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**CYBER NOTES** 

News and Updates from Cybersecurity and Cyber Engineering at Gannon University



# THE PERFECT THANKSGIVING RECIPE OF ONLINE SAFETY BASICS

With a little knowledge, a dash of effort, and a few minutes of time, you can keep your sensitive data and computer systems locked down tight.

# KEEP A CLEAN MACHINE

Keep all software on devices current to reduce risk of infection from ransomware and malware.

## **CREATE LONG, UNIQUE PASSWORDS**

Strong passwords are at least 12 characters long and include letters, numbers, and symbols.

## **USE A PASSWORD MANAGER**

A password manager is software created to manage all your online credentials like usernames and passwords.

### ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

MFA includes biometrics, security keys, & apps that send one-time codes when logging into sensitive accounts.

# THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

Malicious links in emails, tweets, texts, and posts are a direct way for hackers to get sensitive information.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Gannon University's Makerspace and NFI Empire in North East, PA collaborated to create custom 3D-printed machined parts to restore a 1932 Ford Highboy Roadster.

The roadster was restored by NFI in just 30 days to be auctioned off to raise funds for the <u>Brett Boyer Foundation</u> which supports advancements in coronary heart disease treatments.

The car sold for \$366,000 which included custom quality parts designed specifically for the project.

**CLICK BELOW TO READ THE FULL STORY** 



# FEATURE CONT.

#### **REPORT PHISHING**

Do not click on any links or reply back to suspicious emails and report it immediately.

#### **USE SECURE WI-FI**

Consider using a VPN or personal/mobile hotspot for a more secure connection instead of public networks.

#### **BACK IT UP (THE 3-2-1 RULE)**

Keep at least 3 copies of your data, store 2 on different storage media, with 1 located offsite.

#### **CHECK YOUR SETTINGS**

Immediately configure privacy and security settings to your comfort level for information sharing

#### **SHARE WITH CARE**

Think before posting about yourself and others online!

Cybersecurity does not have to be intimidating and it does not require a large investment of time or money. You can secure your digital life with trusted free tools and now many cybersecurity best practices can be automated!

# SPONSORED TEAMS Cannon University will be offering

 Gannon University will be offering exclusive silver, gold, and platinum shield sponsorship packages this year! A full list of sponsored teams will be announced soon.

EVENTS

CYBERPATRIOT

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE** 

CyberPatriot was created to inspire K-12

students toward careers in cybersecurity

engineering, and mathematics (STEM)

disciplines critical to our nation's future.

STATE ROUND: December 7-11, 2023

SEMIFINALS: January 18-20, 2024

or other science, technology,

# MAKERSPACE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Gannon University formally opened its new
Makerspace and Center for Manufacturing & Technology.

Located on I-HACK's sixth floor, students as well as small businesses now have access to learn and practice cutting-edge techniques to develop products and advance traditional manufacturing into a new age of technology.

Makerspace resources are also available to businesses to engage with members of Gannon in research and development opportunities.







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