

University Cyber Roundup: Disruptions, Data Breaches, Financial Loss

Jul – Dec 2020

Disruptions

The first day of school was **delayed for nearly a month** after a cyber attack impacted their access to data and files.

Roanoke College / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

A cyber attack affected **more than half of Heartland Community College's servers**. Officials estimated that it could take **weeks to months to fully recover**.

Heartland Community College / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

Imperial Valley College's network experienced "**significant technical issues**" due to ransomware. **Student information systems were shut down for days**.

Imperial Valley College / Aug 2020 / [Story](#)

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

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

Data Breaches

An employee **email account was accessed without authorization** which led to the **potential compromise of names, social security numbers, and telephone numbers of some faculty**.

University of Memphis / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

More than **160,000 current and former Illinois Valley Community College students, staff, and applicants** were warned that their **personal information may have been compromised** in April 2020.

Illinois Valley Community College / Nov 2020 / [Story](#)

A **hacker dumped a database** online containing **43,000 student names, dates of birth, social security numbers, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers**.

Guilford Technical Community College / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

Students and staff received a notification that **employee email accounts were hacked and sensitive information such as social security numbers were compromised**.

Gulf Coast State College / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

The **names and email addresses of 1700 faculty and students** were compromised when a **hacker accessed a computer server.**

Oregon State University / Sep 2020 / [Story](#)

In addition to ransomware, Greenville Technical College also suffered a data breach that **potentially compromised** highly sensitive student data such as **social security numbers, driver's license information, financial information, credit/debit card numbers,**

digital signatures, email addresses and passwords, dates of birth, and more.

Greenville Technical College / Aug 2020 / [Story](#)

Unauthorized access to an employee's email account led to the potential breach of sensitive student data like **student ID numbers, social security numbers, and dates of birth.**

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Financial Loss

The University of Utah paid \$459K **ransom to prevent hackers from releasing information stolen during a ransomware attack.**

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