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TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Professional Development Day August 20, 2024

10:00 – 10:30	Networking	Library Auditorium Lobby	Coffee, tea, donuts, and camaraderie!
10:30 – 11:00	Fall Kickoff & Advancing Tech Forum	Library Auditorium	Welcome, Introductions, and updates from leadership.
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote: The Unscripted Edge: Elevate Your Collaboration with Improvisation Alex Beard	Library Auditorium	Step into Beard Collaborative's anti-keynote, a high-energy, interactive experience that will unlock your "Unscripted Edge." Dive into dynamic improvisation exercises designed to supercharge creativity, enhance teamwork, and sharpen your problem-solving skills. Say goodbye to stress and hesitation, and hello to confidence and agility. Tailored for Montana Tech's faculty and staff, this session will equip you with researched methodologies to elevate your career and infuse your professional and personal life with a fresh, innovative approach. Don't miss this opportunity to transform the way you work and live!
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch	Marcus Deli	Meet up with old friends and make new ones over lunch in the cafeteria.
1:15 – 2:00	Office 365 – Making your job easier, one step at a time Kat Fitzgerald-McCormick	ENGR 204	Join us as we explore ways to use the Office 365 platform to make our lives easier. Your facilitator will introduce some of the tools you might not know about and provide an opportunity for you to share your favorite applications with your peers. And of course - we'll figure out where the heck that file went!
	Student Mental Health and Support Cara DeBolt, LCPC	ENGR 106	This professional development session will introduce Montana Tech's Counseling Services and provide an overview of Mantra Health Services. Faculty and Staff will learn about mental health first aid for students, campus resources, and self-care tips.
	Montana Tech 101: Amanda Badovinac	Big Butte and Highlands	Explore a little Tech Trivia and learn what's available in the University's Brand Toolkit.
2:15 – 3:00	Making AI work for you (and not the other way around...) Kat Fitzgerald-McCormick	ENGR 204	It's a Brave New World and I-Robot may be on his way... but innovation always comes with some risk, and it's not going away, so we might as well learn to use it. Come discuss ways to harness the power of AI tools like Microsoft Copilot, Chat GPT, and Chrome's Gemini to make our jobs more interesting, rewarding, and sometimes even fun. Time will also be given to discuss the risks we anticipate and how we might even turn those to our advantage.
	Deer Oaks EAP & Work-Life Services Jenna Snow	ENGR 106	Life presents us with challenges at work and at home on a daily basis. You do not have to face these challenges alone, even if you're far away. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offered by Montana Tech provides you and your family with free and confidential assessments, referrals, and counseling. Deer Oaks EAP Services is available at any time and can assist with work-related concerns, personal problems, and other issues affecting your well-being. Please join us to see all that these services have to offer, you may be surprised how they can benefit you. Free gift for all that

			attend.
	<p>Montana Tech Foundation Presents: FUNdraising 101 – A three-part professional development series</p> <p>Shannon Panisko & Jaime Heppler</p>	Big Butte and Highlands	<p>The Montana Tech Foundation is excited to host a professional development fundraising series for faculty, staff, and student leadership. The first of a three-part professional development series will focus on an introduction to philanthropy with an emphasis in key fundamentals to rewarding fundraising, including interactive activities and plenty of time for question and answer!</p> <p>P.S. There will be chances to win ‘fabulous’ prizes!</p>