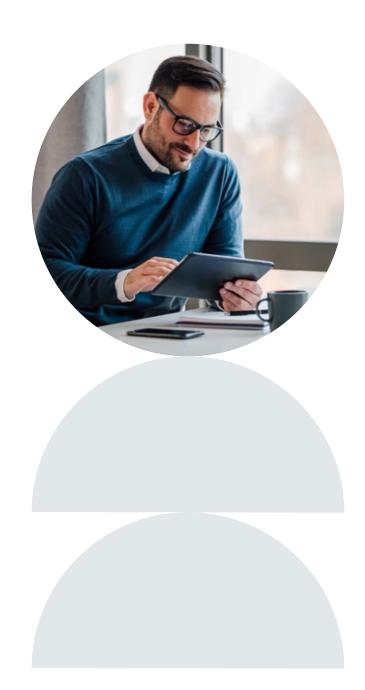# Future-proof Your Institution With SaaS

The demands of technology leaders inside learning institutions are shifting. In recent years, many have been expected to own strategic goals through technical initiatives. Their mission is to establish a technological foundation that builds institutional resilience and is primed for innovation—all so the institution can continue to accelerate student outcomes.

The Challenges That Get in the Way of Innovation

Institutions are grappling with security breaches that hurt operations, reputation, and ultimately revenue. Trying to keep up with the new threats and new compliance mandates for an on-premises environment is a full-time job for many, taking key IT resources away from initiatives that will drive the institution forward. Technology issues are exacerbated by disjointed, vulnerable, siloed technology platforms that hold institutions back from achieving student success. And they're bumping up against an onslaught of security issues.

With turnover at an all-time high, staffing is a critical issue for most colleges and universities. Having enough staff on hand to mitigate security and continuity issues consumes a large portion of the IT workforce. That's valuable time that could be reallocated to innovative projects like standing up new certificate programs and building new advancement capabilities. Every time a college or university goes offline, frustration ensues, and students start looking at alternate learning options.

64%
of institutions experienced a ransomware attack in 2021.

A Better Path Forward With SaaS

Learning institutions should have the opportunity to thrive amidst the changes in higher education. Through strategic imperatives, institutions that adopt a new approach to technology can achieve their mission, fulfill their promise of student success, reduce staff turnover, and enjoy more efficient, more stable operations.

With the right technology as the backbone, colleges and universities have an opportunity to become the learning institutions of the future, enabling students to transform from transactional customers to lifetime learners.

New strategic goals, such as activating data to support student success, improving the student and staff experience, and innovating to future-proof against a rapidly changing industry are taking over.

Now is the time to take a different approach and defy negative trends to ensure student success, which starts with a foundation designed for institutional success.

SaaS Sets the Foundation for Success

The Ellucian platform is an open, powerful SaaS solution built uniquely for the needs and challenges of learning institutions, from community colleges to public university systems and more.

> "There's a future with Ellucian ... You're focusing on big picture things that can revolutionize the way technology is used on campus."

Mark Kolenz, Director of IT Operations
University of Mount Union

With Ellucian, you get:

- **The latest tech that's always accessible**
  Continual deployment for security, scalability, and continuity

- **Apps with breadth and depth**
  Features and functionality are informed by decades of experience

- **An open, interoperable, connected system**
  Built for multiple data sources and vendors

- **Insights for action that are personalized**
  Data management for a single source of truth, personalized portals, centrally deployed and managed

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