TECH CONNECT

GADGETS & GEAR THAT BRING US TOGETHER

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Learning Design & Technology Holiday Gift Guide

Director's Note

Based on the hottest trends in digital technology, this issue will provide recommendations on how technology can be used to connect us together.

Holiday greetings from the students and faculty in Winthrop University's Master's in Learning Design and Technology! And welcome to our annual Holiday Gift Guide! You'll find tools, apps, subscription services, and more for the learning and development professional in your life.

The 2022 Holiday Gift Guide was researched, designed, and developed by the class of 2023 Learning Design and Technology Graduate students! Our students have done the hard work of identifying the hottest trends in technology and learning and have prepared a veritable smorgasbord of options for you! This year's theme is "Technology that Connects Us" or "Tech Connect" for short.

If you're interested in learning more about our program or studying with us, feel free to contact me at jonesmg@winthrop.edu or use this form to request more information: https://gradschool.winthrop.edu/register/ldt. We offer a 10 class 100% online program, a tuition discount, the opportunity to learn the skills you need to become a learning and development professional in K12, higher ed, corporate, and more. And now, on to the good stuff!

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Program Director

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WHO WE ARE

We are the **2023 cohort** of the Learning Design and Technology graduate program at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC, USA. We are self-named the **Cognitive Carrier Pigeons**, for no other reason other than the name made us all laugh.

WHAT WE DO

Based on the hottest trends in digital technology, the 2022 issue of the Learning Design & Technology Holiday Gift Guide features **recommendations** on how technology can be used to connect us together.

PRICING LEVELS

Frugal Guru - Items that are free

Low Roller - Items ranging from $0 - $25

Average Joe - Items ranging from $25 - $100

High Roller - Items ranging from $100 to ???

CCP APPROVAL

The Cognitive Carrier Pigeon Approved sticker, or CCP Sticker, is shown beside the **"most liked" items** -- products that our cohort owns, uses, or highly recommends.

CONNECT WITH GADGETS & GEAR

BLUE LIGHT GLASSES

Average Joe

These stylish glasses protect your eyes from harsh screen light and eye strain.

$16.98 - View on Amazon

DOCUMENT CAMERA & SCANNER

High Roller

This allows teachers to work with students while displaying notes and documents.

$109.00 - View on Amazon

BLUETOOTH KARAOKE MICROPHONE

Average Joe

Present information or ideas in a fun and engaging way with this speaker-microphone combo.

$30.99 - View on Amazon

CONNECT WITH GADGETS & GEAR

NIMBLE ECO-FRIENDLY CHAMP CHARGER

Average Joe

This battery pack allows users to keep devices charged no matter where they are while helping reduce e-waste.

$49.99 - View on Best Buy

COGNITIVE CARRIER PIGEON APPROVED

TIMOVO TABLET CARRYING CASE

Average Joe

This waterproof carrying case is designed for 9"to 11" tablets and is available in multiple colors/patterns.

$26.00 - View on Amazon

META - QUEST 2 ADVANCED VR HEADSET- 128GB

High Roller

This all-in-one Virtual Reality System, with no wires or cables, allows for a fully-immersive learning experience.

$399.99 - View on Best Buy

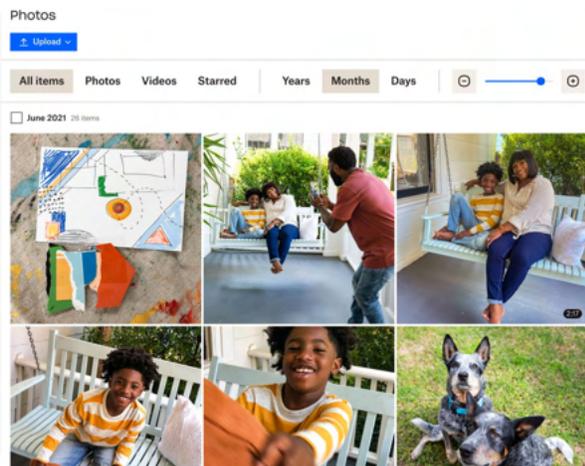# CONNECT WITH SOFTWARE

SCREENCAST-O-MATIC

Frugal Guru / Low Roller

Free and optional paid screen casting tool to create videos.

<$10.00/month - <u>View on Screencast-O-Matic</u>

DROP BOX

Low Roller / Average Joe

Drop Box is a file hosting service that makes sharing and storing files easy, backed with a 30 Day file recovery window.
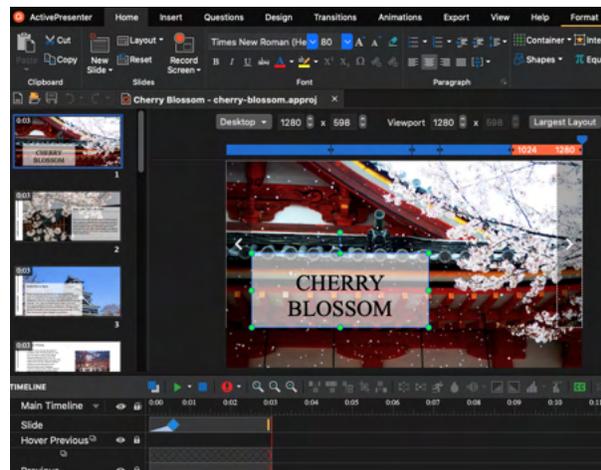
$11.99 - $30.00/month - <u>View on Dropbox</u>

ACTIVE PRESENTER

High Roller

Powerful authoring tool for creation of e-learning products, with teacher discounts.

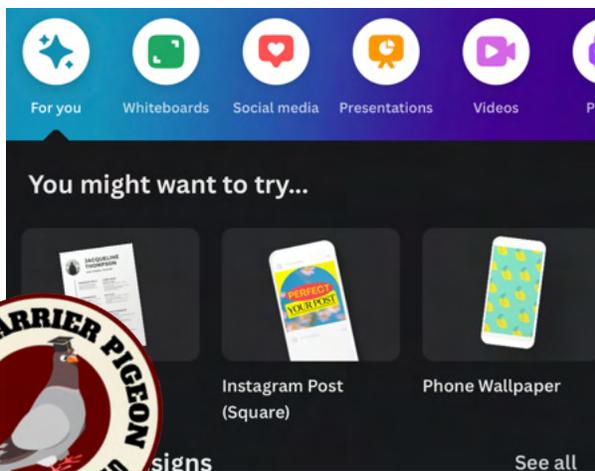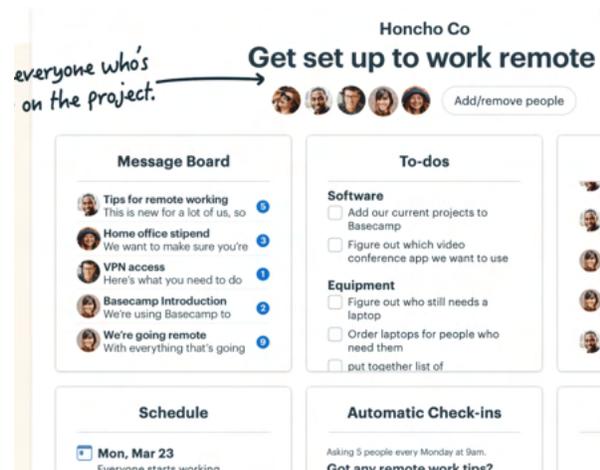$199.00+ - <u>View on AtomiSystems</u>

CONNECT WITH SOFTWARE

BASECAMP

Frugal Guru / Low Roller

Project planning & collaboration tool with messaging, document sharing, and scheduling features. Offers a free trial.

$11.00/month - View on Basecamp

CANVA PRO

Frugal Guru / High Roller

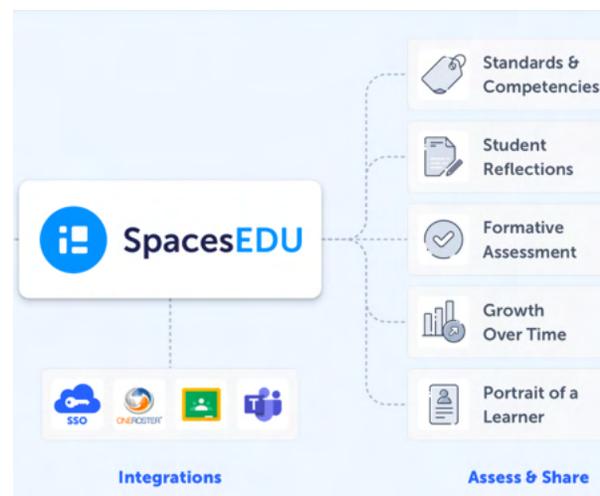Free & optional subscription creation tool for infographics, videos, and more.

$119.00+/year - View on Canva

SPACES EDU

Frugal Guru

A free, collaborative portfolio that integrates with multiple platforms.

$0.00 - View on SpacesEDU

CONNECT WITH SELF-CARE

CALM APP

Average Joe

An app for phones and tablets that offers a huge library of sleep, relaxation and meditation downloads.

$69.99 for one year - View on Calm.com

ADAGIOSTEAS, DAYDREAM BLEND

Low Roller / Average Joe

This caffeine-free herbal tea blend helps relieve daily stress and provide emotional support after a busy day.

$4.00 - $34.00 - View on Adagio.com

GROSCHE ABERDEEN SMART TEA MAKER

Average Joe

An infuser teapot that sits on top of a tea cup and flows freshly steeped tea straight into your cup.

$24.99 - View on Grosche

CONNECT WITH SELF-CARE

COMFIER SHIATSU NECK & BACK MASSAGER

High Roller

This transportable chair insert provides a relaxing experience complete with rollers, compression, & heat.

$198.99 - View on Amazon

AROMATHERAPY DIFFUSER & ESSENTIAL OIL SET

Average Joe

With 7 ambient light modes and an adjustable timer , this diffuser has all you need to create an environment of calm and relaxation.

$39.95 - View on Amazon

GRATITUDE JOURNAL - JOY

Average Joe

Shift your focus & step away from the digital world to put pen to paper in this 6" x 8.5" personalized journal.

$35.00 - View on Papier

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THE COGNITIVE CARRIER PIGEONS
CLASS OF 2023

Looking for a change? Join us!

Winthrop's program in Learning Design and Technology prepares people to use technology to solve problems. We prepare people to design, develop, and evaluate learning and performance support materials for face to face classes, online classes, and anything in between.

Our program prepares learning professionals in K-12, higher education, corporate learning development offices and more. We prepare you for instructional design and assessment, instructional development, multimedia design and development, eLearning, performance technology and support, and more.

We welcome professional educators in K-12 and other professional education environments such as corporate learning and development and higher education. We are an excellent program for professional educators in K-12 schools, but we don't require a background in education. This degree will provide you with the professional preparation you need to succeed in the growing field of Learning Design and Technology.

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