

2024 NJ Regional Users Group Session Descriptions

Ellucian Sessions

1. Unlocking your Data with Ellucian Insights

[Stephen Pelc](#)

Institutions need a powerful, easy-to-use reporting and analytics solution that aggregates data across sources and is purpose-built for higher education. The answer is Ellucian Insights—our SaaS-based reporting and analytics solution. Come learn about the value Ellucian Insights can provide to your institution and hear key product announcements and roadmap updates.

2. Ellucian SaaS Platform

[Stephen Pelc](#)

Join us as we explore the transformative capabilities of Ellucian's SaaS Platform. Understand how the power of the platform serves as a catalyst for innovation, revolutionizing higher education institutions globally and driving unparalleled advancements in student and staff engagement.

3. Ellucian Apply Demo and Discussion

[Heather Annis](#)

Heather Annis, Product Manager at Ellucian, will discuss the new Ellucian Apply product. Ellucian Apply is a cutting-edge admissions application redefining the application and enrollment experience. Built on the Ellucian SaaS Platform, Ellucian Apply seamlessly integrates with an institution's Student Information System (SIS) to modernize admissions processes.

4. CRM Recruit Roundtable

[Heather Annis](#)

Come learn about what's upcoming in the Recruit CRM from Heather Annis, Product Manager at Ellucian, and share your tips and tricks!

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Vendor Sessions

Transact – Colin Whitehead

Yes, We Can Take That Payment - A Strategic Approach to Accepting One-time Payments

Learn how Higher Education institutions are adapting PCI compliant payment solutions to take one-off transactions and meet the needs of high AND low volume department merchants, invoice payments, and cash advance returns. All institutions are looking to increase efficiencies for departments as well as students while streamlining the reconciliation process without expanding additional bank merchant accounts or increasing PCI scope.

Instructure – Michael Yakubov

Building a Lifelong Learning Strategy for Higher Education: An Insider's Guide to Leveraging LMS Technology to Address Non-traditional Learning.

The rapidly changing markets for adult and non-traditional learners continues to be a moving target for institutions of higher education. Given the emergence of AI, growing market competition, and the shifting paradigms in educational degree value, we explore how institutions are building sustainable roadmaps for success. This includes awareness and attention to workforce development, continuing education, corporate partnerships, hybrid learning, and other strategy focused initiatives. During the presentation, we will do a deep dive into strategic plans, align digital resources, and share insights from the field.

Voyatek – John VanWeeren

AI-powered Analytics and Fraud Detection

We will showcase how Voyatek's AI-enabled SSA Cloud analytics platform puts actionable information and fraud detection at your fingertips. Our platform offers a modular, comprehensive view of the student lifecycle, with AI models trained on and tailored to your unique environment.

Our sophisticated application fraud firewall empowers institutions to proactively detect and monitor fraudulent applications, significantly reducing the risk and disruption of ever-evolving fraud schemes. SSA Cloud's additional AI capabilities analyze student engagement, forecast course demand, and predict retention and completion rates, providing critical insights via dashboards that streamline operations and reduce manual work.

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Join us to explore how SSA Cloud can help your institution reduce manual processes, prevent application fraud, and enhance student success. Learn from our client outcomes, including substantial financial and time savings, and discover why we are the trusted analytics partner for clients and system providers alike.

SoftDocs – Lori Halligan

How Institutions Manage Documents, Data and Processes with Ethos and Softdocs

Ellucian sits at the center of -your campus operations. As a trusted core system built for integrations, it's imperative to further modernize your institution and expedite departmental processes that improve the student experience and decision-making. Join this session to learn how Softdocs, through its robust integration with Ellucian Ethos, is being leveraged at peer institutions to improve operational efficiencies and automate key processes.

Aptron – Dianne Ackerman

Easy Reporting with mvQuery

Empower your end-users and IT personnel with an easy-to-use query, report designer and data export tool specifically designed for multi-value databases like Ellucian Colleague. mvQuery uses your existing familiar dictionary items with little setup needed and is available as a subscription. Come see how easy it is to get started.

ACI Worldwide – Jim Curry

A Generational Change in Payment Habits – How to meet Students (and Parents) where they are

Learn about the quick-changing landscape of the payment industry and the habits of your students and parents. If you're institution isn't looking at how students want to interact (payment wise) with the University, now is the time to prepare yourself for what students and parents expect Universities to provide and future-proof your tuition billing and payment operations. Join us to learn what the changes in the industry look like and what questions to ask to ensure you're meeting the student and parents where they are.

With over 35+ years of experience in Student Services and the Payment Industry, James Curry will provide an engaging overview of the dramatic changes, what to expect, and how to prepare yourself for the inevitable change.

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bha Technologies – Digi Edwards

Bring Your ERP System Out of the Stone Age

Migrating Higher Education ERP Systems to the Cloud

Migrating to the cloud offers flexibility, cost efficiency, and access to innovation. The challenges include security, compliance, and potential downtime. Therefore, thorough planning and stakeholder involvement are crucial for a successful migration

TCP Software – Derek Mawn

Time, Attendance, and Employee Scheduling—There’s a Better Way

Collecting paper timesheets is hectic. Scheduling against student worker thresholds and availability—also tricky. And handling frequent schedule changes? A huge lift. With so many pieces to juggle, it can take a superhuman effort for higher ed leaders to ensure accurate and compliant time, attendance, and employee scheduling. There’s a better way.

Amazon Web Services – Curtis Darst / Darryl Wright

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User Sessions

Caesar Niglio

Atlantic Cape Community College

Self-Service Procurement Implementation: Where Do We Begin?

We recently set up Self-Service Procurement and Budget Monitoring. Hear how we took this daunting task and broke it down into pieces to simplify implementation. Learn how to set up self-service requisitions, approval routing, and a flow that works for your institution.

Robyn Berenato

Atlantic Cape Community College

Removing Barriers to Student Degree Conferral

Come find out how Atlantic Cape leveraged the use of Colleague and Informer to "auto-audit" and "auto-grad" its students to make sure their completion is not hindered by red-tape. Students are gathered based on number of college-level credit completion and then moved to a list worked by the Enrollment office for their active degree program to be audited. This process aids in retention as well as assisting students toward timely completion.

Mark Stermer / Chrissy Carter

Thomas Edison State University

OnBase & Scholarship Workflow Process

Come learn about Hyland Software's OnBase content and process management product, and how TESU uses it to monitor and administer different scholarships

Yelena Khatyin

Kean University

ESM Purchase; Overview of e-Procurement at Kean University

Kean University will present about the eProcurement software it is now using at Kean, with some timelines, functionalities, and benefits/limitations that it has encountered so far, as well as roadmap items to assist us in sourcing bids and supplier management.

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Christine Mazza / Christopher Fields

Rowan University

Data Matters: Maintaining Consistency for the University of the Future

This panel will discuss lessons learned about best practices for data, past data cleanup and future-proofing data. There will also be discussions of real-life examples of data issues during software implementations.

Alain Tschanz / Steve Vitale

Thomas Edison State University

myEdison Experience

Come hear how Thomas Edison moved from the original Ellucian Portal to the new myEdison Experience! This will probably be a slightly more technical talk, and you will hear how they set up the system, built custom cards, and launch Experience to the students this past June.

Moe Rahman

Rider University

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Session description coming soon!