Recent Phishing Examples

When using your Canisius email, you may receive emails which appear legitimate but seek to steal your credentials. Often they are sent from email addresses that are not @canisius.edu, but sometimes hackers are using a Canisius account that they successfully gained access to in the past. Consider the following when clicking links or opening attachments in any email you receive:

- It’s from a coworker. But is that their @canisius.edu employee address?
- Are there spelling or grammatical errors that might suggest it is a scam, rather than professional communication from a coworker?
- Were you expecting an email containing an attachment from the sender? If you are at all unsure, call them on the telephone, or contact helpdesk@canisius.edu for verification.
- Is it from an office on campus, using their official, appropriate title (ex. Griff Center for Academic Engagement, or Information Technology Services), or just something vague (ex. Student Support Office, or IT Service Desk)?

In general, if you have any doubts, forward the suspicious email to helpdesk@canisius.edu. If it’s from an on-campus sender, call that individual via their office phone, to verify if the email is truly from them.

Learn more about Phishing:

The following are active phishing attempts that Canisius College employees and students have received in the past. In future you may find similar emails in your Canisius email. If you clicked on a link in one of these emails, visit another computer and change your password. If you have suspicions about an email you received, feel free to contact the ITS Help Desk (email - helpdesk@canisius.edu / phone - (716) 888-8340).

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Migrating

All staff/student email address will be transitioned from Microsoft Outlook email to Google’s Gmail. Click Here Fill and Submit to update or You cant send Mail.

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Your mailbox is almost full.

Your mailbox is almost full.

Please update your mailbox size. By clicking on Upgrade to update your mailbox quota.
From: [redacted]@canisius.edu
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:56 PM
To: [redacted]@canisius.edu
Subject: Secure Document

Attached a new Document. I have sent it in a secured file, kindly sign in with your email to review.

Best,

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