JNet 2.0 set to launch this fall

The new JNet will feature a refined Web 2.0 experience with single sign on to additional university applications including Blackboard Connect (Emergency Notification Portal) and the new university-wide calendar. Single sign-on to current applications will still be supported. University events and important dates will also be available within the portal.

Launched along with JNet 2.0 will be JNet Mobile. JNet Mobile is the University’s new mobile application, which will feature easy access to course information including student schedules and grades, student account and payment information, University maps, a streamlined campus directory, a departmental directory with navigation, as well as news and event information.

Input from the university community will be solicited via focus groups during the early part of the fall semester. Stay tuned to JNet announcements for more details on how you can contribute to the future of JNet and JNet Mobile. As always, we appreciate your support as we strive to provide quality and timely information to all of our customers.

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Office 365 is here!

All students, faculty, and staff now have Office 365. Features include:

- **E-mail**
  - Use Outlook to read e-mail on any PC connected to the internet.
  - Use Outlook Web Access to read e-mail from any computer with an internet connection. No client needed.
  - Configure personal iPhone, Android, or Windows 8 mobile device to access e-mail.
  - 25 GB of storage for e-mail.
  - 25 MB maximum attachment size.

- **Office 2013 for Free**
  - Install Office 2013 on up to 5 personally-owned devices.
  - Devices must connect to the internet at least once every 30 days.

- **OneDrive Cloud Storage**
  - Files stored on OneDrive are available to any computer with an internet connection.
  - No limit on the total space used.
  - Individual files can be up to 10 TB.

Microsoft Office 2013 available now

After visiting with faculty and student groups last summer, we are happy to report that Office 2013 is ready for deployment across university computer stations. If you would like to have this new software installed on your university computers, open a ticket with the Help Desk and request an Office 2013 installation. A technician will contact you to set-up an appointment for installation.

Library commons expansion

We are happy to announce that the library has upgraded the Commons area with 116 new Viewsonic All-in-Ones. Fifty-six new work stations were added to the existing 81 stations for a total of 137 work stations in the Commons area for student use. Two computer classrooms, rooms 123 and 306B, have also been upgraded with new computers. A third computer classroom was added in room 302 with 24 new computer stations and all new audio visual equipment. Come by and see the upgraded technology resources and encourage TAMUK students to take advantage of the new technology-enhanced facilities.

PC/Laptop standards

**PC Model: Optiplex 9020**
Specs: i5-4590 (Quad Core) processor, 16GB RAM, 8X DVD +/-RW drive, 500 GB hybrid drive (SSHD), 19 inch monitor, reimaged with Win 7, and five year warranty

**Laptop Model: Latitude E6440**
Specs: i5-4310M processor, 8GB RAM, 500GB SSHD hard drive, 8X DVD +/-RW drive, 14.0” HD display, 9 Cell battery, carrying case, Win 7 Pro, four year warranty, and Computrace

TxDLA call for proposals open now!

The Texas Distance Learning Association (TxDLA) is proud to announce their 19th Annual Conference set for March 28th-30th. Call for proposals is now open so submit a presentation proposal today. Come discover the heroes beyond traditional learning in San Antonio, Texas!

For more information contact Rolando Garza, TxDLA President-Elect/Conference Chair rolando.garza@tamuk.edu.

Computer refresh

Just a quick reminder that Computer Refresh is ongoing for faculty and staff office computers. The criteria for refresh can be found on the JNET Tech Help tab. If the equipment meets the criteria for refresh, open a help desk ticket with PC Refresh as the short description. Be sure to include the property tag number for verification of eligibility and location of the computer.

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