

A photograph showing several hands of different skin tones stacked on top of each other in a pyramid shape, symbolizing collaboration. The background is a blurred office setting.

# THE POWER — OF — COLLABORATION



Best wishes for a holiday season filled with things that bring you joy and brighten your spirits.

As always it is an honor to serve our state association members and you, their member colleges and universities. We look forward to a busy and productive 2023 helping you reduce costs, streamline operations, and increase efficiency on your campus.

*Lyen, Anita, and Keith*

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



### Clery Act Solutions and Support

With the Fall 2022 semester coming to a close, there is no better time to plan ahead for your 2023 Clery Act compliance obligations. Grand River Solutions' team of Clery specialists is available to support your institution's staff with on-demand consulting, preparing the Annual Security Report (ASR), data reconciliation, and more. Our work is bolstered by cutting-edge software that ensures the highest level of data security and integrity while being easy-to-use for your staff. Read more about our suite of Clery offerings [HERE](#).

[Contact us today to discuss your school's Clery Act needs and explore our comprehensive support offerings!](#)

### 2023 Clery Act Trainings

Don't miss our upcoming Clery Act training sessions with our resident Clery expert, [Joseph Storch](#)! Joseph is a nationally recognized expert on the Clery Act, Title IX, student affairs, and due/fair process who serves as Grand River Solutions' Senior Director of Compliance and Innovation Solutions.

Our January 2023 Clery Act training sessions will cover key components of the Clery Act, including response requirements, reporting, geography, and related campus safety laws. [Sign up for all or part of our Clery trainings](#) using the discount code **CCCS22**.



# Grand River Solutions 2023 Trainings

## Training Solutions

Grand River Solutions offers Title IX, Clery Act, ADA/504, and DEI training facilitated by a team of highly-skilled subject-matter experts. Our sessions give attendees the knowledge and guidance of best practices, and practical advice needed to excel in their roles. [Register for 2023 Sessions Now!](#)



### [Title IX Training](#)



### [Clery Act Training](#)

[Contact us to Learn More about Custom  
Tailored Training](#)

## PROGRAM UPDATES



The most wonderful time of the year is upon us, which means hackers and fraudsters are already hard at work on new ways to scam you, your college, and even your family. Letting your guard down while celebrating is easy, but there are ways to keep devious fraudsters from robbing you of your festive mood (and more!) while you enjoy the holiday season.

Paymerang recently hosted a **Holiday Fraud Training** webinar where Senior Fraud Analyst, Sierra Lindgren, and Security Operations Specialist, Josh Black, covered the latest fraud trends and how to mitigate the risk of payment fraud and ransomware attacks during the holidays and beyond.

Watch the Recording [HERE](#)



Read More [HERE](#)



## Linked In Review Request

Paymerang invites current clients to [share their experience on Paymerang's Linked In Page](#). Your feedback will help Paymerang better understand your experience and help your peers decide if Paymerang's services are a good fit for their business office.

If you are not yet a Paymerang client and are curious about how Paymerang is working in business offices like yours, see below and visit [Paymerang's Linked In Page](#) to see what your peers are saying.

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- VP Finance and Administration, Columbia College

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The Higher Education Systems & Services Consortium

The Coalition and the **Higher Education Systems & Services (HESS) Consortium** recently hosted a webinar announcing their new strategic partnership and what it could mean for your institution.

Founded by private college & university chief information officers and chief financial officers in 2014, the [HESS Consortium](#) is a community of practice around information technology and operations in private higher education. The Consortium's primary work is centered around developing programs, buying agreements, savings, and collaboration with administrative enterprise system providers (ERP/SIS/HCM/Financial Aid and more).

Current enterprise system partners include Anthology, Ellucian, Jenzabar, Oracle and Workday as well as several technology consultants, cloud providers, implementation, and integration solution providers.

>> **[Watch the Recorded HESS Information Session HERE](#)** <<

In celebration of this new strategic partnership, HESS has *waived membership fees* for its entire national membership and all new potential private, non-profit colleges and universities for 2022-2023! [Register for free membership in the HESS Consortium](#)

Questions? Contact Keith Fowlkes at [keith.fowlkes@hessconsortium.org](mailto:keith.fowlkes@hessconsortium.org) or call 859.516.3571.



The Coalition Purchasing Card Program, managed by First American Education Finance, is a great way for Coalition members to **earn group rebates based on the aggregate spend of participating member schools.**

Additional member-only benefits:

- No annual fees
- No minimum per college spend to earn rebates
- No accelerated bill payment required to receive rebates

**Join us for a live, interactive webinar!**

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. EST

Click **[HERE](#)** to register!

Hosted by **Ben Jacobs, Product Specialist**, 585.643.3369, [ben.jacobs@faef.com](mailto:ben.jacobs@faef.com)

## COALITION PROGRAM DIRECTORY

Click [HERE](#) for details about these programs and contact information.

### FINANCE

EZLease

[Lease Accounting Compliance](#)

Mindstream

**Management Consulting**

First American Education Finance

**Purchasing Card**

**Project Financing**

Paymerang

[Invoice and Payment Automation](#)

Transact/Cashnet

**Incoming Payment Processing**

MCAG

[Settlement Recovery Services](#)

### TITLE IX / DEI

Grand River Solutions

**DEI/Title IX support, Climate Surveys**

### ATHLETICS

CBIZ Borden Perlman Sports

**Intercollegiate Sports Insurance**

### HEALTH/WELLNESS

UnitedHealthcare

**Student Health Insurance**

**Employee Health Insurance**

**Telehealth, Behavioral Health**

### HR

UnitedHealthcare

**Employee Health Insurance**

Liberty Mutual

**Auto and Home Insurance**

AffinityLTC

**Long Term Care Insurance**

Health Benefits Management

**Remodel Health**

### FACILITIES/ENVIRONMENTAL

Fastenal

[MRO and Construction Supplies](#)

First American Education Finance

**Project Financing**

### TELECOM/IT

Granite Telecommunications

[Telecom Solutions](#)

HESS Consortium

**ERP**

### LEGAL

MCAG

[Settlement Recovery Services](#)

IMA

**Property/Casualty/Risk**

**Management/Cyber/Active Aggressor**

## The Coalition and its Program Partners Who We Are and What We Do



Visit the playlist – [Who We Are and What We Do](#) on our YouTube channel. Learn about the Coalition and the valuable goods and services our program partners offer private colleges under the Coalition umbrella. Subscribe to be notified when new videos are added.

### Program Overview Videos

(+/- 2 minutes each)

Quickly determine programs of interest to research further:

### [The Coalition – Who We Are and What We Do](#)

### [EZLease Accounting Software Overview](#)

### [About Granite Telecommunications](#)

### [Settlement Recovery Services from MCAG](#)

### [Payment Automation from Paymerang](#)

### [Maintenance, Repairs, and Operations Management from Fastenal](#)

Learn more about all the Coalition's cost-saving and transformative programs [HERE](#)



## NEWS from STATE ASSOCIATIONS



Maryland Independent College  
and University Association

### MICUA Announces New President

**Matthew Power** has been appointed as the next President of MICUA, effective Dec. 7.

Matt is no stranger to MICUA having served for five years as their VP for Government Relations under Tina Bjarekull managing the association's business affiliate program, and leading numerous consortium initiatives to drive down costs for member institutions. After two years as Chief Administrative Officer for Anne Arundel County, Matt returns to MICUA replacing Sara Fidler who led the organization from November 2019 through October 2022.



**Welcome back, MATT!**



### AVIC Announces New President

After 14 years as president of AVIC, Susan Stitely will be stepping down from the position of President. Susan will continue working at AVIC as Strategic Advisor.

Kimberly Jessup, AVIC's current Advisor to the President will serve as AVIC's new President.



**Welcome, Kimberly!**



### CICV Announces New President

Former state legislator and practicing attorney, **Christopher K. Peace**, will become the next president of CICV following the conclusion of the 2023 regular session of the Virginia General Assembly.

Peace, a former state legislator, currently practices law in Richmond. He is a graduate of CICV member schools Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Richmond School of Law.



**Welcome, Chris!**

## COALITION MEETINGS and EVENTS

### Recent Events

**Introduction to the HESS Consortium** – Watch the recording [HERE](#)

**Holiday Fraud Training Webinar hosted by Paymerang** - Watch the Recording [HERE](#)

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### Upcoming Events

**PCard Introduction:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 [REGISTER HERE](#)

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