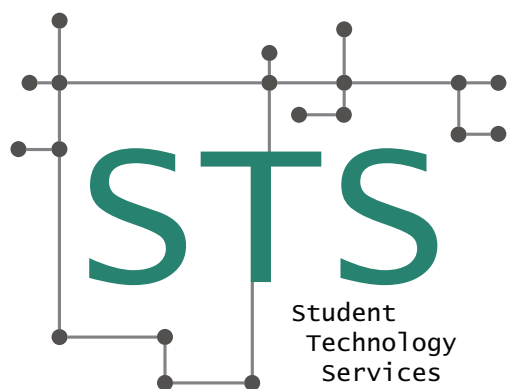


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The mission of Student Technology Services at Washington University in St. Louis: to enhance the student experience by advocating for a technology-rich environment that is essential to the successful learning and enjoyable living of our students.

SPIN-IT GRANT SUPPORTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN PURSUING CAREERS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Student Technology Services was recently awarded a grant from Washington University in St. Louis' Office of the Provost, Diversity and Inclusion Grants program. Barb Braun, director of STS, is spearheading the implementation of the program, called SPIN-IT. The initiative will encourage and support women as they explore, pursue and lead within information technology careers.

Explaining the SPIN-IT name, Braun described several experiences that women will have if selected for the program.

"Supporting women's professional development through a one-on-one relationship with a female IT leader at the

University," said Braun, "will be key. IT leaders will mentor non-management colleagues, who in turn will mentor students."

"Providing time for learning with other women in leadership roles," she added, "will also be offered through a Speaker Series."

Identifying professional skills that can be further developed – this will happen in workshop and discussion formats.

"Networking opportunities will enhance the exchange of ideas, helping women understand the potential within a traditionally male career path," Braun explained.

Oana Dimofte Jackson, coordinator of the SPIN-IT grant, will be accepting applications from upper-management WUSTL staff, non-management women working in IT, as well as WUSTL female students interested in IT careers. The mentoring that will happen within these groups will inform future initiatives that enhance diversity in Information Technology.

"I would definitely urge women IT professionals to visit the SPIN-IT website and apply," said Dimofte Jackson. "This leadership program will be a valuable career development opportunity."

Visit the [SPIN-IT website](#) for more information and an application.





PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The Portfolio, a new involvement management tool for WUSTL students and student organizations, continues to be successfully utilized by pilot groups. Anna Warbelow, Portfolio Coordinator, has been meeting regularly with students who have been the first users of the software, gathering feedback about the Portfolio's functions and effectiveness. "Students have described the Portfolio as well designed, intuitive and clean," said Warbelow. Student organizations especially value creating a page in the Portfolio, which can maintain rosters, send messages, create calendars and events, and upload photos.

An official campus-wide launch date this summer will position the Portfolio as an essential tool for incoming freshmen and returning students.

CIRC AND COURSES APP: NOW AVAILABLE ON ANDROID DEVICES



Two of WUSTL's most popular apps are now available on Android devices, thanks to the collaborative efforts of IS&T staff and WUSTL students.

Visit sts.wustl.edu/mobile-apps to download.



STS REMOTE HELP DESK PROVIDES TECH SUPPORT

The STS Remote Help Desk continues to provide tech support at Olin Library. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, noon – 6:00 pm, throughout the spring semester. Students are able to get help with wireless, GO WUSTL email, Blackboard and printing issues. The STS student staff who work at the desk (located at the end of the circulation desk) will refer students to library staff for other resources, or, for more complicated tech problems, to the STS Help Desk in the storefront area of Gregg House.

NEW PRINT RELEASE STATION

To better support the technology needs of students on the South 40, STS has installed a new print release station in the Bear's Den. It is located across from College Hall.

"STS student techs will be monitoring and filling this station's supplies several times a day," said Chris Huels, Manager of Technology Services & Support. "We know that the Bear's Den foot traffic is heavy, and students will appreciate another place to print."

