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September 2020 McMaster Connectivity Newsletter

For the IT community, by the IT community.

McMaster IT News

Stay #MacCyberSafe: A contest for National Cyber Security Awareness Month



As you may have read in [the Daily News last week](#), the IT Security team has noticed a significant increase in the number of compromised MacID accounts in

To help protect our online environment, McMaster's IT Security team will launch an awareness campaign and contest as part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) later this week. Follow the McMaster IT Security team on [twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) for details on how you can participate in this year's NCSAM activities!

McMaster Women in Tech September 2020 Changemaker: Rebecca Jamieson



The McMaster Women in Tech series recognizes the contributions of tech changemakers across campus and beyond. And our community members continue to develop and advance the technology we use. Work and research by McMaster Women in Tech changemakers benefit all of Canada and lead to a Brighter world. Watch the video above as our latest changemaker, Rebecca Jamieson, discusses providing innovative education by embedding Indigenous culture in curriculum and increasing access to technology.

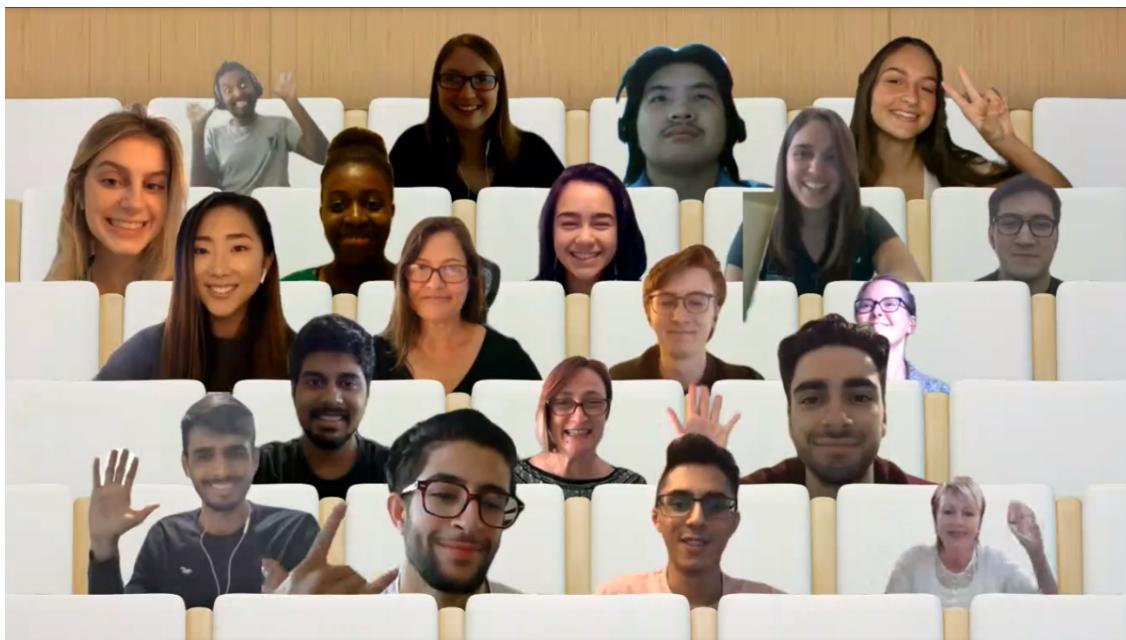
[Read Rebecca's profile](#)

McMaster's new network service, the Alibaba VPN Global Accelerator, will enhance the online learning experience for students in mainland China by improving their connection to the university's network and resources.

Students in China can use this service for a faster and more reliable connection to university learning materials, including student mail (Gmail), library resources and Mosaic.

Student VPN information

ITSAC kicks off its first meeting of the year



The IT Student Advisory Committee (ITSAC) had its first meeting and welcomed new students, along with a new chair Elizabeth DiEmanuele and returning chair Christa Morrison. ITSAC continues to provide a forum for undergraduate and graduate students to discuss current campus technology priorities and new IT initiatives.

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Microsoft 365: New features and training opportunities

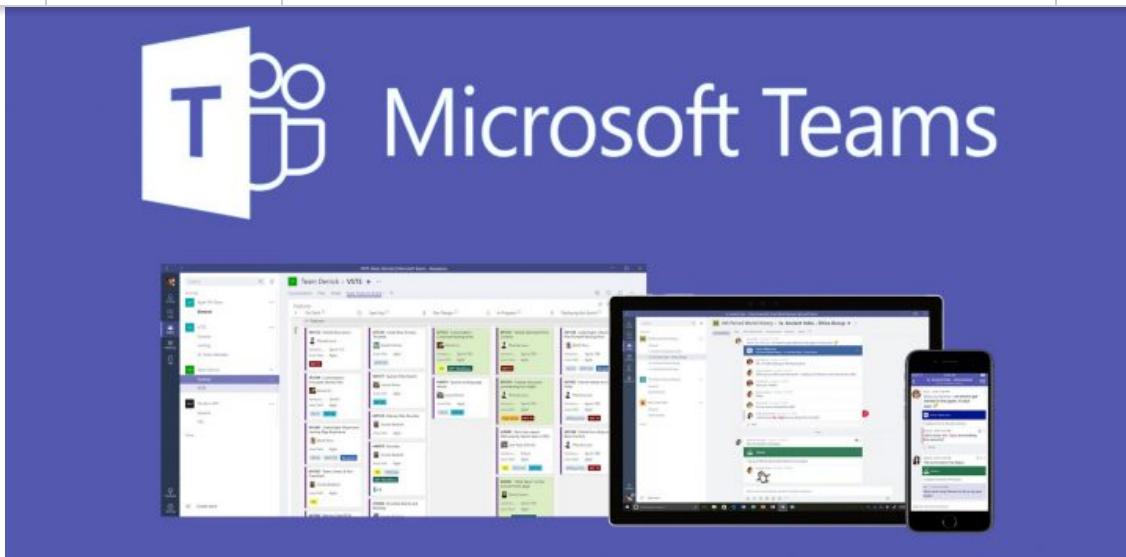


See a demo above of the Office 365 Hub for the McMaster Community.

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

[Register here](#)

Integrating Stream, Audio Conferencing, Live Events and Transcripts



A new resource for integrating Stream recordings into Teams is now available for instructors. Click [here](#) for a step-by-step guide on how to populate Teams channels with Stream recordings.

Instructors can now use audio conferencing for Teams which allows participants to use a phone to call into meetings if internet is limited. Students and instructors can check [here](#) for details and how to use it.

Live Events allow for live 10,000 person meetings. This [guide](#) and best practices shows instructors how to schedule and manage events.

Use Stream auto-generated captions from meeting recordings to get plaintext transcripts. See [this](#) guide on how and where to go.

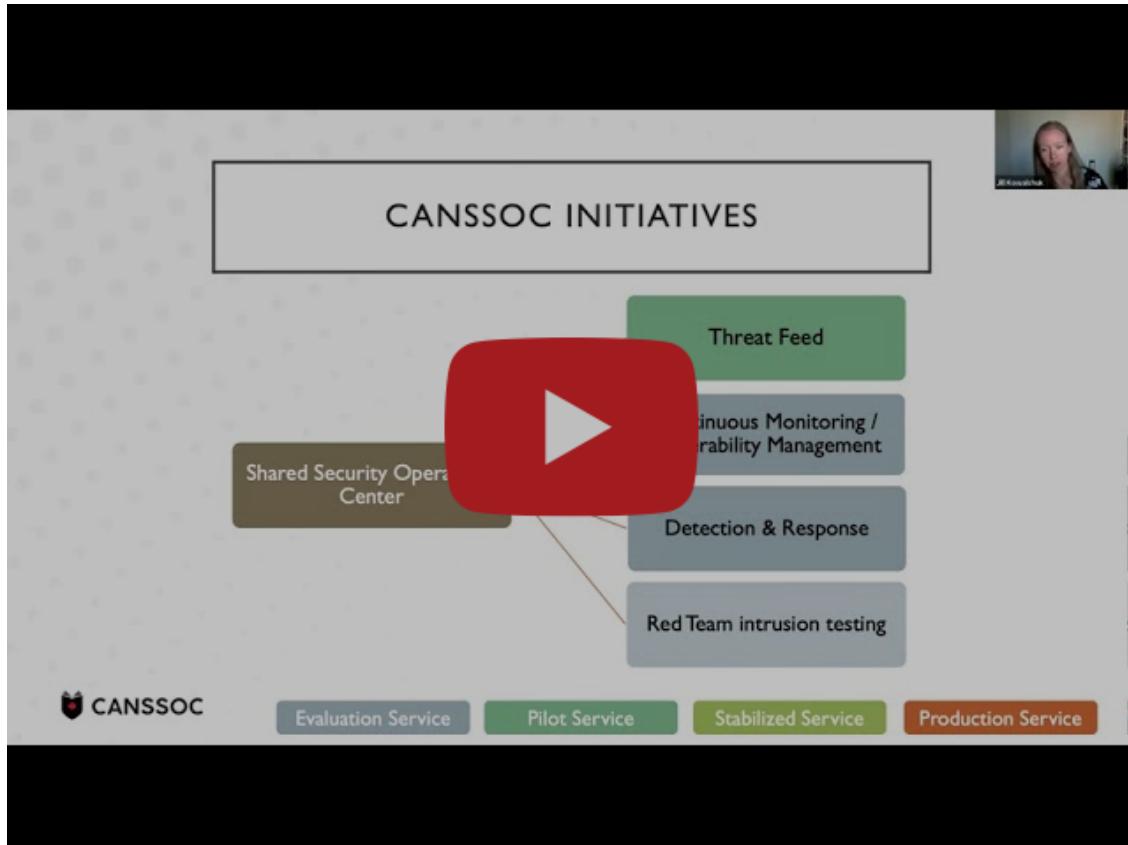
Items of Interest

EDUCAUSE Annual Conference: October 27 - 29, 2020

The EDUCAUSE Annual Conference is being held virtually next month from Tuesday October 27 to Thursday October 29. As higher education faces one of its most unprecedented challenges in the time of COVID-19, join speakers and panel discussions as they engage in outside of the box thinking to develop solutions. Our very own AVP & CTO Gayleen Gray is a featured speaker in the

[Register here](#)

CANSSOC Webinar



Watch CANSSOC's recent webinar exploring two initiatives: [threat feed and vulnerability management](#). Threat feed consolidates multiple threat information sources into a single curated feed, making it easier to consume and act on the intelligence. Vulnerability management uses comprehensive reports, including detailed events analysis and correlation insights, to help universities and colleges identify, understand, and manage vulnerabilities within their own infrastructure.

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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