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Slate CRM Reimplementation to Transform Undergraduate Admissions at OHIO

The **Slate Reimplementation Team** launched a new Undergraduate Slate instance this month that will make the process of applying to Ohio University easier, faster and more intuitive.

The new instance allows students to edit their existing application, request recommendations directly from their application, and track their application status in a new online portal. The portal also includes a new digital reveal to help students celebrate their admission to OHIO.

The project was a collaborative effort between Enrollment Management, University Communications and Marketing (UCM), and the Office of Information Technology (OIT). Thank you to all the individuals who contributed to making the project a success:

Enrollment Management: **Evonne Brionnes, Bryan DeLong, Stephanie DiFrancesco, Elaine Goheen, Linda Jones, Rick Merb, Bill Newton, Stacy Oliver, Cathy Perpich, Kenna Reynolds Warren, Kaley Sinift, Katie Troyer, Ali Wayner, Rachael Yake**

UCM: **Emily Baxstrom, Josh Blanton, Zoe Graham, Steven Hollis, Haley Hopper, Erik Seyferth, Jason Zimmerman**

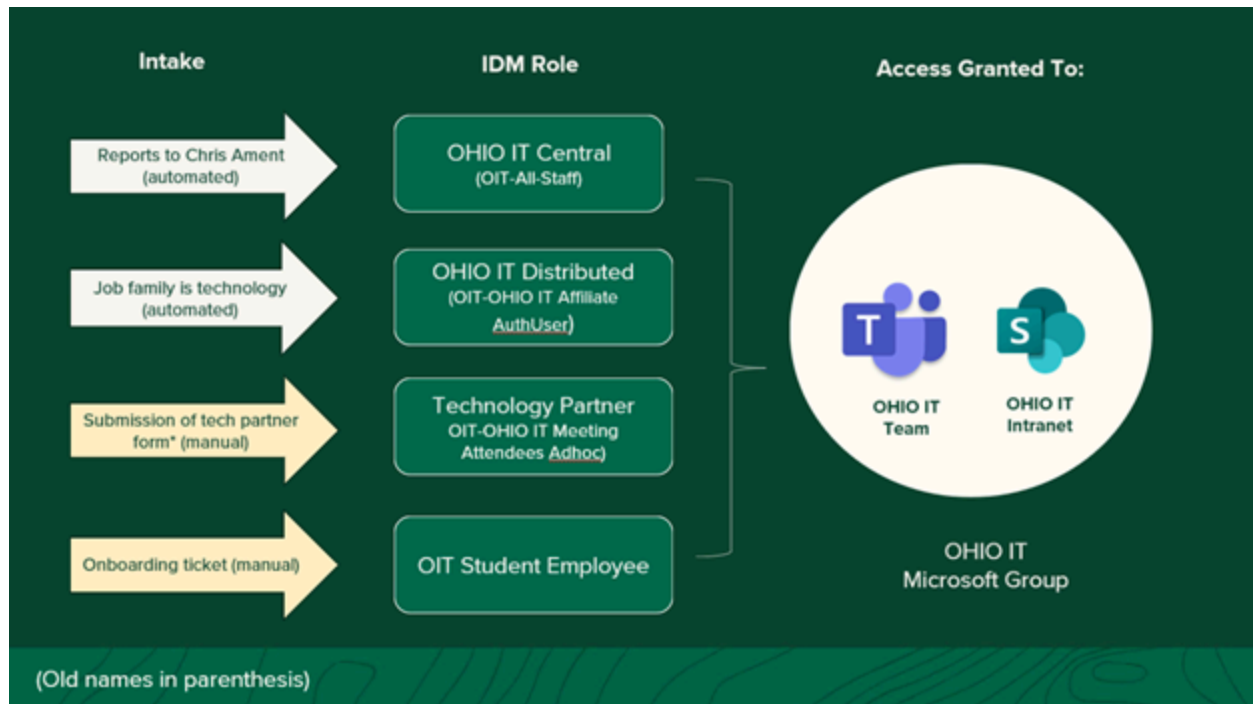
OIT: **Steph Brown, Chad Burkett, Matt Cassady, Adam Goodman, Justin Grogan, Dylan McAuley, Ashton Parsons, Rohan Patil, Matt Richardson, Sree Thummeti**

Read more about the benefits of the new Slate implementation in the [OHIO News article](#).

Phase 1 Underway: Streamlining Access for OHIO IT

Recently, many of our campus partners have requested access to the [OHIO IT Microsoft Team](#) and [intranet](#). Up until now, we've been provisioning access to these services on an ad-hoc basis, which results in confusion around who has access to what and is difficult to manage.

To streamline access and to provide clarity around access levels, we're going to start using identity management (IDM) roles to populate the OIT and OHIO IT Microsoft Teams starting **Friday, September 5 at noon**. (You can learn more on our [SharePoint page](#)).



Outcome

OHIO IT and Tech Partners will consistently have access to our OHIO IT Team and our OHIO IT intranet.

Impact

We do not anticipate a disruption of service. We do expect a flurry of notifications, so we recommend turning on *do not disturb* in Microsoft Teams or turning off your [channel notifications](#) for the OHIO IT general channel from 12 to 1 p.m.

Change in Process

- Moving forward, if someone would like access to the OHIO IT Team/intranet but they do not have a technology-related job, a sponsor (typically a people or product manager in OHIO IT) will submit a *Technology Partner form through TeamDynamix* to grant them access.
- Since the process will now be automated, it will no longer be possible to manually add members to the OIT or OHIO IT team.

Please contact [Sarah Riddlebarger](#) with any questions.

September OHIO-DAN: Why Headings Matter

The OHIO Digital Accessibility Network (OHIO-DAN) will meet on **Thursday, September 25, from 4–5 PM EST** on the [OHIO-DAN Teams channel](#).

This month's session, led by *Michael Greene, Learning and Development Administrator*, will be an interactive workshop on headings. Participants will see how small choices impact structure and accessibility and work together to repair a sample document.

The session is open to anyone who wants to learn practical ways to create clear, accessible content.

Correction: IT Ice Cream Social: Thursday, September 18!

The August 27 IT Weekly Newsletter incorrectly stated the IT Ice Cream Social is on a Wednesday. The event will actually take place on **Thursday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m.** Here are the updated details from last week's newsletter.

*Let's celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year with a sweet treat! Join us on the West Green for an afternoon of ice cream, sunshine, and great company, **Thursday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m.** IT staff and their families are invited. Please [RSVP](#) so we can plan accordingly.*

We hope to see you there!

Life Events, Celebrations & Congratulations!

JD Amnah and his family welcomed Oliver Amnah on August 3, 2025.



Oliver Amnah laying on a UFO/space themed blanket.

***Have a suggestion for a topic, guest speaker, or OHIO IT Win?
Submit your recommendation.***

IT in the News



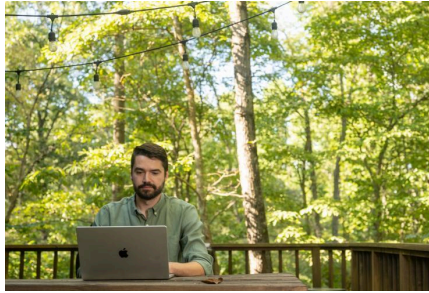
CRM reimplementation to transform Undergraduate Admissions at OHIO

Ohio University has launched a major system reimplementation to make the journey of becoming a Bobcat easier, faster, and more intuitive.



OHIO conducts pilot program assessing artificial intelligence tool - Microsoft 365 Copilot

Approximately 130 individuals at Ohio University participated in the pilot program and represented a wide range of users across various planning units.



Stay safe from cybersecurity threats

In order to help you stay safe, OHIO's Information Security Office, within the Office of Information Technology, will be sharing a series of informational articles throughout the academic year.

Upcoming Events



09/04

Top Hat: Overview

Join Top Hat experts **Thursday, September 4** for an overview of the dynamic courseware and student engagement tools that are available across campus. Learn how Top Hat can help you create impactful learning experiences before, during, and after class.

Sign up to attend either the in-person or hybrid session via [GivePulse](#). The Teams meeting link is available on the GivePulse page.

Event

09/04

Top Hat: Open Office Hours

Join a Top Hat expert **Thursday, September 4 at 1 p.m. at Baker University Center, room 233** to ask any and all questions about the platform, discover the support options available to you, and better understand how Top Hat might help drive value in your classes this fall.

Open Office Hours

09/04

Top Hat: Extending Engagement Beyond Class Time

Learn methods to incorporate formative assessment and metacognitive activities into your course materials that extend engagement beyond class time.

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Engagement Event

09/08

No Meeting Day

OIT internally observes No Meeting Day on the first Monday of each month. Please read the [October 6, 2021 IT Weekly](#) for more information.

09/17

Teaching and Learning Technologies Advisory Community Meeting

The Teaching and Learning Technologies Advisory Community is open to OHIO students, faculty, and staff who have an interest in both teaching and learning technologies and the physical environments where technology is utilized. The Advisory Community is having a meeting on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.** via Teams.

Event

09/18

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HR Updates

If you have an upcoming job posting that your department would like considered for publication in the IT Weekly, please [submit a ticket](#) to the service desk. Include the following phrase in the ticket title: *Job posting for the IT Weekly*. Please allow up to one week for publication.

Job Postings

- [College of Arts and Sciences, IT Operations Manager](#)

Ask the ITLT

There are either no new questions and/or questions still pending review.

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Use this anonymous Microsoft form to [ask the ITLT a question or send feedback](#). You can also [suggest a topic or guest speaker](#) for a future OHIO IT updates meeting.

Depending on how many responses come in, we might not be able to process them all immediately, or we might combine multiple questions into a single answer.

ITLT Office Hours

To view ITLT members' office hours, visit the [ITLT Office Hours shared calendar](#).

To meet with an ITLT member during their office hours, send that member a Teams direct message. Such messages will be responded to on a first-come, first-served basis, typically with an offer to coordinate a video call.

Follow OHIO IT on X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram to receive reminders about events, news, updates, job postings, and announcements. Share these posts with your students, faculty, and staff directly from social media!



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