The Insider: Tech Day highlights technology advances

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Tulane University will host <u>Tech Day 2016</u> on Oct. 6-7. The event begins downtown on Thursday with a vendor fair in the lobby of the Tulane School of Medicine. Additional events will be held on the uptown campus the following day.

"The goal of the day is to get everyone together and have a bit of fun with technology," said Mike Griffith, faculty technology coordinator for Tulane Technology Services and the event chair. "Each year, we have a keynote address on academic technology advances as well as a series of presentations from our partner technologies."

This year's keynote speaker will be Jared Stein, vice president for research and education for Instructure's Canvas learning management system. He will discuss the potential of the Canvas platform at 12:15 p.m. on the second floor of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life, where the majority of Tech Day events will occur.

At 10 a.m., Technology Services will deliver an annual roadmap for the future of technology at Tulane. "This is a great opportunity to meet our chief technology officer and his staff and get your questions answered

firsthand," Griffith said.

Presentations from Sharestream, Turnitin and others will take place throughout the day, with lunch provided by computer software company Adobe. There will also be video game tournament sponsored by the Tulane Video Game Society.

Participants can register for door prizes and meet representatives from Apple, e-Academy, Learning Objects, Turning Technologies and more.

"We initially started this event as a way for the community to engage with the Technology Services staff and to meet representatives from the companies that provide our campus with technology," Griffith said. "It is a chance to have some fun, get some support and learn a few things in the process."