

Unlocking potential

How Apple's \$3,499 headset redefines technology

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The pulse of technology quickened on Feb. 2 when Apple unveiled its groundbreaking Vision Pro. The headset combines accessibility and augmented reality into wearable technology that revolutionizes how people interact with digital interfaces and perceive the world around them.

With Apple's latest innovation, sophomore Luke Leonhard envisions a brighter learning future ahead. Emphasizing the beneficial impact of Apple tools, he believes their products improve his academic performance.

"With Apple's new technology coming out and the new development in all of their Apple-based chips, I could see more products coming out and helping me in the future," Leonhard said. "I have a MacBook myself and it is very helpful in terms of helping me learn and study in school."

Furthermore, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences associate Dean Claudio Verani of Wayne State University thinks the headset's capabilities can potentially reshape how professionals access information in critical moments.

"At an application level, it will find use among professionals that require split-second decisions," Verani said. "Imagine a first responder being able to assess a car crash test with the help of augmented reality and having a whole suite of databases to draw information from. Imagine a surgeon realizing a given complication mid-surgery and getting real-time feedback from colleagues on the other side of the world or from an Artificial Intelligence repository of surgical methods."

However, business teacher Brain Levison has mixed feelings because of the social determinants such as detached connection.

"Well, I think there's good and bad with everything," Levinson said. "It could help people be more efficient in what they're doing but also could detract from interpersonal communications."

Recognizing that as technology advances, people interact with each other less often, Verani acknowledges the downside of the headset.

"The Vision Pro may be seen as the next step in individualization," Verani said. "People who are currently already absorbed in their cells will become even less available [and] the Vision Pro will become [peoples'] best friend as humans slowly lose the ability to live in a collective society. It may also lead to a split society of haves and have-nots, a trend that is already visible today."



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