



Nation's oldest theological grad school on a mission to become the 'newest' with CAMS Enterprise™

St. Louis — April 20, 2010 — [Andover Newton](#), the nation's oldest graduate theological school, is on a mission to become the "newest" in the U.S. The institution took a giant stride in that direction today by announcing it has chosen CAMS Enterprise™, the flagship product of [Three Rivers Systems Inc.](#), as its new academic enterprise resource planning system to manage its entire student lifecycle.

Susan Hunt, chief financial officer at Andover Newton Theological School, is implementing CAMS Enterprise to streamline academic and business operations, which will help faculty and administration focus greater attention on providing cutting-edge experiential opportunities for growth and education, attributes for which the school has a national reputation.

"Nick Carter, our president, has declared that our rich history as the oldest theological graduate school in the U.S. and our forward-thinking education philosophy should propel us toward becoming the newest, most-advanced institution in the nation. Using the best technology available, in this case CAMS Enterprise, is a key to achieving this mission," Hunt said.

[CAMS Enterprise](#) is the only fully integrated, 100-percent Web-native campus administrative ERP software system exclusively for higher education that is built around a single database with one set of shared code. CAMS includes a host of advanced automated features — CRM, registration, financial aid, billing, fundraising, portals, built-in course management and more — to manage the student lifecycle from admissions to alumni status for the smallest colleges or largest universities. It is the only single solution that eliminates the need for academic institutions and end users alike to learn, interface and manage multiple, patchwork and often incompatible systems.

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According to Hunt, Three Rivers Systems' impressive history of client satisfaction and its reputation made CAMS a safe choice. "They provided us with 10 references, and we called them all. The story was always the same: a great system, risk-free, easy to use, little maintenance and fast, verifiably higher ROI," Hunt said.

Hunt added that Tim Swansey, director of information technology at the school, was instrumental in the decision to choose CAMS. "Tim has extensive experience as a developer with one of CAMS' competitors. He was impressed with how CAMS integrated all of the administrative functions within a common user interface," she said.

Created with standardized Microsoft tools, [CAMS Enterprise](#) is a seamless academic ERP written from the ground up as a single solution. Institutions like Andover Newton that implement CAMS' fully integrated solution with its proven rapid implementation process quickly transition to the new system and enjoy greater accessibility, better automation, improved communication and deeper business intelligence.

Hunt began and headed the search process when the school's legacy system from Jenzabar became plagued by mounting maintenance costs and an inability to be fully integrated. "With CAMS Enterprise's easy-to-use Microsoft-based Web architecture and total integration around a single, secure database, we will realize huge savings in maintenance and upgrade costs while also enjoying much greater productivity," she said.

Working as a single solution rather than an interfaced system, CAMS Enterprise has many advantages over other academic management systems:

- ✔ All functions look, feel and operate the same way so users can master them quickly.
- ✔ It eliminates multiple interfaces, increases productivity, reduces the need to acquire additional hardware and expedites implementation.
- ✔ Reporting is easy to use, flexible and doesn't require assistance from IT.
- ✔ It can be easily and efficiently scaled for growth.

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Three Rivers Systems Inc.'s Amir Tajkarimi, company president and founder, welcomed Andover Newton to the CAMS community. "Serving an institution with Andover Newton's enduring legacy and forward-looking mission is an honor for us. We are happy we can put our 25 years of experience in delivering safe solutions with predictable total cost of ownership to work for them," he said.

About [Andover Newton](#)

Established in 1807, Andover Newton Theological School is the oldest graduate theological institution in the U.S. It was *founded in 1778 as Phillips Academy* in Andover, Mass., to promote "true piety and virtue." In a separate founding, the Newton Theological Institution was opened in 1825 "up on the hill," and began instructing clergy for ministry at home and abroad. Both the Andover and Newton campuses were widely known for their established missions in education as alumni went into the field. In 1931, the Andover campus, after a brief stint at Harvard, moved by invitation to the "hill" in Newton. Today, Andover Newton is covenanted with both the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Churches USA. It is also a significant center for formation of Unitarian Universalist ministers.

About [CAMS Enterprise](#)

Developed from the ground up with Microsoft Internet technologies, [CAMS Enterprise](#), is a highly scalable, comprehensive academic management system that is quick to implement and easy to use. CAMS Enterprise consolidates multiple stand-alone systems including admissions, student information, financial aid, student services, fiscal management with HR and payroll, fund-raising, alumni relations, document management, course management a full suite of portals, and more, into one solution that ensures administrators, staff, faculty and students all work with the most recent and most accurate information. By uniting administrative and academic management systems, CAMS Enterprise is the only totally Web-native, completely integrated solution for managing the entire student life-cycle.

About [Three Rivers Systems Inc.](#)

Three Rivers Systems Inc. is a leading provider of comprehensive administrative software solutions for higher education. Headquartered in St. Louis, the company has been delivering innovative technology-driven solutions to the educational community since 1985. Three Rivers Systems has a large worldwide client base using CAMS, its Comprehensive Academic Management System. A full-service solution provider, the company delivers software and all implementation, training, project management and support services for its clients.

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