May 15- May 21, 2011

CCT Spotlight:

Charles Cavanaugh

Charles Cavanaugh joined the CCT in 2009 as an IT Consultant for High Performance Computing Enablement. He works on maintaining and upgrading the LONI supercomputer usage account system.

Charles is a native of Tyler, Texas and is married to his wife, Kelly, and has one son, Kaiser. When asked why he chose the field he is in, he said, "I enjoy computers and am very good with them. I think I am a computer."

For fun, Charles experiments with computers and learns about anything and everything. He also fixes things around his house. His favorite gadget is his laptop. Charles' favorite actor is John Candy, because, he said, "he was such a comic genius."

His prescription for life is, "Live it to the fullest, keep real, and no b*****."  

Charles said the following about the rising water in Louisiana: "I live in Breaux Bridge, crawfish capital of the world, and an area that was hit by the 1927 flood because the levees about 6 miles away from me didn't hold. Crossing my fingers the Army Corps of Engineers fixed that well enough."
Pats on the back:

• Congratulations to Karen Jones who received her LSU 25 year service award.

• Congratulations to Andy Cox and his wife, Megan, who welcomed their second child, Olivia, on Friday, May 13th.

Please Note:

• On May 9th, Governor Jindal issued Executive Order BJ 2011-7 that directed executive branch agencies including higher education to cease spending in support (non-personnel) categories. Since the University has not received guidance on how to implement this executive order, LSU has developed operating guidelines to meet the spirit of the order through June 30, 2011. These Guidelines apply only to expenditures using State appropriated funds that are included in the University’s FY 2010-11 Operating Budget and so identified with a zero in the sixth digit of the account number. Please contact CCT Business Manager Theresa Markey (tmarkey@cct.lsu.edu) with any questions.

• Upcoming Purchasing deadlines:
  o May 18: All requisitions less than $25k and not on state contract are due to Purchasing
  o May 20: All requisitions on state contract are due to Purchasing
  o June 3: All requisitions regardless of dollar value are due to Purchasing
  o Please email CCT Purchasing Coordinator, Andy Cox (acox8@cct.lsu.edu), the LSU property tag on all moveable (laptop, camera, etc.) and off-campus equipment as soon as possible, if you have not done so already.

• The LSU Center for Computation & Technology will host for the first time the LSU iOS Application Boot Camp August 1-12 (10 day camp; not including weekends) on the LSU Campus. This new educational experience offers LSU freshmen the opportunity to gain knowledge while enhancing their entrepreneurial spirit. Participants will work in groups to create their own operating App and have it loaded on their personal device by end of camp. Registration fee is $300. For more info and to register, visit http://www.cct.lsu.edu/iosbootcamp

• Registration is now open for “Stop Motion Summer Camp,” July 11-15, 2011. This exciting summer education opportunity offers high school students a unique opportunity to build upon their interests in animation. Registration fee is $125. For more information and to register, visit http://www.cct.lsu.edu/StopMotion

• Applications for the SC11 Student Volunteer Program are open and close on August 12, 2011. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply as volunteers to help with the administration of the conference. In exchange for volunteering, they will receive complimentary conference registration, housing, and most meals. In
addition, limited support will be provided for transportation expenses (such as airfare) for international students and students from groups that traditionally have been underrepresented in HPC. For more information visit http://sc11.supercomputing.org/?pg=studvol.html or email student-vols@info.supercomputing.org.

• CCT Faculty, Staff, and Students are invited to the CCT Industry Partner Event/Crawfish Boil on May 26th (4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) in the Johnston Hall Back Courtyard. Please RSVP no later than May 20th to Susie@cct.lsu.edu. Rain date scheduled for June 2. Guest/children meal tickets can be purchased for $19.75 pp crawfish; $3.00 pp hotdog/veggie burgers.

• LONI Technical Forum scheduled for July 18-19 at Pennington Biomedical Research Center is now accepting registrations. Participation is FREE. If you wish to suggest a topic for discussion, email Lonnie Leger at Lonnie@lsu.edu. For more information, visit: http://www.cct.lsu.edu/LONIForum2011

• Prior approval is required for Special Meal Requests. Employees who make meal purchases without prior approvals may find that they must cover the cost of any monies spent for an unapproved event out of pocket, especially now that state funds are under a spending freeze. Please contact Susie Poskonka (susie@cct.lsu.edu) prior to any special meal with visitor(s) to file the appropriate request for approval. Prior approval could take up to two weeks, so please plan accordingly.

• Please remember to send your news concerning grants, awards, conferences, or other pertinent information to CCT Event Coordinator Jennifer Fontenot at jennifer@cct.lsu.edu

• Follow CCT with social media to access photos and see news, events or updated information. These pages are public; you do not need an account to view the information.
  o Facebook group : LSU Center for Computation & Technology
  o Twitter : LSUCCT
  o YouTube channel : LSUCCT

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

Note: Please check the CCT deadline Web site, since it is updated daily.

Software Infrastructure for Sustained Innovation (SI2)
July 18, 2011 10:00 am
At Most $ 1,000,000.00 available

Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program
July 23, 2011 10:00 am
At Least $ 400,000.00 available