

#### **SUCCESS STORY**

# Higher Learning Uncovers Profitability at Student Unit Level

## **Background & Challenges**

- Navigating a system of competing interests: students, alumni, donors, regulators, etc.
- Accreditation board mandated closer ties between annual budget and strategic plan
- Budget to actual reporting process was too manual, time-intensive

#### The Vena Solution

- Full Excel interface quickly eliminated competing vendors from consideration
- Seamless integration between ERP and other systems ensured data integrity
- Easy creation and personalization of monthly, quarterly and annual reports

### **Results & Next Steps**

- Excel interface fostered quicker adoption among department heads and other non-finance users
- Granular, student level profitability insights for more data-driven strategic decision making
- Flexible platform can address future needs from profitability analysis to rolling forecasts

Vena turns Microsoft Excel into an enterprise-class business solution with

a centralized database, workflow and more. With Vena, you get trusted

numbers and insights - fast - while still using Excel.

Contact us today to ensure your budget aligns perfectly with your strategic plan.

I know we picked the right solution to help us transform decision making at the university.

JEREMY MOSER,
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

#### Results at a Glance

"Vena helps us understand what the impact of current decisions are, and what future decisions we need to start making now."

- ↑ Profitability insights
- ↑ Strategy/budget alignment
- ↑ User adoption
- → Budgeting and reporting time
- ↓ Report errors
- ↓ Manual data collection

## **Vanguard University**

Private university with over 30 undergraduate programs across 15 departments

Industry: Higher Education

Revenues: \$43 million

Existing Software: Ellucian

Processes: Budgeting & Forecasting

Users: 65



