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Wireless RERC Updates

CES 2024: Inclusive Innovation with the CTA Foundation

Dan Ding and Lindsey Morris were honored to be a part of CES 2024, thanks to the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) Foundation. Lindsey was also privileged to speak on the "Driving Innovation Through Inclusive Design" panel.

Beyond tech trends, CES 2024 emphasized inclusive design, innovation, and AI in various panel discussions geared toward improving the lives of people with disabilities and older adults through technology. Read the complete CES 2024 recap on our website.

Introducing Our Clinical Research Operations Director

We are delighted to announce that Andrea D. Fairman-Laferrier has been appointed Assistant Director of Clinical Research Operations in the Rehabilitation Science & Technology (RST) Department at the University of Pittsburgh. She brings a variety of skills related to clinical practice, administration, and advocacy. We encourage you to learn more about her on our website.

ATiA 2024 Conference Recap

Paola Esquivel and Julie Faieta presented, "Smart Speaker and Skill Use: What do We Know?" at the ATiA 2024 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. The session highlighted preliminary results from our study on smart speaker use among individuals with disabilities, and more! Learn more about our ATiA 2024 Conference session.

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Smart Home Trends from CES 2024

CES 2024 showcased many developments shaping the future of smart home tech. The focus was on Thread's 2024 enhancement and a range of new products. Aqara's innovative releases are also exciting and include the Aqara U300 Smart Lever Lock, Aqara Border Router Smart Plug (the pioneer in integrating Thread border router capabilities), and multifunctional Aqara M3 Hub which serves as both a Matter controller and a Thread Border Router.

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Wind-Down

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced the ACP benefit program which provides a discount of up to $30 per month toward internet for eligible households, will stop processing new applications after Feb. 7, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET. Check out the ACP Wind-Down Fact Sheet for more information.

AI-Powered Assistive Technology

Project Relate, an AI-driven Android beta app, enhances communication for some individuals with disabilities. The rise of generative AI, like ChatGPT, can also be a means of expression for individuals with mobility disabilities. Discover how an artist with ALS uses AI art tools.

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