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Computer labs storage drive: Do you use computer labs on campus? If so, have you ever stored anything on the lab computer's "H drive"? The lab computer's H drive, also know as Bronco NetID Fileshare Storage, has reached the end of life so computer labs on campus are making plans to transition from this legacy on-premise storage solution to W-Exchange's OneDrive for storing personal files. OneDrive provides an enhanced file storage experience by providing the ability to easily share and access your files from your personal devices via desktop synch, mobile apps and the web interface. See instructions for transferring your files from the computer lab H drive to OneDrive. If you have any questions or need assistance, please visit the Technology Help Desk on the second floor of the University Computing Center, or call them at (269) 387-4357, option 1. Your files will be available on Bronco NetID Fileshare Storage until Oct. 31, 2017. Read more.
Venezia Jones: The Office of Information Technology would like to congratulate our student employee Venezia Jones for being one of only 50 recipients nationwide to be selected to participate in the American Advertising Federation's Most Promising Multicultural Student Program for 2017. More information.

Need Clutter? According to the Microsoft website, "Clutter moves your low priority messages out of your Inbox so you can easily scan for important messages. Clutter analyzes your email habits, and based on your past behavior, it determines the messages that you're most likely to ignore. It then moves those messages to a folder called Clutter, where you can review them later." If you are tired of the constant battle to remove low priority emails from your W-Exchange inbox, then go ahead and turn Clutter on and see if it takes care of the situation for you. Learn more and turn Clutter on.

Skype for Business: A select group of faculty and staff on campus have begun beta testing the new Microsoft Office 365 Skype for Business service. If you would like to be part of the beta testing group, please email or call Joel Fletcher.

Wi-Fi for WMU guests: WMU Guest is a Wi-Fi service created to provide all students, faculty and staff with a way to quickly grant their campus visitors access to the internet. This service uses a generic username of WMUGuest (case-sensitive) and a password that changes on the first day of each month. The password may be found on the Wi-Fi at WMU portlet in the middle column of GoWMU. WMU Guest is intended for campus visitors only. All WMU students, faculty and staff are encouraged to use the WMU Secure Wi-Fi service when accessing the internet with their personal, or WMU-provided devices. Learn more about WMU Guest.

OIT Student Employees Fund: The Office of Information Technology would like to thank all the OIT student employees who participated in this year’s student appreciation week OIT student employees fund essay contest. This contest originated in 2016 as a way to honor the memory of long time OIT employee and computer labs manager John Racine. Through the generous contributions of the OIT staff, the contest has continued into a second year. Congratulations to Brandon Brown, Faryami Ahmad and Jordon Manchip for their winning 2017 submissions. And to Rashiha Khan, Moriah Steele, Katlin Viar, Calvin Balk, Jonathan Nelson, Venezia Jones and Sam Williard for their honorable mention Subway card awards.

You can donate to this worthwhile and fun filled competition through the Alumni and Development website by selecting the designation "OIT Student Employees Fund". I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to the success of the 2016 and 2017 contests. Let's make 2018 even bigger and better!