

# University Cyber Roundup: Disruptions, Data Breaches, Financial Loss

Jul – Dec 2019

## Disruptions

A ransomware attack **crashed campus-wide networks and phone lines**. Alerts to staff stated that **login information had been compromised**.

*Walla Walla University / Dec 2019 / [Story](#)*

Baton Rouge Community College was **forced to take down servers**, which **affected enrollment services**, after being hit with a ransomware attack.

*Baton Rouge Community College / Dec 2019 / [Story](#)*

A breach of a third-party educational site caused Boston University IT department to **disable over 1,000 students accounts** after they were flooded with spam. Students had to **reset their passwords**.

*Boston University / Oct 2019 / [Story](#)*

A **phishing attack with a falsified login page** spread through Marquette University as more students clicked the link and entered their information. **All hacked accounts had to be disabled and passwords reset**.

*Marquette University / Sep 2019 / [Story](#)*

Ransomware **shut down Midlands Technical College's network for several hours**, including **email systems and online classes**.

*Midlands Technical College / Jul 2019 / [Story](#)*

Northwest Indian College was hit with **ransomware that corrupted files and backups**, causing **services to be limited and online classes were also affected**.

*Northwest Indian College / Jul 2019 / [Story](#)*

Ransomware **shut down the Monroe College network** with **hackers demanding \$2M in bitcoin**.

*Monroe College / Jul 2019 / [Story](#)*

## Data Breaches

**Unauthorized access to employee email** accounts led to the **potential disclosure of financial information, passport numbers, Social Security numbers and medical and insurance information** at Juanita College.

Juanita College / Nov 2019 / [Story](#)

An **employee** of Southeast Missouri State University **violated FERPA** when they **accidentally shared PII** such as student IDs, GPAs, and other private information **via email** to 50 students.

Southeast Missouri State University / Oct 2019 / [Story](#)

Over **3,000 student email accounts** were **hacked through credential harvesting**.

Kent State University / Sep 2019 / [Story](#)

More than **4,000 students** had their **email addresses compromised** when an **email was sent without masking recipients**.

Arizona State University / Aug 2019 / [Story](#)

Over **100,000 former students** had their **personal information compromised** when **20 laptops** were **stolen** from an administrative building. For some, data included **names, dates of birth, and passport information**.

University of WA / Jul 2019 / [Story](#)

A **data breach** occurred when there was **unauthorized access to a University of Hawaii vendor site** responsible for overseeing a college and career planning website. Multiple high school students were affected, with the following information compromised: **name, birthday, gender, race, address, grades, and test scores**.

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A **laptop containing names, social security numbers, email addresses, financial account information** of 900 current and former University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources **was stolen overseas** from a consultant to the University.

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