Congratulations, Terrell!

Using the experience he gained working in Technology Services, Terrell C. Jones, was hired by Northrop Grumman in December 2011 as a Security Operations Analyst. He came to work for Technology Services as an IT Support Specialist Intern in May 2011. Terrell set up computers, helped to troubleshoot computer issues, inventoried computers, deployed iPads to faculty, and many other tasks. His new position supports the Cyber Security Operations Center/Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) which is focused on protecting the Commonwealth’s network infrastructure and security of tens of thousands of users on a 24/7/365 basis. Terrell is very excited about his new opportunity.

Going to China!

“This is an experience of a life time! I am getting to learn another culture while also learning global business skills.” said Nakeya Johnston-Peterson, who is Business major and Technology Services Intern. Nakeya and Cierra Wilson are excited to participate in the University Studies Abroad Consortium Chinese Studies and International Business program in Shanghai, China. They departed for China on January 4, 2012 and will return on May 13, 2012. The students are studying International Business and Chinese culture, receiving a minor degree in International Studies.

The Study Abroad program is administered by Dr. Maxine Sample, Director of VSU’s Dr. George H. Bennett Office for International Education. The grant is part of Caterpillar’s support of President Barack Obama’s “100,000 Strong Initiative” to increase the number of American college students studying in China.

In the iPad Xchange, Technology Services want to share and highlight several iPad Applications or “Apps” that might be of interest to the VSU community. The three iPad Apps highlighted are Notability, WebEx, and Art Authority.

Notability is an excellent application to capture ideas, share insights, and present information in one place on the iPad. Notability integrates handwriting, PDF annotation, typing, recording, and organizing so you can take notes your way. At ninety-nine cents, the price of this application amounts to a bag of chips, but while a bag of chips will soon be gone, this app will serve your note taking needs for a long time to come!

WebEx - For those that participate in webinars or other events using WebEx this free application is the ideal way to connect, with out having to be in front of a computer. If you organize WebEx events, this tool also has many of the functions found in the PC version, including the ability for you to schedule and start meetings from your iPad or iPhone. It works on either 3G or WiFi networks.

Art Authority - Whether you teach art or just appreciate it, Art Authority is an excellent application. It provides a virtual art museum filled with works by over 1,000 of the western world’s greatest artists, from ancient times to today. 55,000 paintings and sculptures, organized into eight period-specific rooms, each room a gateway to a whole museum's worth of art. Choose an artist by movement or name, and become instantly immersed in an exhibition devoted just to that artist. Search for and compare different artists' works by title, subject or location, or just wander at random and get lost in the art. This is not a cheap app, at a regular price of $9.99, but it periodically goes on sale for $4.99.