Solution Case Study

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CLIENT: MARS HILL UNIVERSITY
SOLUTION: MICROSOFT AZURE

CHALLENGES

- Finding a solution to facilitate a major upgrade to their Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application

- Funding the purchase of high-cost servers necessary to support the upgrade

- Unsatisfactory business continuity and disaster recovery strategy due to limited on-campus processing resources

SOLUTIONS

- Cloud-based hosting with Microsoft Azure

- Microsoft Azure Everywhere Program resources for qualified colleges and universities

- SyCom cloud migration assessment

BUSINESS RESULTS

- Significant storage gained for backup and databases with multiple virtual servers in Azure

- Minimized costs with scheduled automation

- Internal systems redirected for better use covering the campus' multiple user groups

SOLUTION SUMMARY

Facing a major ERP upgrade, Mars Hill University took advantage of the Microsoft Azure Everywhere Program to assist with their substantial systems transition to the cloud. The combination of experts from Microsoft, SyCom and ScholarBuys provided the knowledge and product solutions that were tailored to meet the campus' needs—technologically and financially.

MARS HILL 1856 UNIVERSITY

- Founded in 1856.

- Private, liberal arts institution offering over 30 baccalaureate degrees, as well as several master's degrees.

- Located north of Asheville in the mountains of western North Carolina.

- Approximately 1100 students enrolled and 275 employees.

"Microsoft provided us with a very cost-effective transition and expert guidance through SyCom to help move us from curious and interested to having a working system in place that met all of our access, security and growth needs. Microsoft, SyCom and ScholarBuys were all instrumental in helping us make this transformation happen and ensured that everything went smoothly."

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