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Aspirations in Computing Award Dinner – Tuesday, April 14

The ITRI held an award dinner for the young women awarded the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing Award. The participants were given awards and bags filled with items from NCWIT, the College of Engineering and Sam M. Walton Business College. Ozark STEM provided each of the girls a \$100 gift card to Best Buy. [Read more.](#)



Women in Technology – Wednesday, April 15

The 11th Women in Technology Conference focused on the topic of security. A wide breadth of information regarding both the technical and professional development of women working in the field of information technology was covered. Keynote speakers included Kay Palmer, executive vice president of Information Technology and Engineering at J. B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc., Shelly Simpson, chief marketing officer at J. B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. and Karenenn Terrel, executive vice president and chief information officer at Walmart Stores, Inc. [Read more.](#)



2015 NCWIT Summit on Women in IT, Hilton Head Island, SC

The ITRI staff attended the 2015 NCWIT Summit on Women and IT: Practices and Ideas to Revolutionize Computing that took place on May 19-21, 2015 in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Hundreds of change leaders from their community of educators, entrepreneurs, corporate executives and social scientists received research, ideas, and action items for increasing girls' and women's participation in computing. [Read more.](#)



Technology Awareness Program – June 24-27

High school juniors and seniors from Arkansas and Texas took part in a four-day camp at the University of Arkansas to introduce technology degrees and careers to underrepresented groups. A total of 13 students attended the 16th annual Technology Awareness Program, hosted by the Information Technology Research Institute, in partnership with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Department of Information Systems at the Sam M. Walton College of Business. [Read more.](#)



Southwest Missouri AITP Visit

The ITRI was invited to attend and present at the June Southwest Missouri Association of Information Technology Professionals. Eric T. Bradford, managing director, provided the group with information on the programs offered for recruitment, support of the IT industry here in Northwest Arkansas and other initiatives that have proven successful for the ITRI.



ITRI Informer: Association for Information Systems (AIS)

What is it all about? AIS is an international professional organization whose mission is providing superior leadership and education in information technology. The AIS chapter here at the Sam M. Walton College of Business focuses on professional and personal development for the students. AIS holds monthly meetings that include guest speakers, workshops, fundraisers, field trips and community service projects. They also hold at least one social event every semester. Dr. Susan Bristow acts as the faculty advisor for AIS and commented that, "The organization provides an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom and make connections with industry professionals."

The following students have been newly elected to the 2015-16 AIS Board:

Madison Wall, president

Nick Yarbrough, vp operations

Russell Jacobs, vp operations

Jonathan Ma, secretary

Marlo Gohla, vp professional community development

Christine Feng, treasurer

Annalisa Scharff, vp membership development

The university chapter of AIS also grants scholarship sponsored by ConocoPhillips and Phillips 66.

Congratulations to the latest recipients:

Madison Wall received the ConocoPhillips Scholarship

Jonathan Ma and Daniel Puente both received a Phillips 66 Scholarship

For more information or to connect with the AIS here at the University of Arkansas check out its [Facebook page](#).



The ITRI and Walton Involvement

New website launched in mid-May, Walton College launched a new college wide website. The ITRI is using the new platform to make changes and update the information on their website. Check it out and let us know what you think at <http://itri.uark.edu/>!

Staff Development Day: The ITRI took part in the annual staff development day hosted by the Walton College staff council. The entire Walton College staff met at the Bailey Center at Mount Sequoyah for lunch and professional development. Following that the staff broke into groups to participate in community service projects in the Fayetteville area

including Fayetteville Parks and Recreation, Habitat for Humanity and other local organizations.

News from Around Walton and the ISYS Department

Research ranked! The information systems department is the No. 1 worldwide productivity ranking for information systems research and No. 1 in publications in *MIC quarterly* and information systems research. [Read more.](#)

Walton Today featured a spotlight story on Xiao Ma, assistant professor for the department of information systems. [Read more.](#)

Tricia Kelly, administrative support supervisor in the department of information systems, was named employee of the third quarter by the Sam M. Walton College of Business. [Read more.](#)

The College of Engineering has selected Xiaoqing "Frank" Liu to head the department of computer science and computer engineering. [Read more.](#)

Coming up in the next quarter

August 24, 2015 - Fall Semester Begins

August 27, 2015 - Career Center's Corporate Comes to Campus

September 23 – 26, 2015 - Bikes, Blues, & Barbeque

September 29, 2015 - Business Career Fair

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 - STEM Career Fair

September 30, 2015 - Pre-Board Meeting Dinner

October 1, 2015 - Fall ITRI Board Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2015 - IT Executive Forum

October 19, 2015 - Dallas Career Fair



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