

University Cyber Roundup: Disruptions, Data Breaches, Financial Loss

Jan – June 2020

Disruptions

Hit with NetWalker ransomware, **hackers threatened to expose sensitive data** if Columbia College Chicago did not pay a ransom within six days.

Columbia College Chicago / Jun 2020 / [Story](#)

In the same scenario as Columbia College Chicago, Michigan State University was hit with NetWalker. Hackers **threatened to expose data unless a ransom was paid**.

Michigan State University / May 2020 / [Story](#)

A month-long cyber attack **forced a major reboot** of the University of Kentucky's network. The university experienced **repeated slowing and temporary shutdowns** of the network.

University of Kentucky / Mar 2020 / [Story](#)

Butler Community College network was **shut down for days due to a ransomware attack**.

Butler Community College / Feb 2020 / [Story](#)

Data Breaches

UC Davis and other colleges were victims of a **racist email hack**.

UC Davis / Jun 2020 / [Story](#)

A server containing **names, email addresses, dates of birth and social security numbers of students and staff was breached**.

Wichita State University / Mar 2020 / [Story](#)

Ten employee accounts were hacked, **compromising the personal**

information, including social security numbers, of 16,000 current and former staff and students.

Mid-Michigan College / Jun 2020 / [Story](#)

More than **1,700 current and former employees** had their **2018 W-2 compromised** by a data breach.

College of DuPage / Mar 2020 / [Story](#)

Over **8,000 resumes containing PII** were downloaded by an unauthorized

party through the University of Delaware's job search platform. **Names, home addresses, phone numbers, education credentials and work history were compromised.**

University of Delaware / Feb 2020 / [Story](#)

A successful **phishing scam** allowed hackers to **gain access to names, social security numbers, personal and work cellphone numbers, college email and personal email addresses, dates of**

birth, and addresses of over 5,000 employees and students.

St. Louis Community College / Feb 2020 / [Story](#)

EVMS employees **fell for a phishing scam** which led to the **exposure of personal data for over 2,000 employees.**

Eastern VA Medical School / Feb 2020 / [Story](#)

Financial Loss

The University of California at San Francisco **paid a \$1.14 million ransom to restore access to files** affected by a malicious software NetWalker.

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