

# NETWORKING 101

WEST VIRGINIA NETWORK (WVNET)



## West Virginia Statewide Technology Conference

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend WV Statewide Technology Conference 2013 (WVSTC 2013) beginning on July 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. and ending on August 1, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at The Waterfront Place Hotel and Morgantown Event Center in Morgantown, West Virginia. The theme of this year's return to a face-to-face conference is "Using Technology to Make Learning Personal". The goal of the conference is to foster partnerships between educators by sharing knowledge about the latest advances in educational technology. We are anticipating over 600 attendees mostly from K12 with a mix from higher education and various state agencies. Participants may choose from a varied selection of 150 or more concurrent sessions with pre-conference sessions on July 29 at 1:00 p.m. and July 30 at 9:00 a.m. Look forward to spending time with sixty or more vendors showcasing the latest in their product offerings. The *Call for Proposals* closing date has been set for April 30, 2013. Conference presenters may attend WVSTC 2013 at a discount! *To qualify for half-price admission you must submit a proposal and it must be accepted by our Program Committee.* You will receive an email notice if your proposal is accepted. Limit one discounted admission per presentation. The WVSTC 2013 conference committee welcomes proposals for concurrent session presentations. Their goal is to accept proposals that will be of interest to every conference attendee. For a list of suggested topics, see the call for proposals link <https://conference.wvnet.edu/call-for-proposals> View the tentative schedule and register for the conference at <https://conference.wvnet.edu> in order to get the attendee registration fee of \$130.00 (before July 8). Join us this year for an intriguing evening of good food and fun as we try to solve a murder mystery that unfolds throughout the meal. The fee is nominal, the fun phenomenal!! We happily accommodate dietary restrictions and special needs that require assistance, no worries. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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#### **WV Higher Education Technology Conference 2013 (WVHETC 2013) —**

Make yourself a post-it note for the October 28 and 29, 2013, West Virginia Higher Education Technology Conference to be held at The Waterfront Place Hotel and Morgantown Event Center in Morgantown, West Virginia. Two hundred or more attendees will participate in the return of this important higher education conference. Featuring numerous concurrent sessions, conference goers are sure to find several sessions that meet their needs, as well as gain valuable insight into the latest and greatest products from technology vendors showcasing what's available in today's business market.

## Update

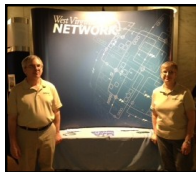
**Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) enters second year of hosting with WVNET** — ASHE moved their organization's web resources, where they do conference planning, membership

registration and generally run their worldwide organization to be hosted by WVNET in 2012. The services provided by WVNET were powerful enough to handle their custom software to manage a record number of conference proposals (1,280) in 2012 and the peer review of these proposals. This integrated 600 reviewers with the 1,280 proposals to qualitatively and quantitatively evaluate the selection of 47 percent of the proposals submitted for presentation at the Association for the Study of Higher Education conference. ASHE recently opened their proposal submission and volunteer system with expectations for another record number of proposals submitted and reviewers volunteered.

ASHE's reliance on WVNET for up-time of their web services insures that the organization has a consistent operation for their conference, registration and elections. ASHE operations have functioned without interruption since moving their services to WVNET insuring that the organization can focus on serving their membership.

### **Higher Education Day at the Legislature**

— Higher Education Day at the Legislature was held on March 21, 2013, to recognize West Virginia's higher education institutions and to provide information to potential students, policymakers, and the general public regarding the postsecondary education opportunities available in West Virginia. The annual event was hosted by Dr. Paul Hill, Chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission; Mr. James Skidmore, Chancellor of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education; and Mr. Ben Exley, IV, Executive Director of the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities Inc. College and university displays were available in the Upper Rotunda of the State Capitol. Each institution distributed information and had representatives on hand to answer questions. Shown with WVNET's new display are *Verne Britton* (left) and *Karen Saffron* (right). [Photo by Tom Susman] The new WVNET display was designed by *Web Developer Chris Reed*.



## PERSONNEL NEWS

**Russell McCormack** has joined the Applications Team as a Database Specialist specializing in the P20 Longitudinal Data System.

**Chris Reed** has joined the Media Services Team as a Web Developer.

**Mary Stewart** has joined the Media Services Team as an Applications Systems Analyst Programmer Lead.



### **Can you identify this man?**

Email your response to [newslettereditor@wvnet.edu](mailto:newslettereditor@wvnet.edu). The first 10 readers responding with the correct answer will receive a prize. Watch for details in the May issue of the newsletter involving who this is and why we're sharing.



**WVNET Training** — A special new listserv has been created for primary and secondary contacts for Argos. The argos-admin list will be used to discuss what each of the institutions would need or like to be trained on for Argos. WVNET has contacted Evisions for the next round of training and depending on demand we will have report writer training and/or data block designer training. WVNET needs to have an approximate count of how many people on your campus you may have in the following categories: 1) new data block designer; 2) data block designer needing a refresher; 3) report writer. The report writer class focuses on the three kinds of reports and all the features available for the user from output types, API (*Applications Program Interface: Web Service Interface*) and scheduling along with detailed design definition (*Setting up scheduled dates for reports to execute. Create reports that can include graphs, charts and make reports more eye catching and modern*). Please let us know your demand for these classes so that we can insure we provide the needed training to support your use of Argos. Most likely, we will have two, three-day classes in June ~WVNET Argos Technical Support Team

WVNET has 4 seats open for **Using Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control 12c**. This course will be taught by TAM (TransAmerica Training Management). This training company is Oracle certified. The class is scheduled for April 22-24, 2013, at WVNET. If you or someone else from your institution would like to participate, the price per student will be \$995, which is a \$300 savings over the per student charge for this particular class. Please contact Marcie Layman [marcie@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:marcie@mail.wvnet.edu) to reserve a seat for this training. **(Participants must bring their own [Windows] laptop.) First come/first-serve basis.**

**Outstanding Community Work** — WVNET Director *Dan O'Hanlon* was recently recognized by Create Huntington, Mayor Steve Williams and other community members for the *outstanding hard work he does in their community*. The fourth annual Recognition Ceremony was held on April 2, 2013, in the lobby of the Frederick Hotel in Downtown Huntington.





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### From the Director...

During the Industrial Age, as we went from human and animal power to machine power, the scarce commodity was energy. First it was in the form of wood to make steam engines run; then later coal; and finally oil, gas and petroleum products. People who owned and controlled the energy resources made fortunes and controlled the destiny of the world.

In the Information Age, attention is the scarce commodity. The average person today has access to more information than presidents and kings did 100 years ago. We are drowning in information. Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google, says that from the dawn of civilization until 2003, humans created 5 exabytes of information. Now we create that much every two days.

With so much information available, the scarce commodity becomes what we pay attention to. Everywhere we turn, we are bombarded with messages screaming "look at me!"

Successful people are those who learn how to focus their attention like laser beams on the things that bring them the most value for their time. WVNET can give you access to almost limitless amounts of information. As a matter of fact, we just reduced the cost to you of doing that for the third time in the last 12 months. But it's up to you to choose wisely exactly what you will spend your valuable time paying attention to. Those who choose badly will fritter away their time. Those who choose wisely will be rewarded beyond their wildest dreams!