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A Texas-Based Community College Replaced its Multiple Systems and Gains Operational and Reporting Efficiencies

April, 2008 – There is a reason why Three Rivers Systems Inc. continues to win over higher education institutions that use a variety of different systems to manage their academic affairs – Three Rivers Systems delivers the integrated, 100% web-based, and scalable Academic Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution. Since it eliminates the need to interface and manage multiple, redundant systems and vendors, CAMS Enterprise™ ensures success and a positive return on investment.

Like many higher education institutions, Texas-based Frank Phillips College saw it as a priority to not only meet, but exceed its growing student, faculty, and constituent expectations. A lack of integration, user friendliness, complex reporting, and cost effectiveness inherent of its higher education administrative solutions, was interfering with Frank Phillips College meeting those expectations.

Frank Phillips College was feeling the effects of its outdated and non-integrated technology solutions, and vendors not structured to deliver the necessary customer support. Frank Phillips' technology vendors were offering features like course management, financial aid, fundraising, and portals as add-ons to their existing Student Information System (SIS), not as a single, integrated and seamless solution as they desired.

The end result can best be explained by the age old saying; it was "like fitting a square peg into a round hole". Modules and portals written in different technologies, at different times, and by different vendors created an inefficient environment for all users.

An example of this inefficiency was often realized when staff needed to query and assemble data for their reoccurring, mandated reports. Since data was entered using different applications, under different rules, and stored in different databases, it would take Frank Phillips College weeks to create its required Texas CBM reports. Frank Phillips College needed a system that included these and other reports, and the ability to generate them with push button ease.

In 2007, Frank Phillips College found a partner built to eliminate all of these product, service, and reporting limitations. Ever since, Frank Phillips College has gained benefits once thought unattainable and wants to send a message to higher education – if you think differently, you'll find a better way.

Frank Phillips College had found Three Rivers Systems, Inc. and CAMS Enterprise™. CAMS Enterprise™ is the completely integrated, 100% web-based Academic ERP solution created specifically for higher education. Additionally, CAMS Enterprise™ is backed by a business model that was purposely and carefully crafted to eliminate the service limitations commonly found throughout the Academic ERP industry.

"We really do have as good of a product as we thought we were getting, one that will allow us flexibility without compromises... Our IT Folks have spoken, and they are extremely pleased with our choice of systems, and from their experience, the conversion couldn't have gone better."

-Jud Hicks, Vice President Administrative Services, Frank Phillips College

Customer – Frank Phillips College (<http://www.fpctx.edu>)

Chosen Solution – CAMS Enterprise™

Profile – Located in Borger, TX, Frank Phillips College is a comprehensive, two-year community-based educational organization committed to providing high-quality learning experiences and services. *Source: Frank Phillips College*

About CAMS Enterprise™

CAMS Enterprise™, Three Rivers Systems, Inc. flagship product, is a completely integrated and 100% web-based Academic ERP for Higher Education institutions. The solution helps institutions of all sizes and types communicate with their Students through Portals, and manage the entire student lifecycle – Admissions, Registration, Student Records, Financial Aid, Fiscal Management, HR/Payroll, Development, and Alumni Relations. Built with pure Microsoft technologies, CAMS Enterprise™ ensures compatibility, efficient use of resources, scalability, and complete automation.

About Three Rivers Systems, Inc. (<http://www.threeriverssystems.com>)

Three Rivers Systems, Inc. has been creating and delivering high quality administrative solutions exclusively for higher education since 1985. Its Comprehensive Academic Management System (CAMS) and business methodology have been purposely and carefully crafted to eliminate the service and product limitations commonly found throughout the Academic Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) industry. From its headquarters in St. Louis, MO, Three Rivers Systems works in tandem with its hundreds of higher education customers from around the world, supporting their efforts to help them be more effective and efficient in managing their student lifecycle.

