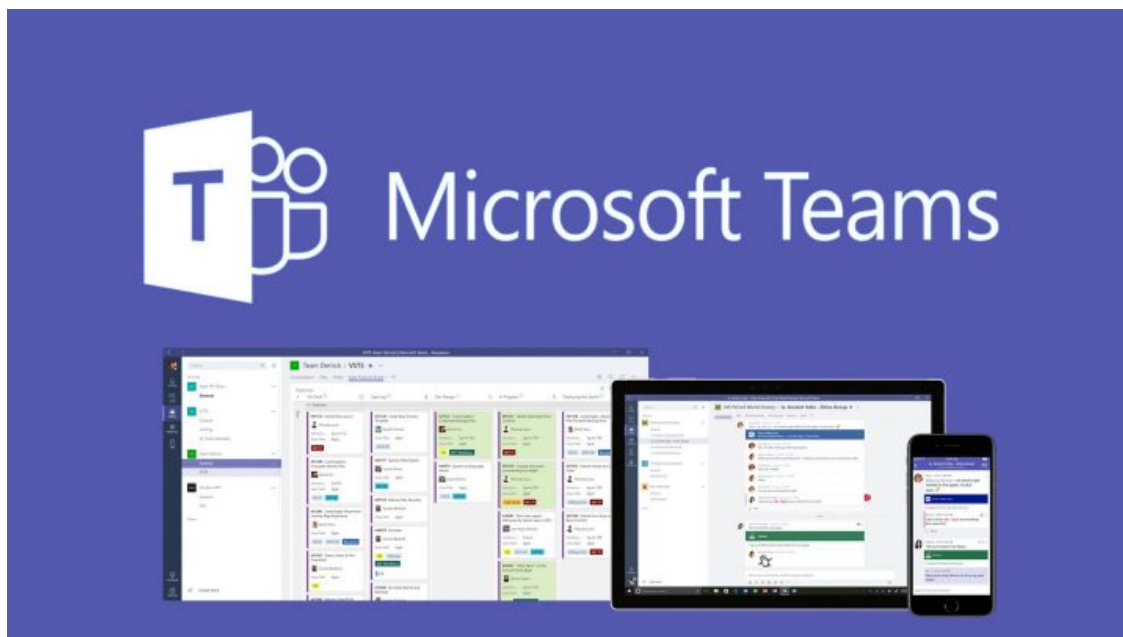
Microsoft 365 Updates

Focused Inbox: New feature for McMaster Mail users



Focused Inbox is a new Outlook feature offered by Microsoft that separates your inbox into two tabs—Focused and Other. Your most important email messages are on the Focused tab while the rest remain easily accessible—but out of the way—on the Other tab. The video above shows how to manage this feature.

Coming soon to Microsoft Teams: Large video gallery view



optional (preview) feature that can be turned on at any time during a meeting, and will be available in desktop Teams client on both Windows & Mac in version 19173 or later.

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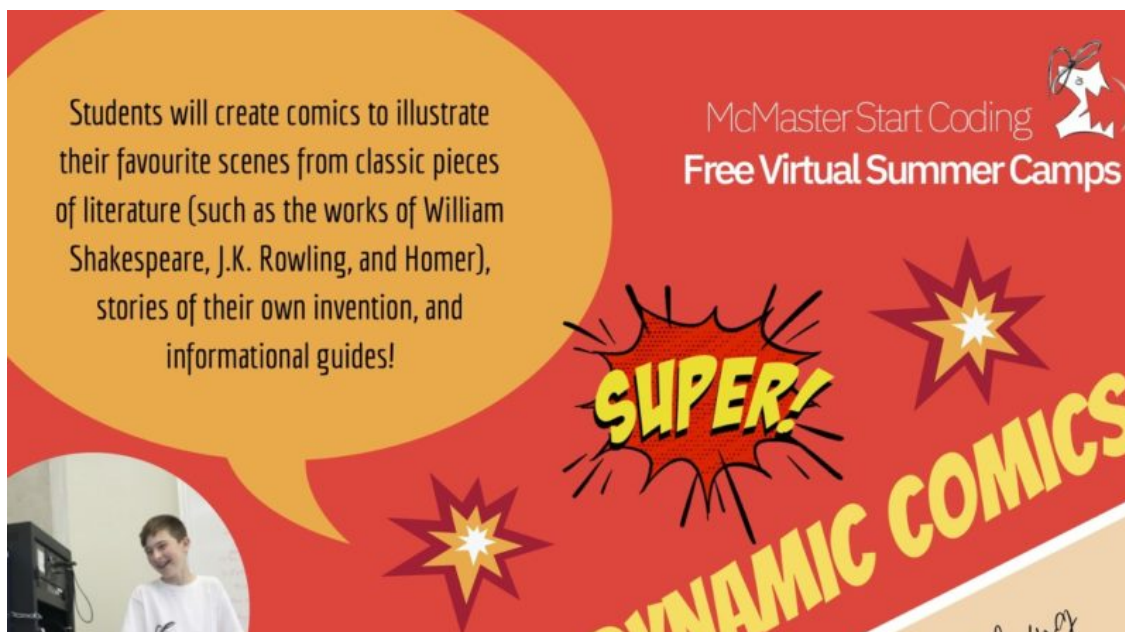
Upcoming Microsoft 365 training sessions

Microsoft 365 functionality and features continue to develop and suit the diverse needs of staff and faculty. Training sessions are available for Microsoft 365, such as email and calendaring migration, Teams, Planner. Bookings, OneNote, OneDrive, and more.

[Register Here](#)

Items of Interest

McMaster Start Coding Camps featured in 'Software Hamilton'



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shares how McMaster Start Coding Summer Camps are giving young learners a head start in software development.

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