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GOOGLE SHARED DRIVE-OWNERLESS FILES

Change is constant and with those changes comes challenges we all know too well. One of those challenges can be accessing files in Google that are owned/created by someone who has left the university or even graduated. With the new storage limitations on alumni accounts, there could be more documents for student organizations or departments that use students for research or other projects that get sacrificed to stay under the quota. Since we know this isn't ideal, we have a way to avoid these instances!

Google allows us (IT) to create a Google Shared Folder inside Google Drive that is shared with a group of people. Anything created inside that folder is owned by the folder itself, not the person who started the file. This allows people to move in and out of the "group" without losing any data associated with any given member.

For example, the Staff Employee Advocacy Council (SEAC) has a Google Shared Drive for their members since the membership changes each year. The SEAC Executive members are given access to change the people associated with the group but all historic documents are then available to the group by the access to that one drive. This saves time and confusion trying to remember who created something, where it was saved and who has access to it.

Interested in having something like this created for your department, student organization or student staff? Great! Email IT at HelpDesk@valpo.edu with the details of what you need a Google Shared Drive for and our team will assess if this is the best option for you. If it is, they will create it for you and get you started. If not, we will have other suggestions for you moving forward.





IT Seeking Summer Interns

IT is looking for 2-3 interns from our undergraduate programs to assist with special projects and resource development this summer. All majors are welcome to apply. Housing and a stipend will be available. Work May 22-August 4. Approximately 30 hours per week.

For more information and directions on how to apply, follow the QR Code on the left!

Under the Influence of Social Media

Social media and technology are everywhere and they are affecting the way our society communicates, advertises and overall interacts. Understanding how it works is important so IT is again working to education our campus on the affects of technology on our lives.

This February, members of the IT staff worked with the Center for Student Involvement to co-sponsor a number of events that encouraged campus members to dive deeper into their use of social media and caution them about some of the issues related to social media use.

Events included a screening of the documentary *TikTok* Boom, Sex and Social Media, an Emmy-nominated producer of *TikTok Boom*, Shalini Kantayya as a guest speaker and unplugged events where campus was encouraged to step away from technology and be present with those around them.

Courtesy Cards

The IT Help Desk offers Courtesy OneCards to the spouses and dependents of regular and limited full-time and regular part-time employees. The Courtesy Card enables the cardholder to check out materials at the Christopher <u>Center</u>, attend campus events for free or reduced prices, use facilities in the Athletics and Recreation Center, and purchase Fitness Center plans, for example.

To get a Courtesy Card for a qualifying family member, visit Human Resources to register the person. Once HR has entered them into the system, the IT Help Desk can look up the account and print the card for you.

If a Courtest Card is lost and a replacement is needed, there will be a \$15 replacement fee.