



Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

CHALLENGES

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology was using an outdated intranet system to house important information and communicate among departments. Maintenance of the system was challenging and adoption was low because the tool was difficult to use. With the planned migration to a Microsoft Windows environment, administrators knew it was a perfect opportunity to introduce a solution that made online teaching and learning easier by enabling seamless information sharing and out-of-the-box integration. The ideal solution would integrate with the Colleague® by Ellucian administrative suite and provide easy, single sign-on access to email, Web forms, team sites, and the open source Moodle course management system being used by Nicola Valley's faculty and students.

SOLUTION

Serving as the central hub between Nicola Valley's previously disparate systems, the Colleague Portal brings together course information, reporting, registration, calendaring, newsfeeds,

and more to create a single user experience without the hassle of managing multiple logins. Based on Microsoft SharePoint technology, the Portal supports multiple ways to receive and manage information.

By adding the Colleague Intelligent Learning Platform, Nicola Valley now has a seamless back-and-forth flow of administrative and academic data, giving them:

- A consolidated, single sign-on interface that's easy to navigate
- Automatic course/section creation based on institutional criteria
- Easy management and delivery of course materials
- Instant access to course information upon enrollment
- An easily expandable portal environment to meet changing needs
- Out-of-the-box functionality ideal for a small IT department

“The integration between Colleague by Ellucian, the Colleague Intelligent Learning Platform, and Moodle is phenomenal. We've cut the time spent on course administration by 25 percent. For us, that means one faculty member can teach an additional course each term. Choosing Colleague Intelligent Learning Platform is the best decision we ever made.”

Cathy Carson
Director of Finance and Integrated Systems
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

RESULTS

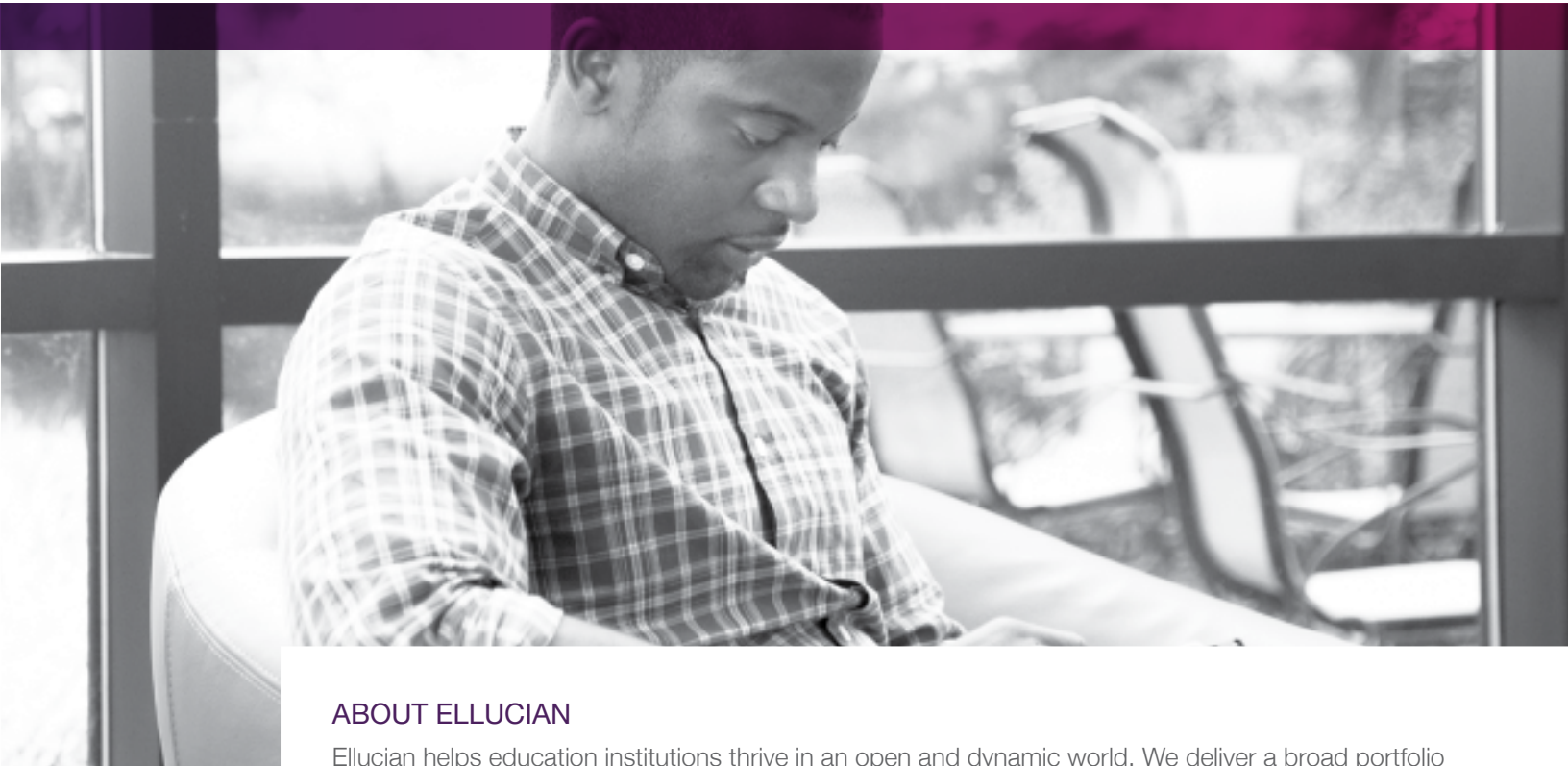
Reduced the time spent on learning management administration by 25 percent, giving faculty at least 10 additional hours a week to focus on teaching and students.

- Increased efficiencies with real-time integration between the administrative and course management systems
- Improved student satisfaction with personalized, one-stop experience and intuitive user interface; easy to navigate regardless of skill level and abilities
- Enhanced communication and collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and leadership as well for groups outside the typical world of authentication, such as community volunteers and the Elders' Council
- Offered integration with Retention Alert, easily identifying at-risk students from the Moodle course site

For more information, visit <http://www.ellucian.com/Solutions/Colleague-Intelligent-Learning-Platform/>

“The Colleague Portal serves as the one centralized location that links everyone throughout our widespread community.”

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