Greetings FM Team,

Last week FM Information Technology launched our new website! FM has one of the largest web presences on campus, so this was a huge undertaking. Ben Burkley was lead project manager and developer for this project, moving FM's website from our previous platform Drupal to our new platform WordPress.

The project began pre-COVID in 2019 with discussions on initial conceptual design and exploratory research of other FM university websites. The project was delayed due to COVID and IT team changes, but in this last year Ben was able to return his focus to building a new server and web platform. The project entailed significant content migration and web development, including rebuilding and securing backend processes, generating and installing new SSL certificates, providing secure access for content contributors, and tons of testing prior to launch.

Reasons for the refresh:

- WordPress allows FM to be more aligned with other CSU sites in look and function.
- WordPress permits content contributors to have more editing power and involvement, making it easier and more efficient to perform their own updates without submitting an IT help ticket.
- The previous platform Drupal will soon not be supported and over time it would have become less secure to use.
- The refresh included removing obsolete information and pages. This is still a work in progress. Even with the refresh, content will continue to be updated over time.

Will the webpages have the same URLs?

The primary FM webpage URLs will stay the same. Considerable thought and work were put into maintaining as many links as possible. However, individual file links may need to be updated, and Ben will be working on that over the next several weeks. If you have bookmarked certain webpages on the FM site, you may need to re-bookmark them. You can search the new site's index to find a page. FM IT has done their best to ensure everything remains live and active through this launch, but if you spot any issues with the refreshed website or need assistance locating a page, please submit a help ticket to FM IT at https://fachelp.fm.colostate.edu/. They will take care of the request ASAP.

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Did you learn something new about FM from this communication? Tell us yes or no here.

If you missed the All-Staff FM Department meeting, you can access it here:
http://dev.fm.colostate.edu/sites/default/files/FMStaffMeeting22.mp4