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Aspirations in Computing Award 2015

We are now accepting applications for the **National Center for Women in Information & Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing** for high school women and educators. The Deadline for applications is 8:00 p.m. EDT on October 26, 2015. [Read more.](#)



IT Executive Forum

The ITRI hosts an IT Executive Forum each fall. This is a unique experience for students to interact and network with top executives in the field of information technology. This year two separate events for high school students and college students were held. There was a very positive response to the change from students, educators and board members. Check out the video of the high school forum [here](#).

2015 Fall Board Meeting

The ITRI Fall Board Meeting was held Thursday, October 1, 2015. The board members networked with AIS students for breakfast, participated in the IT Executive Forum, and interacted with Ph.D. students on their current research. During the meeting board members discussed improving collaboration on research and other topics, recruiting more students into information systems, and growing board membership. Several of the board members also participated in small video interviews supporting the ITRI. It was a full and productive day and we look forward to using the feedback to work toward our collective mission.



Technology Awareness Program - Going Places

The TAP Planning Committee met to recap and celebrate the TAP Program that took place this last summer. We are already brainstorming ways to improve and excel this program for next year and beyond. Look for some exciting changes designed to boost both engagement and participation. [Read more.](#)

Association for Information Systems Update (AIS)



AIS held a fall kick-off event in September with the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) and it was a huge success. They introduced the new officers, discussed the benefits of involvement and promoted this season's upcoming events. Later, AIS jointly hosted a Career Fair Prep session with the Walton Career Center. The AIS officers attended a networking breakfast with the ITRI board and participated in various activities throughout the fall board meeting. Various companies, like Phillips 66, have attended their Wednesday meetings to talk about careers, internships and other opportunities. For more information or to connect with the AIS here at the University of Arkansas, check out its [Facebook page](#).



Fall 2015 Business Career Fair

The Fall 2015 Business Career Fair was held on September 29, 2015, in Bud Walton Arena. There were also several other events surrounding the career fair. The evening before the Business Career Fair, the career center held a Networking Event exclusive to Leadership Walton Students and Walton College graduate students. There was also a STEM Career Fair held the following day. Next up is a Business Career Fair in Dallas on Monday, October 19. [Read more.](#)



Tracy Sykes Named Most Productive Among ISYS Assistant Professors

Tracy Sykes, an assistant professor in the Department of Information Systems at the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas, was recognized in three separate business journal lists as the most productive researcher in the world among all information systems assistant professors earning a Ph.D. in or after 2000.

"It is a critical blend of technology and people skills," Sykes said. "It's the hardware, software processes and people that, in conjunction with one another, turns data into useful information." [Read more.](#)

ITRI Informer: Meet Dr. Ron Freeze



Please help us welcome Ronald D. Freeze, who recently joined the Information Systems Department. Ron worked for more than 20 years in the automotive assembly industry and was responsible for numerous startup operations at both Diamond-Star Motors (Chrysler–Mitsubishi joint venture) and Ford Motor Company. His main area of interest is the communication of information through technology and the realized increase of business value due to that process. Ron received his bachelor's of electrical engineering from General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich., and completed his MBA in Management Information Systems at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. He completed his doctorate in Information Systems at Arizona State University.



Douglas Presents Watson Papers At Big Data And Analytics Edcon

David Douglas, a University Professor in the Department of Information Systems, delivered two papers at the International Big Data and Analytics Educational Conference 2015. The conference was held Aug. 12-14 in Puerto Rico in conjunction with the 2015 Americas Conference on Information Systems. [Read more.](#)

News from the ISYS Department

Announcing! We would like to announce and congratulate four new Ph.D. students in our Information Systems Department:

Ali Balapour, Hamid Nikkhah, Franck Soh Noume, and Haixia Wang

Welcome! Please welcome our new administrative support supervisor, **Tracy Cookson**. Tracy comes to us from an architecture firm where she worked the past 8 months. Prior to that, she spent 8 years in the Department of Architecture at the University of Arkansas.

Congratulations! We would like to congratulate **Tricia Kelly**. Tricia formerly worked as the administrative support supervisor. She has been promoted to the assistant director of ISYS Graduate Programs.



News from Walton College

Walton Magazine: Live and In Your App Store. The Walton Magazine is now an app. Go to the app store and search for "Walton Magazine" to get your app today. Check out the all-new Walton Magazine in your app featuring April Seggebruch from our board member company, Movista on the cover.

Walton 27th Public Business School in U.S. News & World Report Rankings. The Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas moved up to 27th among public undergraduate business schools and 43rd among public and private business colleges in the latest survey by *U.S. News & World Report*. [Read more.](#)

The Sam M. Walton College of Business hosted its **23rd annual Walton College Block Party** at Shollmier Plaza to welcome students to campus. "During the Block Party, students can meet faculty, learn about student organizations and grab lunch," said Interim Dean Matthew A. Waller. "It's a fun and informative way to kick off the fall semester." [Read More.](#)

Coming up...

Monday, October 28, 2015 - AIS Student tour of Walmart 415-C Lab

Friday, December 4, 2015 - Girls in IT, Little Rock

Monday, April 11, 2016 - ITRI Spring Pre-Board Meeting Dinner

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 - ITRI Spring Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 - Aspirations in Computing Awards

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 - Women in Information Technology Conference



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