8 Ways Universities Make the Most of Meraki

Cisco Meraki offers higher education institutions the power, flexibility, and control they need to seamlessly manage campus IT. Higher education customers use Meraki in a variety of different ways to keep students connected and secure — read on for some examples.

Lean IT, Complete Control

Albany State University
3,000+ Students

Powerful remote troubleshooting tools, in-depth monitoring capabilities, and detailed network diagnostics accessed via the cloud-based dashboard allow the 3-person IT team at Albany State University to quickly solve students' connectivity issues.

"We were looking for a networking solution that was easy for the team to manage, easy to install, and easy to monitor. Meraki has been heaven-sent." - ASU IT Team

Digital Transformation

Pfeiffer University
1,900+ Students

To ensure that Pfeiffer University is equipped to provide a 21st century learning environment, the IT team uses Meraki APs to provide a reliable wireless experience on campus for students, staff, and faculty.

"We have a really great, robust network with Meraki and it's exactly what we needed to support and enable new projects at Pfeiffer." - Dr. Ken Russell, Vice President, Digital Transformation and Chief Information Officer

The Meraki Full Stack

Goucher College
2,100+ Students

Meraki access points, switches, and security appliances deployed across campus are all managed under a single pane of glass, providing the IT team at Goucher College with simple and scalable cross-platform visibility.

"My team is extremely lean, so the cloud based administration and deployment was a big seller."

- Greg Howard, Director of Networking and Telecom

Seamless Roaming

Ottawa University
3,000+ Students

Over 375 indoor and outdoor MR access points support seamless roaming, from dorms to classrooms to the cafeteria, ensuring that students stay connected wherever they are on campus.

"We've got Meraki APs everywhere. They're so inconspicuous that the only evidence they're there is that students no longer lose coverage as they walk from building to building."

- Adam Caylor, Manager of Network Operations.

Physical Campus Security

Sweet Briar College
300+ Students

Indoor and outdoor MV security cameras across the sprawling Sweet Briar campus keep students safe, while providing network admins with an easy to manage solution without a cumbersome interface.

"The amount of time savings for your staff, the installation and management of the cameras, and the ease of use for your campus police or security office...are all tremendous selling points for us."

- Aaron Mahler, CTO

Quick Deployment

Saint Leo University
14,000+ Students

With a small staff and only a month to deploy a network upgrade, the IT team at Saint Leo University used the Meraki dashboard to configure hardware for 30 locations, resulting in one of the fastest roll outs the team has done.

"We were able to successfully deploy 30 remote sites in 30 days with Meraki. We added device serial numbers in dashboard before shipping. When the devices connected to the network, they downloaded the configs and started working. It was seamless."

- Dan Hutchison, Network Infrastructure Engineer

Campus Housing

Lindenwood University
10,750+ Students

With over 500 APs and MX65W security appliances distributed across Lindenwood University residential housing, students are able to connect to robust wireless to work on assignments, as well as use devices like game systems during down time.

"Meraki enabled our IT team to enhance the wireless supporting students in off-campus residential housing through swiftly designing and deploying a solution in record time, providing tremendous visibility, stability, and manageability in our highly distributed network."

- TJ Rains, VP for IT and CIO

Bluetooth Beacons

SUNY College Old Westbury
4,400+ Students

Meraki MR access points with integrated Bluetooth Beacons at SUNY Old Westbury provide a simple way to alert the residential students about upcoming events, such as guest lectures and Residential Life Staff office hours, whenever students are in range of specific access points.

"Managing the Meraki network is simple and straightforward. The seamless interoperability of all the components and the prolific data and reports available made the Meraki solution an integral part of our Student Success mission."

- Evan Kobolakis, CIO, Associate Vice President, ITS