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CourseNetworking Signs with Eastern Mennonite University to Utilize ePortfolio to Drive Curricular Changes

CourseNetworking is proud to announce another institution-wide adoption of the CN ePortfolio system at [Eastern Mennonite University \(EMU\)](http://www.emu.edu).

EMU is a private Mennonite university based in Harrisonburg, Virginia, known for its exceptional record of graduate employment success, student athletics, and sustainability and intercultural education.

As part of its updated curriculum, EMU Core, the university has licensed the CN ePortfolio to support students in documenting and reflecting on their engagement in the EMU Core themes, which include environmental sustainability, faith & meaning, intercultural understanding, and power & equity, across a wide range of academic disciplines. In addition, with the CN ePortfolio system, students at EMU will showcase their professional skills in communication, interpersonal intelligence, and innovative and applied learning.

The university will integrate ePortfolios across all academic programs and throughout students' academic careers. The process will begin with new students building their initial ePortfolios in the EMU Portfolio course, and then adding evidence of engagement with the EMU Core themes as part of each Core Liberal arts course. Students in the Senior Portfolio course will enrich their professional skills showcases and use them to prepare for job interviews.

Kirsten Beachy, Director of EMU Core Curriculum at EMU, is leading the portfolio committee and is enthusiastic about how the ePortfolio will drive curricular change and student success at the university. The CN team has provided initial training, suggested an implementation plan, and offered resources to the EMU portfolio committee. Faculty development is scheduled for August, after which the ePortfolio will be piloted in the first-year Portfolio course as well as selected Core requirement courses this fall. The university expects to scale up the implementation in the following years and eventually graduate students with a complete ePortfolio.

"EMU's adoption of the CN ePortfolio system is a major step forward in its commitment to providing its students with the best possible educational experience, while also offering leaders and faculty new and innovative ways to assist and assess student growth," according to Dr. Ali Jafari, the Founder and CEO of CourseNetworking. The CN team is looking forward to collaborating with the EMU portfolio committee along each step of the implementation to ensure the success of the initiative.

CourseNetworking, LLC is an Indianapolis-based educational technology company with seed funding from Indiana University. The CN platform offers a next-generation learning environment that includes lifelong ePortfolio, academic social networking, and LMS to educators and learners around the world.