

POSSIBILITIES

SPRING 2018

Division of Information Technology

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

The year 2017 was an eventful one for the Division of IT! In this issue, we'll take a look at "The Shape of IT," the division's recently released annual report. We'll also introduce the new Chief Information Security Officer, update you on the West Campus Data Center and let you know how to protect your data from the Meltdown and Spectre computer processor vulnerabilities.

A number of exciting plans are in the works for the Division of IT in 2018! We hope you will follow our updates on Twitter [@TAMU_IT](#) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/tamuit](#).



CAMPUS COMMUNITY SAVES MILLIONS

Software Center Offers Deals

Thanks to licensing agreements with software companies, the Software Center allows faculty, staff and students to obtain much-needed software for free or at highly reduced prices. Campus members saved more than \$5.5 million on Microsoft products alone in 2017, with over 10,750 copies of Office 2016 Professional for Windows sold and over 6,000 copies of Office 2016 for Mac distributed.

The Software Center's website at [software.tamu.edu](#) recently received a facelift to make purchases more efficient and eligibility easier to determine. Software download links are emailed shortly after purchase.



Sardaryzadeh Joins Division of IT

You may have seen a new face around the Division of IT. In February, Michael A. Sardaryzadeh joined Texas A&M University as Associate Vice President for Cybersecurity, Policy and Compliance and the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Dr. Sardaryzadeh was previously CISO for Prime Healthcare, one of the nation's largest for-profit healthcare systems in the country. He earlier served as Director of Cybersecurity for General Electric.



WEST CAMPUS DATA CENTER

New Facility Welcomes First Tenants

The new West Campus Data Center (WCDC) kicked off 2018 by welcoming its first tenants: The College of Geosciences, Transportation Services, Ecosystem Science and Management from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Division of Finance. Several other campus units are in planning stages to move to the WCDC.

The new data center more than doubles the previous data center space on campus and allows many individually managed servers to be consolidated to a single location.

In 2018, the WCDC will premiere AggieCloud, a new on-premise virtualization service. The new offering will allow self-service provisioning and the capability to do load balancing and firewalls at the virtual level.

