



Columban College Enhances IDs with HID® FARGO® Printers

Based in the Philippines, Columban College is part of the Diocese of Iba Educational Foundation, Inc. (DIEFI) which consists of 21 schools serving a population of 30,000 students. The organization is guided by a culture of excellence grounded in faith and aims to be an innovative institution of learning, extension and research by 2025. Currently, the college is comprised of more than 200 employees and 7,500 students across three campuses, including the main campus in Olongapo City.

CHALLENGE

Columban College needed an ID issuance solution that supported a secure campus environment to advance its progressive growth and development goals. With more than 200 employees and 7,500 students needing access to a variety of facilities and spaces, administrative leaders at the institution increasingly found that the system for printing IDs was subpar and did not position the college well for the future. Specifically, they needed IDs that could stand the test of time, withstanding the wear and tear — common for students on the go — in a secure and tamper resistant way.

“We were facing ongoing delays due to printer faults such as card jams, ribbon and film defects, and misalignment of signatures and pictures. Often these issues would cancel out the entire printing process,” said John Errol Caras, Head, MIS Development Team of Diocese of Iba Educational Foundation, Inc. “We needed a better solution that could enable near effortless distribution of student and personnel IDs, while also producing a high-quality product.”

As Columban College sought to improve security and accessibility, a reliable printing solution was a top priority. A modernized solution that minimizes wait times would also enhance employee and student satisfaction.

SOLUTION

HID® FARGO® HDP6600

A fast, efficient, and secure solution.



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Columban College partnered with Commerce Asia and chose HID FARGO HDP6600 retransfer printer—along with full-color ribbons, retransfer film and cards. While the printer's 600 dpi resin printing capabilities produce more brilliant colors, sharper images and crisper text—the use of retransfer film ensures that IDs are not only tamper-

resistant but durable. Because images and text are first printed onto retransfer film that is then fused to the card's surface, card imagery essentially destroys itself if any attempts are made to remove or manipulate it. Moreover, the film provides a natural barrier between the card's printed elements and the outside world. As a result, finished credentials inherently resist wear and tear. The printers also come with top-of-the-line cleaning materials that optimize printer performance.

"We recognized the challenge Columban College faced in terms of balancing ease of access with the highest level of security amid rapid growth. Based on our experience with HID, we knew the solutions would position the institution well for future initiatives," said Katherine Marie P. Llamzon, President of Commerce Asia. "Now students and staff have access to a state-of-the-art ID issuance process that streamlines workflows and reflects the modern experience that today's consumers expect."

The HDP6600 makes on-the-spot issuance of multifunctional student IDs fast and efficient and supports high-definition printing. Able to print up to 230 cards per hour, the solution supports sharp, crisp images with high quality, 600-dpi high resolution capabilities. In addition, the advanced solution simplifies inline personalized credentialing into a single step and provides advanced security features with the option to add physical locks.

RESULT

Following an easy, hassle-free implementation process, Columban College is now reaping the benefits of a reliable, efficient and secure card issuance system. According to Caras, deployment of the new solution required only the installation of a driver and software, and then the upgraded card issuance program was up and running. Today, dual-sided, color ID cards are printed in just over a minute.

"HID is a recognized global leader for reliable card issuance solutions, and we are thrilled with our new high-definition printers. They have reduced the time it takes to print the first ID card by half, while doubling overall throughput when compared to many alternatives," Caras said. "Rapid, secure issuance is a game changer for Columban College, and our students and staff are pleased with the new attractive ID."



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