CSM Launches New Security Upgrades July 1 - Part II: Related Training

In the last edition of The Friday Report, CSM security upgrades were announced which are being implemented on July 1 and will enhance the protection of our electronic data and systems. Anxious to learn about Windows 7? It’s time to get ready because ITS has already installed Windows 7 on test PCs, and remaining system installs will begin this summer and continue throughout the fall. Don’t wait; training is available to you now!

- The SkillPort computer-based training system includes an array of training. If you’ve never used SkillPort, the next orientation session will be held on June 10. Seats are still available so register today. Note, SkillPort will be available for CSM employees through September 30 so don’t delay. Available Windows 7 courses include:
  - Microsoft Windows 7: First Look for End Users
  - Getting Started with Windows 7
  - Customizing Windows 7
  - Setting up and Securing Windows 7

- Microsoft has developed web pages dedicated to providing Windows 7 information.
  - Get to Know Windows 7 (www.microsoft.com/windows/windows-7/default.aspx) which includes additional links to further explain features and provide answers to questions.

Make Security Training a priority! This will help you better understand the threats and increase awareness that will benefit you at work and personally.

- CSM on-site training includes:
  - Information Security Basics has been offered for some time now and will provide you with some shocking statistics related to higher education data security as well as the policies/laws in place to protect and provide guidelines. Topics covered will also include the types of threats and vulnerabilities and what you should do to protect yourself and the college.
  - Advanced Information Security was introduced in fall 2009. We delve further into the types of threats like hackers, worms, Trojans, malware, and viruses. Topics such as social networking and the complications that children using the Internet adds to the mix will also be discussed. You will visit sites aimed at assessing your knowledge and many that will provide a host of tools.
  - Note, plans are in the works to develop on-line versions of these courses, however, currently they are offered in lecture format. Sections have been scheduled throughout the summer; more to come on sections for faculty prior to the beginning of the fall 2010 term.

- SkillPort provides security courses. Available courses include:
  - Introduction to Information Security
  - Operational Information Security
  - Information Security and the Internet
  - Malicious Code and Information Security

Want another resource on security and identity theft? Visit the cyber security site on the CSM intranet (www.hawk.csmd.edu/its/cybersecurity/).