



New Forum Portal Expands CAMS Enterprise's Integrated Course Management Capabilities

A Truly Integrated Administrative and Academic Solution For Higher Education from Three Rivers Systems, Inc.

ST. LOUIS, MO. November 2, 2009 – As the only Student Information System with a built-in Course Management System, CAMS Enterprise has been leading the higher education administrative system marketplace for years. Today, with the newly released Forum Portal, CAMS Enterprise has expanded that lead. For the past 5 years CAMS Enterprise has been the only solution available that uses shared data and objects to provide Course Management functionality in its academic ERP system. While other providers have been promising this kind of architectural integration for years, but delivering batch integrations, Three Rivers Systems clients have been benefiting from the way CAMS Enterprise automates the administration of online classes. With a truly integrated SIS and CMS, students are able to immediately move from online registration straight into their online classes with no syncing, no manual intervention, no overnight processing, and no delays. That deep-level integration also enables numerous productivity enhancing features that streamline campus operations and save money for colleges like electronic grade submission and online course evaluations that unlock student's access to their final grades when completed.

The release of the new Forum Portal adds to the existing communication and collaboration functionality in CAMS Enterprise to better meet the needs of the growing worldwide CAMS Community. Because of the Portal's design, users throughout any CAMS Enterprise institution are able to use these new tools with any group of people on or off-campus – prospective students, staff members, guests, faculty, administrators, students, alumni and more. In particular, colleges will find the support for any language in the discussion forums exceptionally useful, especially in today's age when campuses are increasingly global and students could be anywhere in the world. Now students and faculty can switch between various languages and character sets as needed to communicate complex ideas, even within the same message.

Additionally, the new Forum Portal provides support for the symbols that are widely used in scientific and mathematical expressions, as well as the non-English characters that are used in language intensive studies like Greek or Hebrew. The Forum Portal also includes enhanced support for surveys and polls, enabling faculty to make use of best practices like Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATS) in their courses to enhance learning and provide students with instant feedback. Faculty can also use the live chat and private messaging tools to immediately enjoy increased productivity and communication in their distance or blended learning environments.

Enhancements like the Forum Portal are traditional with the CAMS system and are offered to clients as a regular part of their annual maintenance program, without additional fees or complications. Even better, the CAMS system updater automates the process of installing new releases, making it quick and painless for the IT staff to roll out new features for the institution. Three Rivers Systems has a long history of always adding value for clients. Amir Tajkarimi, President and Founder of Three Rivers Systems, pointed out the philosophy behind

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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 both the administrative and academic management systems, CAMS Enterprise is the only totally Web-based, completely integrated solution for managing the entire student life-cycle.

Three Rivers Systems, Inc., the developer and service provider for CAMS, is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, and has been delivering innovative technology-driven solutions to the educational community for the past 25 years. The company has a large established client base throughout the U.S., and a rapidly growing international presence with clients in North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

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