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IBM's growing presence in education technology services.

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Top 10 IT issues facing higher education in 2017



Information security topped EDUCAUSE's just-released list of top 10 IT issues facing higher education technology leaders for the second year in a row, but the findings also point to three new emerging concerns, according to EDUCAUSE vice president Susan Grajek. Among them: the need to develop and embrace next-generation enterprise IT applications and resource strategies. The full report won't be released until January, but Grajek (at left) provided a preview of the 2017 top IT issues list during the edtech organization's annual conference. See the full list of [Top 10 IT issues here](#). (EdScoop photo)



IBM's new partnership with global education services giant Pearson, announced at the EDUCAUSE conference last week, represents the latest sign of how cognitive learning – and IBM Watson's expanding role behind the scenes – are reshaping the education technology landscape in higher education. For Pearson, the [new alliance](#) promises to give students a more personalized

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learning experience and instructors greater insights about how well students are navigating through their courses. But it also reflects IBM's growing momentum in super charging education technology services using Watson's cognitive learning capabilities.

Also making news at EDUCAUSE last week: Cisco announced a [new integrated platform](#) that allows faculty to use existing learning management systems to schedule online classes and support video and collaborative discussions online. The platform was developed with help from Georgia State, Utah State and Mercer universities. And Microsoft and Pearson announced a new pilot program, using [Microsoft's HoloLens technology](#), to develop online training content for students studying to be nurses, engineers, surveyors and other professions. Developers are currently working with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock and San Diego State University to craft mixed reality content to solve a variety of challenges in nursing education.

The Every Student Succeeds Act provides a new framework for schools to reinvent teaching – and an unparalleled opportunity to use technology to personalize learning and create original forms of assessments. How states can take concrete steps to take advantage of the shift in power from the federal government to localities under the law is the subject of a [new report](#) from the International Association for K–12 Online Learning – and was one of the [top topics of discussion](#) at the recent State Education Technology Directors Association leadership summit.

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