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October 2020 McMaster Connectivity Newsletter

For the IT community, by the IT community.

McMaster IT News

#MacCyberSafe: National Cyber Security Awareness Month



At the start of October, the IT Security team launched the month-long [#MacCyberSafe challenge](#) for the McMaster community for National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). Those who completed the challenge are

Part of this campaign also included senior leaders across campus to share why cyber security matters. Click below to see the full playlist.

[Watch videos](#)

McMaster Women in Tech October 2020

Changemaker: Cynthia Lokker



The McMaster Women in Tech series recognizes changemakers across our community. The Office of the AVP & CTO is proud to share the stories, expertise and experiences of women tech changemakers in diverse roles across campus.

Watch the video above as our latest changemaker, Cynthia Lokker, discusses how she is using technology to enhance and engage new models of healthcare and education.

[Read Cynthia's profile](#)



See a demo above of the Office 365 Hub for the McMaster Community.

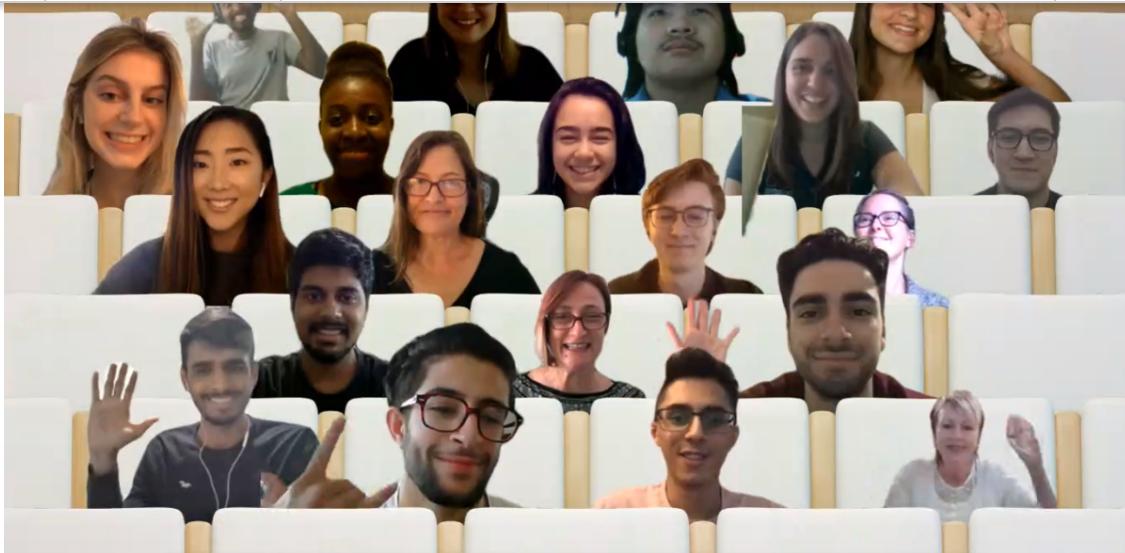
Many new updates have come to the Teams environment. Remember, frequently check for updates to ensure you are using the newest version of Teams.

- [Focus mode](#) allows presentation material to be shown without other faces or cameras along the bottom. This feature is useful for students.
- [Hard mute](#) allows presenters to mute participants without them being able to unmute themselves.
- [Synchronous meetings guide](#) shows best practices on starting meetings through channels or calendars.
- [Breakout rooms](#) for Teams update and guide.

See current [roadmap](#) of features to be rolled out by November 2020. Training sessions are also available throughout the fall on core MS applications, such as Word, Planner, OneNote and Excel.

Training sessions

Meet the new ITSAC members!

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The Information Technology Student Advisory Committee (ITSAC) provides a forum for undergraduate and graduate students to discuss current campus technology priorities and new IT initiatives. We have a diverse cohort this year, and we're excited to hear their valuable insights on tech at McMaster. Click below to see the new 2020-21 members and what student groups we have represented.

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McMaster IT Strategic Projects



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McMaster Strategic Plan

Engagement sessions for One Card

An integrated and expanded One Card solution has been identified as a need

another. If you would like to read more or contact the project lead, click below.

[Read more](#)

CRM Readiness update

There are currently two department-led CRM projects with the Faculty of Engineering and McMaster Continuing Education. The CRM Readiness Assessment project was endorsed by the IT Executive, and a Request for Service (RfS) was developed for this phase. See [here](#) for the CRM Readiness Assessment details.

Engagement is critical to ensure that McMaster develops a comprehensive roadmap for campus CRM readiness. The engagement work undertaken in the Readiness Phase of this initiative will include stakeholders from across McMaster, with an initial focus on units that provide services to students. In addition, a student focus group will be engaged to gain insight into student experiences. If you are interested in participating in a upcoming focus group, please contact Lori Patrick at patri12@mcmaster.ca. Click below to learn more about the CRM project progress.

[Learn more](#)

COMING SOON! McMaster IT Coffee Break, November 2020

Keep an eye on your inbox and Teams! The Office of the AVP & CTO is planning for a McMaster IT virtual coffee break in November. Details will be shared soon.

Items of Interest

McMaster CTO Gayleen Gray joins CANARIE Board of

Gayleen has been elected to the CANARIE board and joins other members in academic, institutional, private, and public sectors. As part of her duties as a director, Gayleen will serve on at least one standing committee.

[Press release](#)

TVO interviews Tracy Dallaire on cyber security

Tracy Dallaire, the new Director of Information Security Services, was interviewed among other cyber security experts for TVO. In the article, Tracy talks about National Cyber Security Month and the importance of good online security.

[Read more](#)

EDUCAUSE Annual Conference

The EDUCAUSE Annual Conference brings together professionals and technology providers from around the world to share ideas and grow professionally. This year's conference took place October 27 - 29, 2020. A reminder that McMaster is a member of EDUCAUSE. To access event highlights, click below.

[Event details](#)

University of Toronto: Secure Together Conference



UofT and EDUCAUSE capped off National Cyber Security Awareness Month with an event on October 29th at 1PM. This free, virtual event was open to the public and featured over forty speakers, each answering a question within one to two minutes. See more below.

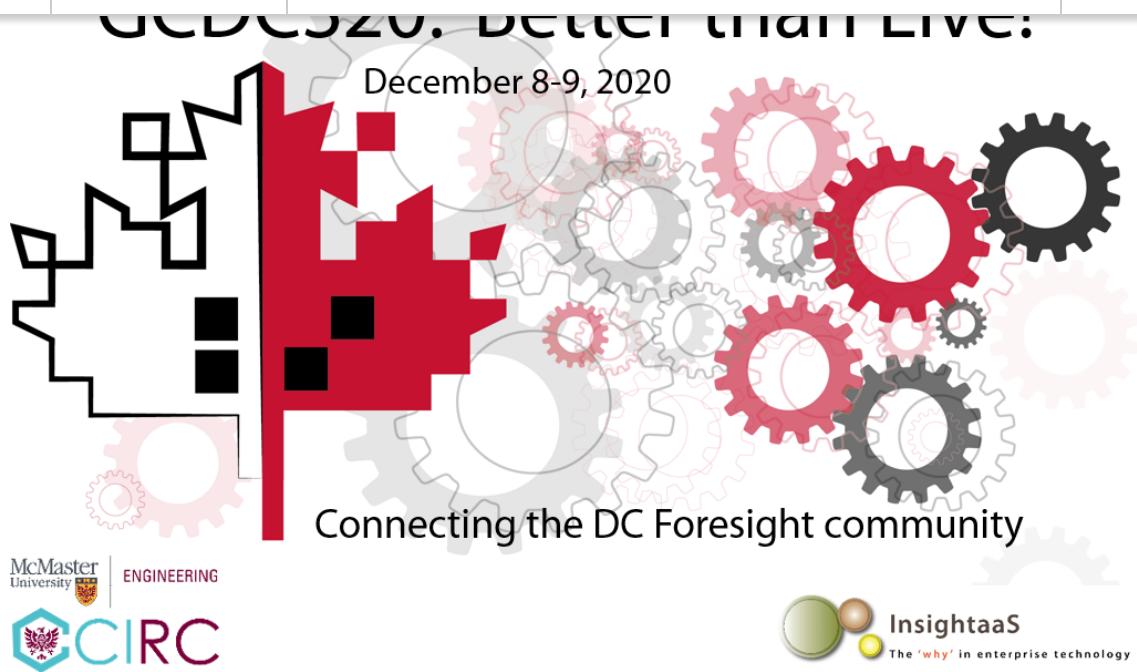
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WiTT is a group that increases opportunities and supports for women in technology and trades in all fields, through a rich networking and support community. WiTT welcomes all to become involved and contribute to the support of women in technology and/or trades. Join the Future of Work Symposium Thursday, November 5, 2020, 4:00 - 6:00PM.

[Register here](#)

GCDCS20: Better than live!

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Join the community-centric experience that combines multiple weeks' worth of interaction, deep dive content, research and book releases with a two-day event that capitalizes on the traditional GCDCS strengths: great topics, great speakers and extensive connections with industry leaders from across Canada, North America and the globe. The GCDCS20 is December 8th and 9th. See registration below.

[Register here](#)

Have a story you want to share with the IT Community? Email Peter McDonald at mcdonp1@mcmaster.ca to feature an article!



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