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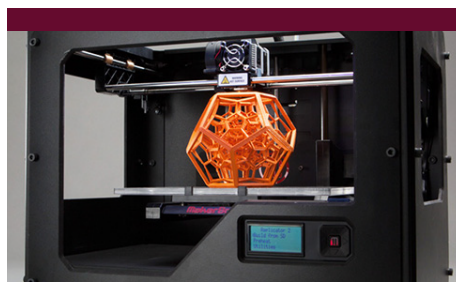
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Check out the IMA website to keep up to date with upcoming workshops and OPIM events.

NEXT SEMESTER: LOOK OUT FOR UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Register at:
s.uconn.edu/opim



FINALS STUDY BREAK

- The Information Management Association is sponsoring a sweet study break on:
- December 15th from 2 - 5PM Business Lounge
- Stop by for a much needed break from studying.



TECHNOLOGY EXPLORATION



INTERNET OF THINGS

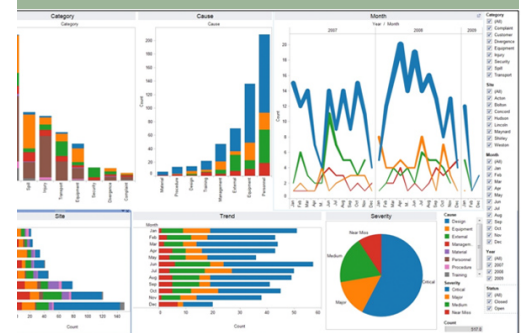
Professor Ryan O'Connor gave an interactive presentation to the group, explaining Internet of Things and how it is used in business. His goal was to make IoT technology tangible for students and to teach them more about how it applies to different areas of business.

According to O'Connor's presentation, the concept of Internet of Things refers to the ever-growing network of physical objects that feature an IP address for internet connectivity, and the communication that occurs between these objects and other Internet-enabled devices and systems.

O'Connor said he became interested in IoT because he is involved in network design and application. He used the Amazon Echo named Alexa as an example of IoT technology during his presentation. Using voice commands, Alexa controlled other devices in the room through Internet connectivity. Other devices shown were the Awair air monitoring system, Flower Power plant sensor, and

TABLEAU ANALYTICS

The OPIM department offered a workshop to freshman and sophomore students in the BCLC learning community to introduce them to data analytics and data visualization. The workshop allowed students to learn more about the Management Information Systems (MIS) major and potentially spark their interests in the subject.



The instructors walked students through basic data visualization on the Tableau software and allowed students to experiment with different data sets. The workshop finished with an open-ended problem that asked students to find different stock price data sets and visualize them.



MIS/BDA NETWORKING DINNER

Networking is an important skill for students to master to succeed in the business world, said Professor Jon Moore of the Operations and Information Management (OPIM) Department. On Wednesday, November 30th, the OPIM Department held the School of Business MIS, BDA, Business Technology Alumni & Student Dinner and Networking Dinner to offer current students the opportunity to network and gain valuable insight from alumni and faculty.

Undergraduate students, alumni, and faculty gathered in UConn's Graduate Business Learning Center in Hartford where they took part in a dinner similar to speed-dating. The dinner was broken up into three courses – salad, entree and dessert. After each course, students were instructed to change tables, allowing them to sit and speak with a different set of alumni and faculty.

Management Information Systems (MIS) and Business Data Analytics (BDA) students were able to speak with alumni about different opportunities within the major and potential career paths after graduation. Alumni shared their experiences, giving students the tools to succeed in the field.

As a newly declared MIS major, Justin Holman ('18) saw the alumni and faculty as resources to introduce him to his career options. Holman said he was looking forward to speaking with alumni about their experiences and how they got to where they are now in their careers.

In addition to providing students with their expertise, the event provided alumni with a way to get involved with the department. During the dinner, Moore updated the attendees on the department's new initiatives. Specifically, Moore invited alumni and their respective companies to get involved in OPIM Innovate, the innovation space and experiential learning initiative that the department is in the process of implementing.





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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT — TYLER LAURETTI

Tyler Lauretti is a junior at UConn, majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS) and minoring in Computer Science. He is the UConn Campus

Representative for Apple, an Advanced Technician at the University Information Technology Services (UITS) Help Center, and the incoming president of the Information Management Association (IMA). This past summer, Tyler held an IT internship at Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford. major in Management Information Systems. When Tyler was asked why he chose MIS, "I have always had a passion for technology and I am fascinated by finding new ways to improve our lives through technology."



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT- RYAN O'CONNOR

Adjunct Professor Ryan O'Connor started working in Information Technology when he was just 16 years old at a small computer shop in Quaker Hill, Connecticut. Now, Ryan teaches classes in the Operations and Information Management (OPIM) Department at UConn and he works full-time for Hurricane Labs.

Ryan shared his experiences in Information Technology, how he became involved in teaching, the importance of technology and his advice for students entering into the field. Ryan's own experience at UConn inspired him to become a teacher at the university. He said that he wanted to give back to UConn and he felt that he had a lot of experience and knowledge to give to others.



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