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Atlantic Cape Community College Uses Ellucian – Powered by Rocket U2 – to Manage Educational Programs for More Than 6500+ Students on Three Campuses

Atlantic Cape Community College is a comprehensive two-year nonprofit, publicly-supported educational institution serving Atlantic and Cape May counties in New Jersey. The school enrolls 7700+ students on three campuses, and offers more than 40 transfer and career degree programs.

High Level of Service That Conforms to Tight Standards.

Atlantic Cape requires a full-service technology platform to ensure students receive the best possible service, to help the school run as efficiently as possible, and to provide transparent access to data for government and regulatory bodies. In 2008, Atlantic Cape decided to replace its existing enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution with Ellucian's Colleague, which is currently used by almost 800 institutions of higher learning in North America.

Employing Rocket's UniData technology, Colleague has the flexibility to work with virtually any database platform, operating system, integrated portal, and course management software solution, enabling educational institutions to choose the solution mix that best fits their financial and dynamic configuration needs.

Easy-to-Use and Easily Fits the Industry-Specific Needs.

"Our old software was reaching the end of its life, and we had to replace it," says Douglas Hedges, Atlantic Cape's Dean of IT Services. "We needed a tool that could do everything, so we issued an RFP in early 2008. There were several options, but it came down to what was technically a better fit for a college our size."

"Ellucian was clearly the best partner for us because their products are specifically built for the higher education market. The Ellucian solution is perfect for us. It does absolutely everything we need it to do, and it's been very easy to get it up and running. We started the implementation in November 2008, and we finished the full project in 2010," says Hedges. "All of our services for students and our general ledger and HR functions are live and online."

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Atlantic Cape Community College experienced significant cost savings over its previous system while implementing a single platform that supports all of its academic institution's business needs by using Rocket's UniData technology. The college also benefits from ease of administration and low total cost of ownership (TCO).

Fast to Get Up and Go.

Patrick Sweeney, the school's Director of Administrative Computing, notes that once the decision was made, "it was a fast installation. We decided to go with Ellucian, and the first phase of integration was done very quickly."

One-Stop Shopping for a Solution That Will Go the Distance.

Atlantic Cape is now using the UniData-powered Ellucian solution as its primary information system for all of the school's operations, including student services, financial aid and registration, as well as for general ledger bookkeeping. "Having one solution rather than a patchwork of software is making a big difference for us already," Hedges notes. "It's not just a short-term benefit - in the long run we just think this will be better than what we had before."

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