

Campus Overview

California State University at Sacramento ("Sacramento State") is a diverse urban commuter campus with more than 27,000 students, approximately 260 active student organizations and more than 3,600 active OrgSync users. Sacramento State joined the OrgSync family in June of 2008 with a one year subscription and renewed for a three year at the end of the initial contract to take advantage of multi-year discounts.

Why OrgSync?

Sacramento State felt very strongly about responding to student requests for a more environmentally friendly campus. The administrators wanted a club registration process that would allow them to check grades, enrollment status and requirements for its 260 active organizations without using a single sheet of paper. OrgSync was one of four software solutions that Sacramento State investigated in its search for a vendor that provided these services. The campus cited that the cost/benefit of purchasing OrgSync was far superior to all other competitors the campus looked into. Sacramento State chose OrgSync because it offered significantly more features, higher levels of customer support, a student centered interface and a price point that was easily justifiable even in tough budget times.

"By using OrgSync to manage the student organizations on campus, we have been able to significantly reduce our paper usage across campus, speed up the processing of information, communicate more effectively with the student organizations, track student involvement, and generate meaningful assessment data & research from the extensive amounts of information that we are now able to collect."

Primary Benefits

Sacramento State has realized considerable cost savings since they began using OrgSync. For example, paper usage has been reduced significantly by managing all of their forms online. More importantly however, OrgSync has streamlined a number of processes, allowing the employees to spend less time processing paperwork, collecting data, preparing websites and more time managing the student organizations. OrgSync has also enabled Sacramento State to bridge the gap between other departments by maintaining a centralized calendar and tracking student involvement. Additionally, the campus sees opportunities to use OrgSync in the classroom and stated that "the few academics we have introduced it to want OrgSync to replace WebCT."

Student Adoption

In order to maximize student adoption, Sacramento State requires all student organizations to register through OrgSync. The campus has also utilized OrgSync as a centerpiece for three leadership conferences over the past two years and has begun transitioning the software into other departments across campus, including academics. Moreover, Sacramento State stated that "the user interface is very intuitive for students already using social networking websites, which makes it much easier to encourage use."

Favorite Tools

1. Online Forms – Used for data collection, assessments, program evaluations, and generating exports into excel
2. Co-Curricular Transcript – Helps students with participation tracking, résumé building, and job interviews
3. Website Builder – Allows students to easily create a public website for their organization that is easy to maintain

Success Story

"The Student Organizations & Leadership department has launched Sacramento State's first pilot opt-in student leadership program. OrgSync's features allowed us to move from tracking 30 students on paper sign-in forms at 60 events to 300 students checking in through its events, calendar and the Co-Curricular Transcript modules at more than 100 events."

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