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Eastern Washington University is first to go live with CollegeSource's u.achieve

Cincinnati, Ohio – CollegeSource, Inc. is pleased to announce that Eastern Washington University has implemented the newest degree audit release in the redLantern suite of products. The university recently upgraded from DARwin to u.achieve after a policy change affected how GPAs were calculated. Julie Harner, Degree Audit and Transfer Articulation Coordinator for the university, stated that the school decided it was in their best interest to upgrade to u.achieve to take advantage of functionality included in the newer JAVA-based software. “On the technical side, we don’t have a full blooded COBOL programmer that could easily rewrite the code that moving to DARwin 3.5.9 would require, so upgrading to u.achieve, with its JAVA code base was a huge improvement.”

As for the reaction from other staff at the school, Harner said that there has been plenty of positive feedback. Built upon DARwin’s strengths, u.achieve adds increased functionality. “u.achieve Self Service is much more interactive and we plan on doing tons of customizations. It’s just much easier using this version; we are very happy and feel it was a great move on our part.”

u.achieve provides institutions with a flexible degree audit, academic advising and transfer articulation tool that enables students and advisors to work with real-time data to assess student progress toward graduation. u.achieve’s Interactive Audit allows the degree audit to be shown with charts and graphs that visually show a student’s progress toward degree completion and formats the details of the audit in a more attractive manner. u.achieve Self Service is a web interface that allows students and advisors to securely access their audit information 24/7. It is fully customizable and enables institutions to give focused access to faculty for the entry of approved exceptions.

Jason Elwood, President of the CollegeSource Cincinnati office, is excited to see Eastern Washington go live with u.achieve. “We believe in this product and have put a lot of effort into making it the successor to DARwin. Having Eastern Washington up and running with u.achieve is a great accomplishment that makes us very proud.”

Eastern Washington University is a regional, comprehensive public university located in Cheney, Washington with an enrollment of over 10, 000. There are 54 departments with over 100 fields of study and 55 graduate programs. This year EWU welcomed its largest freshmen class in over 125 years of existence. For more information on Eastern Washington University visit www.ewu.edu.

CollegeSource, with offices in Cincinnati and San Diego, provides quality software solutions and expertise to the higher education academic community. With over twenty-five years in higher education, CollegeSource understands the importance of student success and is committed to providing resources to institutions and students to achieve academic goals. For more information on u.achieve, the redLantern suite of products and CollegeSource visit www.redLanternU.com and www.collegesource.com.

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