



California Polytechnic State Univ.
San Luis Obispo, Calif.
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Industry:

Education

Annual Revenue:

\$101 million to \$500 million

Employees:

2,000 to 4,999

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Collaboration Suite
Oracle Email
Oracle Calendar

Implementor:

Oracle Consulting

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Cal Poly is a nationally ranked, four-year, comprehensive public university located in San Luis Obispo, California. The emphasis of the university is a "learn by doing" educational experience for its more than 17,000 students. Many students seek admission to Cal Poly not only because of its excellent academic reputation, but also because its 6,000-acre main campus is nestled in the foothills of San Luis Obispo, just minutes from California's Central Coast beaches. Cal Poly, the second-largest land-holding university in California, is one of the largest land-holding universities in the nation.

Challenges

- Initially provide up to 3,000 students and faculty members with a fully featured and easy-to-use online calendar system
- Gradually extend the system to provide email and calendar capabilities to about 20,000 students, faculty and staff (Calendar system to be rolled out after email launch)
- Replace the university's aging computing platform, which included an old email system (HP Open Mail) for which the vendor was dropping support
- Integrate email and calendar functions on the same platform
- Keep the system's total ownership costs down

Solution

- Rolled out a new university-wide email and calendar system based on Oracle Collaboration Suite technology, featuring Oracle Email and Oracle Calendar applications
- Controlled costs by using industry standard hardware and Linux operating system
- Provided Web-based email for anywhere access, with the option of using many popular desktop clients
- Ensured tight integration between email, calendar and database
- Smoothly converted old email formats
- Successfully migrated hardware and software packages