

Returning to the Classroom:

Is Hybrid Teaching Here to Stay?

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Saginaw Valley State University

- Located near Saginaw, Michigan
- ~8,700 students and ~1,200 Faculty/Staff
- 100+ Undergraduate and Graduate programs
- NCAA Division II GLIAC Conference
- Mascot: "Coop" the Cardinal
- Founded in 1963
- Rated in Top 5% of Business Schools Globally by the Princeton Review
- Ranked a Top 50 Best Value Engineering School Nationally
- World's Best Undergraduate Formula Racing Team
- National Top 20 Moot Court Program







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- Before the Pandemic
- During the Pandemic
- Technologies or Tactics Used for Academic Continuity
- Benefits and Successes Derived from Academic Continuity
- Looking Ahead: How COVID-19 Permanently Changed the Future of Teaching
- Lessons Learned and Advice



Before the Pandemic

- Campus Initiatives
- NEST New Expectations for a Safer Tomorrow
- Polled faculty/students
 - Faculty and student-driven solutions
- Weekly meetings with various committees
- Students wanted to be in classroom, or similar experience





Before the Pandemic Software

- Supported tools for online/hybrid teaching:
 - Echo360
 - Microsoft Teams/Skype
 - Lifesize
 - Canvas
 - Canvas Conferencing (Free Version)



Before the Pandemic Hardware

- 180+ classrooms equipped with Smart Podiums
- Echo360 Hardware
 - 11 SCHD, 10 Pro's, 1 POD
- Classroom capture installed by request
- Small class sizes, mostly all in person with about 7-10% online/hybrid



During the Pandemic Spring/Summer

- All classes taught online
 - Canvas Conferencing (20 concurrent)*
 - Zoom (~60 users)*
 - Echo360 Universal Capture: Personal
 - 2019 Recordings ~1,500
 - 2020 Recordings ~8,700
- Prepared for Fall 2020 semester
 - Created temporary classrooms to accommodate social distancing*
 - Added 50 Echo360 POD's including new cameras and microphones*
 - Installed Universal Capture: Classroom in all rooms used for teaching*





During the Pandemic Fall

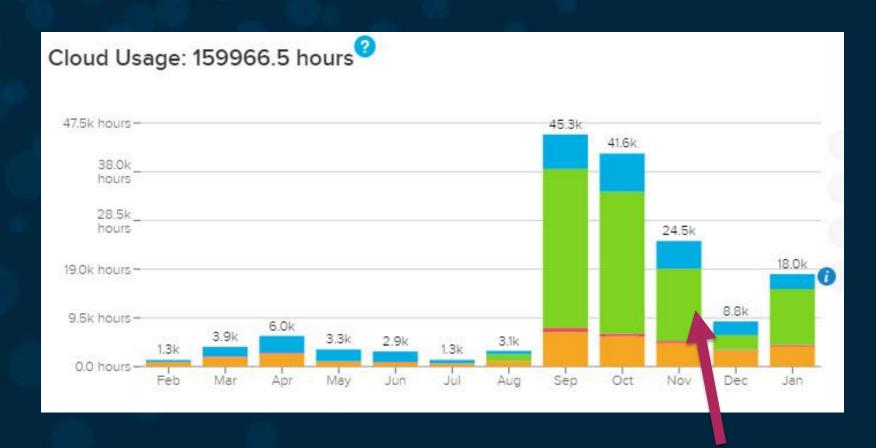
- Classes were split into groups to accommodate social distancing.
- Encouraged scheduled Echo360 recordings.
- Echo360 was one of the most widely used tools for hybrid/online learning.
- Microsoft Teams, Zoom and Canvas Conferencing were also used.
- Echo360 growth was quite impressive...





10x Increase in Cloud Usage

- Averaged 3,000 hours of cloud usage to over 30,000 hours a month in the Fall.
- Virtually no live streaming to over 30,000 a month.
- 4,000+ scheduled captures for the Fall and Winter semesters.



Classes went fully online per Gov. Order Nov 16 Current as of 1/27/21, Classes started 1/11/21



Tools Added to Educate Students in Different Modalities

- Echo360 hardware in 50+ rooms, and classroom capture in all rooms
- Zoom Education Account
- Canvas Conferencing (free to paid)
- Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor
- Extensive checkout of equipment for students, faculty and staff



Benefits and Successes of Our Academic Continuity

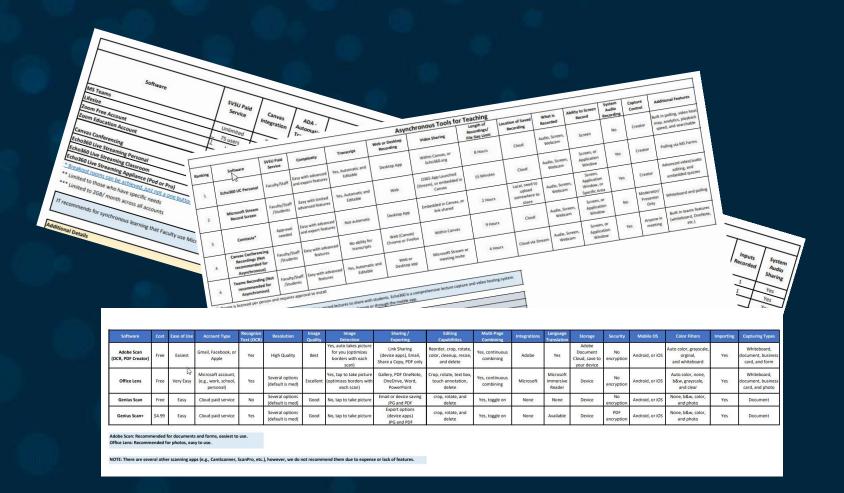
- Unexpected benefit was advancing the university in technology usage so rapidly. The time spent creating documentation and videos will continue to be valuable.
- Training was a huge success, near 6x growth.





Benefits Continued

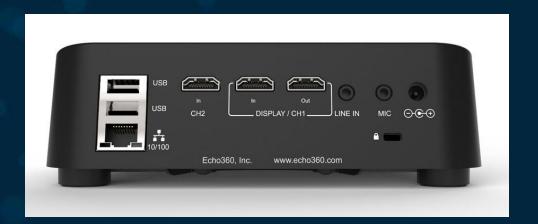
- Several supported tools all with different features.
 - Created comparison documents.
- Faculty want to use what they are comfortable with.
 - Created lots of knowledge articles and videos.
- Students want to use the same tools for all classes.
 - Still working to simplify.





Looking Ahead: The Future of Teaching

- With the added hardware investment and simplicity Echo360 will continue to be widely used.
- Echo360 Pod's are a great value in terms of scalability.
- Classroom capture installed proactively.
- Types of classes forever changed.





Lessons Learned and Advice



Automate as much as possible



Offer lots of training and resources



Communicate expectations



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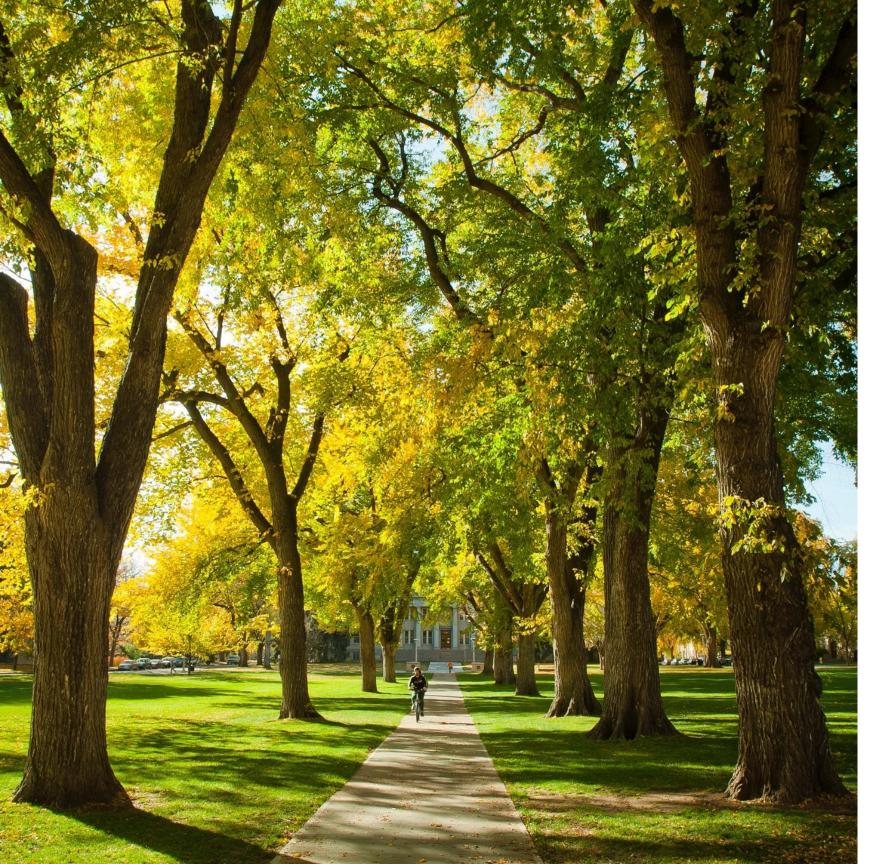
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- Located in Fort Collins, Colorado
- ~32,800 students
- ~1,900 faculty
- Public land-grant institution founded in 1870
- Nearly 300 academic programs – undergraduate, graduate, & doctoral
- One of the nation's top public research universities
- Carnegie R1 institution



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Pre-COVID

- Echo360 installed in 65 classrooms
 - Almost exclusively used for courses offered through CSU
 Online
- Limited hybrid learning
 - Echo360 Classroom & Universal Capture, Zoom,
 Canvas, BigBlueButton, ProctorU



During the Pandemic – Spring & Summer 2020

- Extended spring break
- Transitioned to fully online & remained fully online through the summer
 - Recommended asynchronous learning
 - Echo360, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Canvas, BigBlueButton,
 Respondus LockDown Browser + Monitor
- Established Keep Teaching & Learning and Teaching Continuity & Recovery Teams
- Created Keep Teaching & Keep Learning websites



Preparing for Fall 2020

- Lecture capture expansion initiative
 - Quickly tripled Echo360 installations on campus
 - Classrooms, Lory Student Center ballrooms, & mobile carts
 - Echo360 PODs, cameras, doc cams, boundary microphones
 - Echo360 now available in 194 locations on campus
 - Scheduled all lectures in Echo360 classrooms to record
 - Renewed Echo360 contract to include unlimited cloud usage & Automatic Transcription Service (ASR)

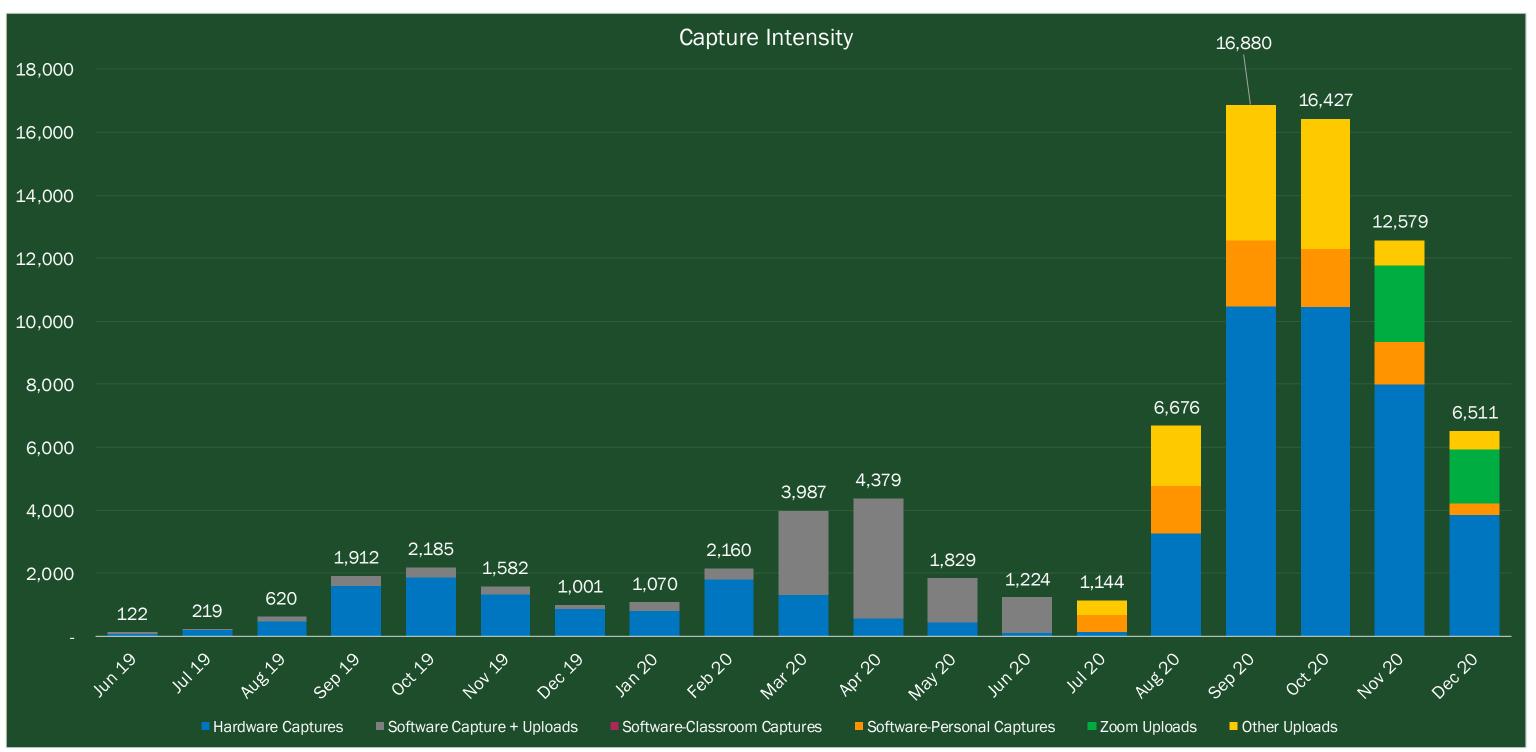


Fall 2020 – Hybrid Learning

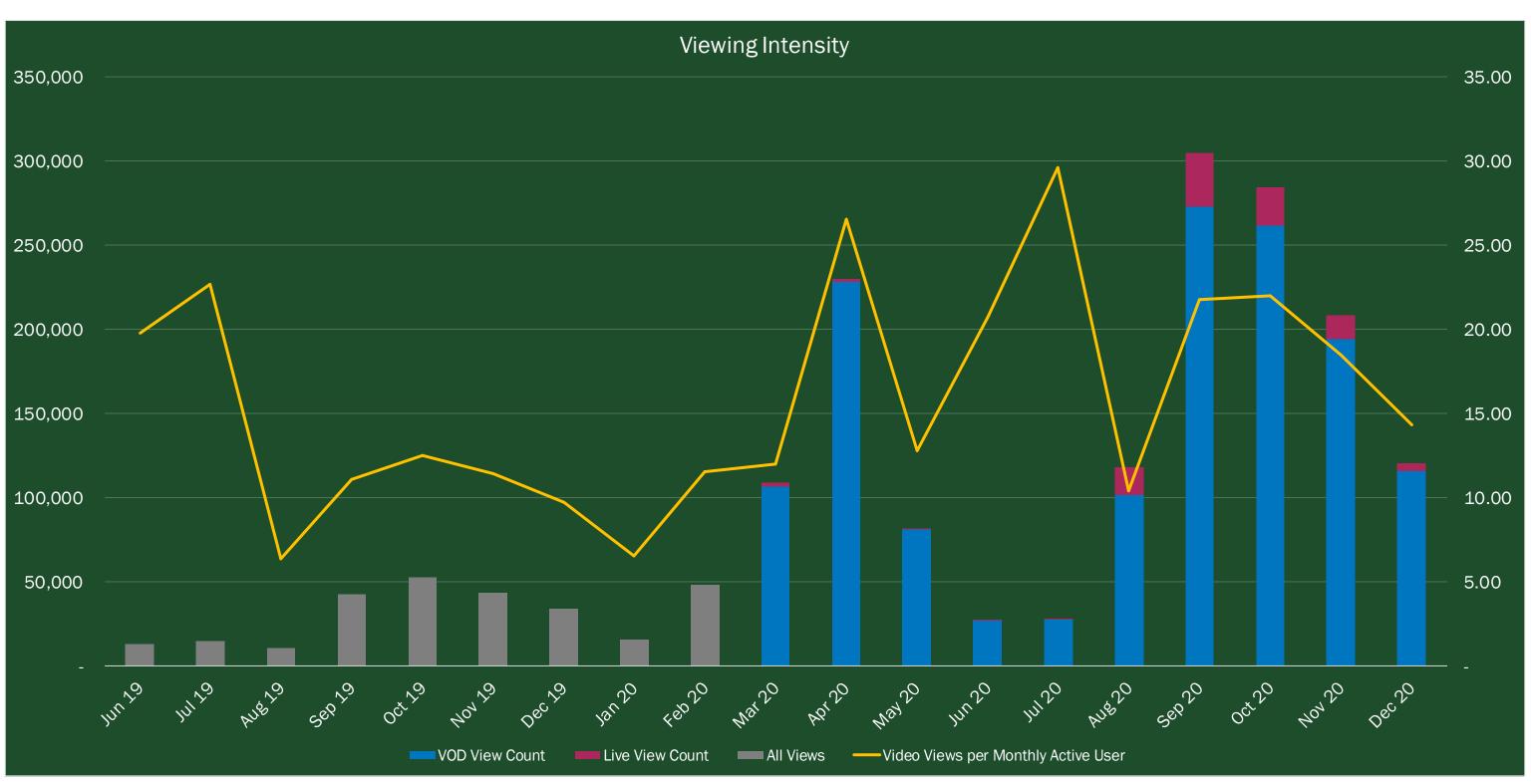
- Limited in-person learning due to social distancing requirements
- Recommended synchronous learning
- Remote computer lab access
- Echo360 required for all courses requiring captioning
- Hybrid learning tools included Echo360, Microsoft Teams, Zoom,
 Canvas, iClicker Cloud, Respondus LockDown Browser + Monitor



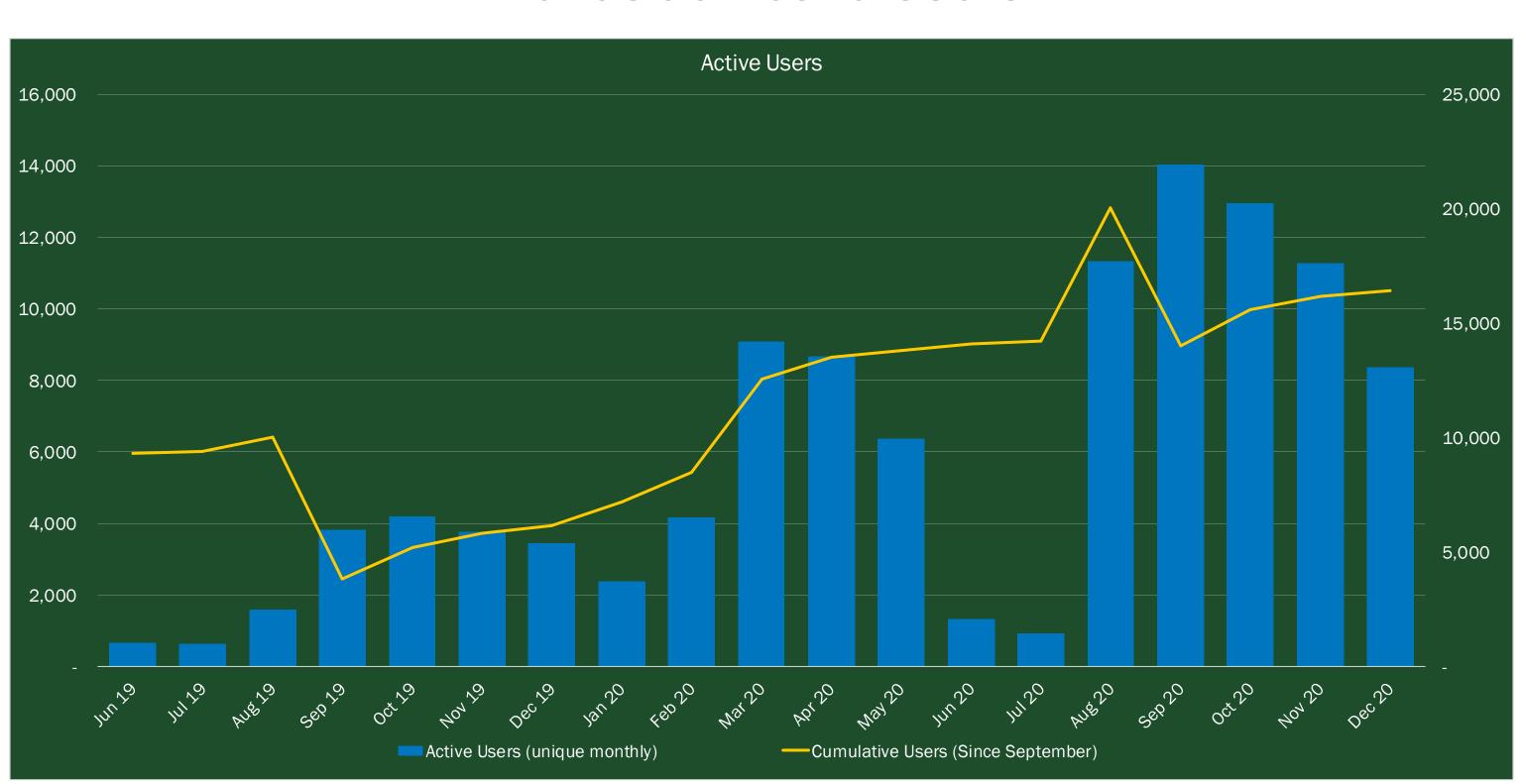
Videos Created/Uploaded



Echo360 Video Views



Echo360 Active Users



Lessons Learned & Looking Ahead in 2021

- Standardize on tools to minimize platform fatigue & simplify support
- Benefits of Echo360 extend beyond simply capturing the lecture
 - Study tool, benefits of transcription, confusion flags, etc.
 - Can be easily edited by instructors for improved transcripts, to improve video quality by removing periods of silence, etc.
- Incorporating the use of Echo360 into course pedagogy





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Resources:

More Stories on Hybrid & Online Teaching: echo360.com/blog

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