Utilizing the University of Montana App

Recently, the University followed the lead of other universities in creating an app that provides useful information both to students and employees. To get the app, go into the Google Play Store, Apple App Store – or whatever platform your smartphone uses to download apps – and search for “University of Montana App.” After downloading the app, all you have to do is log in using your NetID and password. The student app provides quite a few resources for student use. With the app, you can: learn to connect to the campus Wi-Fi, utilize a map of campus, learn about fun events happening on campus, view the bus schedule, search the library catalogue, get information on parking, view final grades for your classes and much more. Overall, there are 24 tiles that each present a unique utility for you to use! Next time you see your TEC at your hall desk during their round time, feel free to ask them about how to use the UMontana app!

Gifts for the Holidays

As we near the end of the year, many friends and family members are looking to get tech gifts for each other. This is great, but sometimes new tech can be overwhelming, or maybe you just don’t feel like you’re getting the most out of your new laptop or tablet. If you have a new laptop or computer that is running slowly, feel free to bring it by the service desk to get it optimized! Have questions about your new tech, like an Amazon Echo or something similar? There’s always over the counter support available at the service desk from 11am - 4pm every weekday in the UC. If you are planning on buying technology this holiday season, make sure it is from a reputable source and always compare similar products over different websites. For example, if there’s a laptop on Amazon you want, it’s always a good practice to research the seller to make sure you’re not being ripped off. With that being said, have a great holiday and enjoy your new tech!

What’s Under the Hood?

Ever wondered what is inside your computer? Ever wanted to build a Gaming PC? Here is a quick recap of the things you need to buy, and why are they so important.

- **Motherboard** - the skeleton of your computer, a printed circuit board that contains the most crucial parts of a computer
- **CPU (Central Processing Unit)** - the brain of your computer where calculations take place
- **GPU (Graphics Processing Unit)** - the muscles of your computer, the GPU is a programmable logic chip which is specialized for display functions
- **RAM (Random Access Memory)** - the main memory of your computer, where it stores applications that are currently running. If you shut down your computer, everything in the RAM will be gone. But don’t worry! This is completely normal – you do it every day!
- **HDD/SSD (Hard Disk Drive / Solid State Drive)** - where your computer stores your files and Operating System. If you shut down your computer, the files in your HDD/SSD remain the same.
- **PSU (Power Supply Unit)** - provides the power to all parts of your computer.

The Service Desk

The Student Affairs IT service desk is a great resource for students. When a student comes to the service desk, we will work with them for 20 minutes. If we have not resolved the issue in the time given, then we can take the computer for further troubleshooting. The service desk is located in the University Center to the right of the Griz Card Center and is open Monday-Friday from 11am-4pm.