Helpful Apps and Software

MORNING

Alarmy (ios & Android)- Will not shut off until you do one of several options – complete math problems, take a picture of something specific or shake it for example.

Walk Up (ios) **Walk Me Up!** (Android)-Alarm goes off until you literally get out of bed and walk around.

SpinMe Alarm Clock (ios & Android)- as the name suggests, it does not turn off until you physically get out of bed and spin in a circle.

DURING CLASS

Sonocent (costs) – Note taking software – go to www.uidaho.edu/cdar/, under the Assistive Technology page are Sonocent training videos that show how to use the software.

Evernote – Take and organize your notes. Basic version is free, subscription required for some features.

Microsoft OneNote with Learning Tools – free - https://www.onenote.com/learningtools- Adds Immersive Reader and Dictate functionality to OneNote. Also adds "Ink to Math". Great on a tablet, as it converts written math to type.

Smartpen – Go to www.uidaho.edu/cdar, under Assistive Technology are videos showing how to use a LiveScribe Echo smart pen.

STUDYING

Forest (ios & Android)-Helps you stay away from your smartphone and stay focused on your work.

Productivity Owl (Google Chrome Add-In) – Monitors time spent on web pages and closes tabs if you spend too long on a page.

Brainscape – Flashcard app.

Quizlet – Flashcards and quizzes.

Focus At Will – Subscription music service, two week free trial. Plays music designed to help you focus.

mynoise.net – White noise website. Let you pick type of white noise that works best for you.

Khan Academy – Educational videos on a wide range of subjects. Mobile app is just Khan Academy videos, so you won't get distracted by recommended videos on YouTube

Wolphram Alpha ($) – Mobile app. Step by step instructions for complex math and science problems.

BREATH

Headspace – guided meditation and breathing app.

Fabulous – App that helps you establish positive habits.

Down Dog – Yoga app that tailors work outs to your goals.

TEXT-TO-SPEECH

Natural Reader - https://www.naturalreaders.com/software.html

Reads most file formats. Most common text to speech software our students use.

Microsoft Edge – Built in text to speech. Click on the three dots in the upper right and select "Read Out Loud"

Mac Text-to-Speech - Built in feature of Macs, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tawg6Z8qi4M to see how to use.

Balabolka - http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm

Open source text to speech program that allows students to save output as MP3 or WAV file. Also allows users to create custom dictionaries. Windows only.

Central Access Reader - https://www.cwu.edu/central-access/reader

Free software developed by Central Washington University. Only reads .docx files, but does better with math than other tts software. Allows you to save as MP3 or WAV file.

NVDA Screen Reader – https://www.nvaccess.org/download/ - Free screen reader. Can read MathML and some other math.

Calibre – ebook / epub reader. Does not have text-to-speech, but allows you to change font of entire book, good for students using the OpenDyslexic font.

MS Word with Immersive Reader– Only in Office 365. Immersive Reader is under the "View" tab, then "Learning Tools".

Office Lens - mobile app that includes optical character recognition to save pictures as text. Includes Immersive Reader to use text-to-speech on the fly.

DICTATION

Word mobile app – when paired with speech recognition on a phone is an easy way to dictate rather than type. Can also use phone's built in screen reader to hear documents read back.

Dictate for Word Add-In - https://dictate.ms/ - lets you dictate rather than type in MS Word. Only available for Windows. Limited commands for editing documents. Mac has built in dictation.

Voice Type for Google Docs – docs.google.com – Voice Typing is under the Tools menu. Large number commands allow you to fully edit a document with only your voice.

Dictation for Mac - https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT203085 - Macs come with built in dictation. Link explains how to turn on and use.

MISCELLANEOUS

OneDrive –save your work in the cloud so you don't lose it. Students with a note-taking accommodation access notes through OneDrive.

Ava – Captioning app. Free for 5 hours a month.

ColorVeil - https://www.aurelitec.com/colorveil/windows/

 Applies a colored tint to computer screen. Great for students sensitive to bright light or specific colors. Runs from a flash drive, so works on University computers without installing.

OpenDyslexic Font - https://www.opendyslexic.org/ - free font designed for individuals with dyslexia.

LiveTranscribe – Android app from Google – free transcription. Doesn't support group "chat" like Ava.

Seeing AI – iPhone app for the visually impaired. Features include face description, bar code reader and room description.

DiCom Word Prediction

https://www.learningapps.co.uk/moodle/xertetoolkits/play.php?template_id=1327

Predictive text helps cut down on keystrokes and spelling errors.