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Lights, camera, education?

CASC is making big strides with instructors streaming and archiving their lectures into video allowing students 24/7 access to instructional material. Instructors are using video as student clinical for instructor, class, and student reviews, and streaming classroom lectures to offsite students in Sallisaw or Poteau. TIS has been working closely with Bill Carroll, Abbie Bailey, Kendall Repass, Sarah Brown, and Susan Hill to get quality educational video available for students using computers, tablets, or smart phones. Due to the increase push in video lecturing and with the help of President Ivey and Dr. Morrison a new video production center in JH 210 has been designated to help faculty record their video introductions for online classes and create short topic-specific explanations of key concepts. We hope to have the introduction videos for the course catalog done this year which will include classroom courses as well as online or blended offerings. Onward and upward!

Successful application with successful teamwork!

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I love good news, but more than good news I love a good team and that is what we are here at CASC. Financial Aid, Enrollment Management, and TIS have worked together to create an online scholarship application that allows students to apply online for numerous scholarships to attend CASC. The scholarship is also adaptive, which means, it will adapt to whichever computer device a student may be using i.e. computer, cellphone, or tablet. Since going live our scholarship applications have nearly doubled to CASC. Technology is good, but technology with a unified team is great!
What’s up with the difficult passwords?

Passwords are so important, they are the first line of defense against accessing restricted information.

Some have asked TIS why our passwords have to be so complicated. We require passwords to be 8 characters in length, alpha-numeric, at least one letter capitalized, and one special character e.g. $, &. Passwords are so important, they are the first line of defense against accessing restricted information. That is why our policy is so stringent and why no one should share their password with another individual. If another person logs in under your account, according to the computer they are you! Anything that happens under the user account is the holder of the accounts responsibility. The password is there to protect information, the network, and any important work on your system. If you have any question, please contact us anytime.

Is more really better?

“You should never run more than one antivirus program at the same time.”

TIS has worked on some CASC systems that had two to four anti-virus systems running on their computers, when asked why the additional anti-virus systems were installed on top of our approved Microsoft Essential antivirus they either did not know or thought the additional protection would be beneficial. Do more anti-viruses lead to better protection for your computer? Absolutely not. In fact if you have more than one anti-virus program installed and running on your computer the system becomes more vulnerable. According to the Microsoft Trust Blog, “You should never run more than one antivirus program at the same time. The two programs could slow down your computer, and they might even identify each other as a virus, which could lead to file corruption or other conflicts and errors that make your antivirus protection less effective”. Bottom line to keep CASC computers safe never install anti-virus on you system. All CASC computers have Microsoft Essentials anti-virus installed, so you will not require any 3rd party anti-virus programs, TIS has you covered.