

Atlantic Cape Community College uses Datatel - 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.

Situation

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 Datatel Colleague, which is currently used by 790 colleges around the world.

Based on the UniData multivalue database from Rocket Software, 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.

Implementation

"Our old software was reaching the end of its life, and we had to replace it," says Douglas Hedges, the Atlantic Cape's Dean of IT Services. "We needed a tool that could do everything, and 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."

"Datatel was clearly the best partner for us because their products are specifically built for the higher education market. The Datatel/UniData 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 are planning on finishing the full project in 2010," says Hedges. "All of our services



Key benefits:

- Significant cost savings over previous system
- Users own all of their own processes
- A Single platform that supports all of an academic institution's business needs
- Ease of administration
- Low total cost of ownership (TCO)



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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 Datatel, and the first phase of integration was done very quickly."

Benefits

Atlantic Cape is now using the UniData-powered Datatel 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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