



THE POWER — OF — COLLABORATION

As a benefit of your state private higher education association membership, you have access to many cost-saving and transformative programs negotiated on your behalf by [The Coalition for College Cost Savings](#) (Coalition).

The Coalition offers programs of interest to Athletics, Facilities, Finance, HR, Title IX / DEI, Student Services, Technology, Legal, Risk Management, and more. For a complete list, visit [Coalition Programs](#).

Please share this newsletter with others on your campus so they can learn about the benefits of these programs, negotiated on your behalf by The Coalition and your state private higher education association.

Visit [The Coalition Website](#) for more details about each available program, and contact Anita at The Coalition (girelli@thecoalition.us) with questions.



Key Benefits

- ✓ **Automate Troubleshooting**
 Reduce the burden on IT personnel and non-technical site contacts
- ✓ **Enhance Network Visibility & Control**
 Conveniently schedule or manually reboot devices
 View overall network health, device metrics, and recent events
 Adjust the self-healing algorithm across your fleet or at the device-level
 Analyze trends in network performance to ameliorate chronic issues
- ✓ **Security First Design**
 Data encrypted at rest and in transit, private cellular connection,
 2FA portal authentication, and rigorously tested with ethical hacking firms
- ✓ **Introduces Redundancy**
 To your network via out-of-band LTE connection and console access for
 connected device(s)
- ✓ **Flexibility & Scalability**
 edgeboot is effortless to install and preconfigured for quick deployment,
 allowing it to blend seamlessly into most existing network topologies
- ✓ **Network Monitoring, Alerting, & Support**
 All included: Granite's NOC will take immediate action if a reboot does not
 restore service including contacting and dispatching the underlying ISP,
 among additional customizable device-specific directives

Significantly Reduce

Network downtime, effort spent on troubleshooting, and money spent on dispatch technicians

Granite edgeboot is a managed PDU with a customizable, self-healing algorithm that can accurately detect when there is an issue with a connected modem or network edge device. Granite edgeboot takes action(s) up to and including a hard reboot to restore connectivity – all without employee intervention to keep your business running smoothly.



Web Application

edgeboot's online portal allows users to easily view and manage their edgeboot devices, analyze events and network trends, and adjust their alerting preferences



Dashboard

Manual Reboot: 89% Success Rate

Total edgeboot Devices: 300

Total Reboots: 125

Site ID	Device Name	Location	Uptime	Profile
Granite - Store 99	Bridgewater	Bridgewater, MA	00:00:00	Retail Stores
Granite - Store 73	Boston	Boston, MA	34:23:04	Retail Stores
Granite - Store 2	Brockton	Brockton, MA	14:12:05	Retail Stores



SAVINGS ANALYSIS

Existing Inventory & Savings Comparison Audit

COST FREE & NON-BINDING



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COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES AUDIT

Granite provides comprehensive audits of all existing telecommunications services. These audits come without cost or obligation. Most importantly, they average 26.3% net savings.
(Statistics gathered C.Y. 2018)

HOW IT WORKS

Step 1

Provide Granite a site list with local addresses for each physical location where you currently have voice/data requirements.

Step 2

Furnish latest month of invoices for all services in question:

Internet

- Fiber
- Cable/ DSL
- Wireless
- Satellite

Voice

- Analog
- PRI
- VoIP
- Mobile


Network

- MPLS
- Managed VPN
- SD-WAN
- Layer 2, Point-to-Point

Step 3

In two weeks' time Granite will return a full detailed report of every service you have, where you have it, and what you pay for it. Coupled with your existing inventory will be Granite's rate and your net savings. Ultimately Granite's goal will be to provide one online portal for all invoices and one dedicated account manager to handle support needs across your organization.

GRANITE FACTS

 Customers include 85 of the Fortune 100 companies

 24 / 7 / 365 US Based Concierge Customer Support

 Over \$200 million in charitable donations



[**CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE AN INITIAL DISCUSSION & SERVICE PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW TODAY!**](#)

Coalition ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM



Six Leading Higher Education Institutions Awarded Grants in the Coalition Energy Sustainability Program

The Coalition Energy Sustainability Program (ESP) is a collaborative initiative designed to provide private, nonprofit schools with the resources and support necessary to transition their campuses towards sustainable energy environments. The program aims to facilitate decarbonization, reduce energy operating expenses, enhance resiliency, address deferred maintenance, and achieve other related campus objectives.

Six esteemed educational institutions have been selected to receive grants to fund comprehensive campus strategic assessments led by Ecosystem. These assessments will serve as the foundation for developing actionable roadmaps tailored to their specific campus objectives. With the support of the Coalition ESP, these schools will embark on a path towards a greener, more sustainable future.



Ithaca, NY



Portland, OR



Milwaukee, WI



Atlanta, GA



Atlanta, GA



New York, NY

These institutions stood out in a crowded and highly qualified applicant field. All the grant applicants demonstrated an impressive commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. However, each selected school's unique vision and goals align seamlessly with the mission of the Coalition ESP. Over the coming months, they will collaborate with Ecosystem, First American, and Solar Financing Solutions to assess and enhance their energy practices on their campuses.

Just as the Coalition ESP looks forward to working closely with these institutions and facilitating their journey toward energy sustainability, we anticipate collaborating with a wide range of Coalition members to help them reach their goals. Together, they will contribute to a more environmentally conscious education sector and a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

For more information about the Coalition Energy Sustainability Program and its initiatives, please visit <https://www.thecoalition.us/energy-sustainability-program>.

NEWS from PROGRAM PARTNERS



Each academic year, thousands of highly motivated students, parents, friends and families, prospective students, athletic fans, alumni, registrants and guests travel to your campus for institutionally sponsored conferences and events.

When your campus hosts an event that brings visitors from out of town, your campus should be getting the benefits, which include **hotel data, reporting and commission!**

If you are not, Campus Travel Management will provide the tools to make it possible. They will also build and maintain a state-of-the-art hotel portal for your website that makes reservations easy for out-of-town visitors and reduces your site manager's workload.

CTM hosted an introductory webinar in September. If you missed it, the recording is [HERE](#).



PCard Annual Report

The Coalition is pleased to announce that the First American Education Finance PCard Program met its goal of reaching the **maximum rebate percentage tier of 1.40%** on qualified purchases* for the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 annual cycle! In addition to a substantial rebate based on the group's aggregate purchases, participants enjoy a state-of-the-art administrative system for managing PCard use on their campuses.

If you are looking for a PCard program for your campus with no minimum spend requirements, no annual fees, generous payment terms and flexible administrative controls, contact:

Ben Jacobs, Senior Product Specialist: ben.jacobs@faef.com, (585) 643-3369

FAEF will host a **live, interactive webinar on Monday, September 25 at 2:00 eastern** to review the benefits of the program, demonstrate the online platform, and answer your questions as you decide if the Coalition PCard program is right for your campus.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



With rising inflation and interest rates, it is essential for insureds to review their reported values and increase them if necessary to ensure they reflect accurate replacement costs and current business income.

To understand better how inflation is impacting the insurance market for valuations and renewals, please read IMA's latest [Markets in Focus](#)

The advertisement features logos for Paymerang, the Coalition for College Cost Savings, and a "webinar series" label. The main headline in pink text reads "RECLAIM 80% OF YOUR PAYMENT PROCESSING TIME WITH AP AUTOMATION". Below this, two dates are listed with calendar icons: "10/3 @ 12:00 PM" and "10/6 @ 12:00 PM". On the right, a circular portrait of Tom Smith, an Account Executive at Paymerang, is shown against a brick wall background.

Want to save hundreds of hours, enhance visibility, increase accuracy, and improve efficiency in your AP department while reducing paper, fraud risks, and operating costs?

Then check out Paymerang's upcoming webinars on October 3rd at 12 PM or October 6th at 12 PM.

Learn how embracing automation will empower your staff to obliterate obstacles and focus more on strategic initiatives.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



MCAG is excited to announce that a major milestone has been reached in the Visa/Mastercard Settlement. The court that oversees the case set a deadline of July 24th for any appeals to be filed to the United States

Supreme Court. That date has passed, and the parties are currently preparing to administer the claims process. In addition to this important news, just last week, the Judge in this case appointed a Special Master to resolve any issues relating to the Plan of Administration and Distribution for this settlement.

What Does This Mean for You?

Finalizing the settlement is one of the last hurdles before a notice and claim form can be sent to class members, which triggers the start of the claim filing period.

PLEASE NOTE: When claim forms become available, MCAG clients will not have to complete or submit any documents—MCAG will handle the claim submission on your behalf.

What Do You Need to Do?

If you are not yet an MCAG client, there is still time to [enroll](#). Eliminate the need to review settlement documents, track important dates, and gather, analyze, and submit claim forms. Let seasoned industry experts work on your behalf on the Visa/MC settlement AND future settlements for which you qualify as a class member.

As an MCAG client, if no money is recovered, MCAG does not charge or retain a fee. If money *is* recovered, MCAG retains a special Coalition-discounted contingent fee of 20% of the obtained recovery.

It's your money...MCAG wants to help you get it back!

Speaking of getting money back, MCAG recently distributed checks totaling almost \$17,000 to clients that are Coalition members from two settlements involving Epi Pen manufacturers.

MCAG is enrolling new clients now. To enroll under the Coalition agreement, **go to:** <https://www.srs.mcaginc.com/?code=CCCS50>. Click Register Today. Fill in your business information and wait for your enrollment confirmation.

Disclaimer: On December 13, 2019 the Court granted final approval of the settlement filed on September 18, 2018 for the Rule 23(b)(3) Class Plaintiffs in this action. No claim forms are available at this time, and no claim-filing deadline exists. No-cost assistance will be available from the Class Administrator and Class Counsel during any claims-filing period. No one is required to sign up with any third-party service in order to participate in any settlement. For additional information regarding the status of the litigation, interested persons may visit www.paymentcardsettlement.com, the Court-approved website for this case.



DEAR COLLEAGUES DIALOGUES

Title IX Coordinators across the country have been putting off making necessary revisions to their current policies in anticipation of new Title IX regulations that just keep getting delayed. Join the GRS community for a discussion about the risks of delaying updates and what we can do now to set us up for success for implementing the New Regs once they get released.

[Join us on The River Connect.](#)

OCTOBER TITLE IX TRAININGS

Sign up for this Fall's open Title IX trainings, hosted by our team of experts. Each session equips attendees with the knowledge, guidance of best practices, and practical advice needed to excel in their roles while maintaining compliance with relevant regulatory guidelines and policies. Getting the essentials down is the best way to prep for the NEW REGS.

October 4: [Title IX Advisor Training](#) October 11: [Bias Awareness and Mitigation Training](#)

Explore Boston University's Free Training for Sexual Assault Counselors

Grand River Solutions partnered with Boston University to produce a new online training about autism and providing counseling services to autistic college students. The training was designed for college sexual assault counselors who work with survivors of sexual assault and harassment. Therapists and other school personnel will also find the training helpful. Autism Training for Sexual Assault Counselors is now available free of charge from Boston University.

[Learn more or take the course here](#)

NEW COALITION/HESS PROGRAM PARTNERS



[Monetize Unused IPv4 Addresses & Fund IT Upgrades](#)

[Download Brander Group's IPv4 Whitepaper](#)



[D2L](#) is a global learning innovation company helping organizations reshape the future of education and work. Driven by the belief that everyone deserves access to high-quality education, regardless of their age, ability or location. No matter what, where or how you teach, D2L empowers you with the technology, service and support you need to take learning to the next level.



[Doctums](#) is a management and technology consulting firm solely committed to higher education. They bring years of deep experience to provide bespoke support in strategy, administration, and the student experience, unlocking the potential of technology you already have. [Introductory Webinar](#)



From procurement to ERP, project and change management, to implementation, CRM, BI and analytics, [SIG's extensive consulting services](#) can help your school reach new levels of success.

About the HESS Consortium



[The HESS Consortium](#) is primarily a community of practice among CIOs and CFOs in private, non-profit higher education. HESS focuses on collectively lowering costs and increasing collaboration among private colleges and universities in the area of administrative systems and services.

If your school is not already a HESS member, we invite you to [JOIN HERE](#) (it's **FREE for Coalition member schools**). Save money through HESS/Coalition vendor partnerships and start building relationships with over 330 other IT professionals from private, nonprofit colleges and universities nationwide.

COALITION PROGRAM PARTNERS

The programs listed below have been thoroughly investigated and vetted to provide discounted pricing and/or enhanced terms and conditions unavailable elsewhere.

Athletics	CBIZ Borden Perlman Sports	Intercollegiate Sports Insurance
Energy / Sustainability	Ecosystems, Solar Financing Solutions, First American Education Finance	Energy Sustainability Program
Facilities	Fastenal	MRO and Construction Solutions
	First American Education Finance	Project Financing
Finance	Benerē	Supplemental Benefits
	Campus Travel Management	Hotel Revenue
	EZLease	Lease Accounting Software
	First American Education Finance	Purchasing Card
	First American Education Finance	Project Financing
	IMA	Property/Casualty Risk Management
	Managed Care Advisory Group	Settlement Recovery Services
	Mindstream	Management Consulting
	Paymerang	Procure to Pay Automation
Gender, Safety & Equity	Grand River Solutions	Harassment and Discrimination Solutions
Health / Wellness	United Healthcare	Student Health Insurance
		Tele Health
		Tele Behavioral Health

Human Resources	AffinityLTC	Group Long Term Care Insurance
	Benerē	Supplemental Benefits
Legal	IMA	Risk Management
	Managed Care Advisory Group	Settlement Recovery Services
	Mindstream	Management Consulting
Technology/ Telecom	Brander Group	IPv4 Brokerage Services
	D2L	Learning Management System
	Doctums Global	IT Consulting
	Drivestream	Oracle Cloud Implementation
	Granite Telecommunications	Voice and Data Solutions
	Higher Ed Systems and Services Consortium (HESS)	Administrative Systems
	IMA	Cyber Insurance
	Moran Technology Consulting	IT Consulting
	Strata Information Group	IT Consulting



COALITION BUSINESS AFFILIATES



Coalition Business Affiliates are companies that support independent, nonprofit higher education and are committed to providing solutions and discounted pricing to Coalition member colleges and universities. These companies have been referred to The Coalition by at least three private, nonprofit colleges that use their products/services.

Company	Services	Contact
Entrinsik	Informer Reporting Enrole Registration Management, Ecommerce, & Reporting System	Simone McGrath , Sales Director
Higher Digital	Management consulting for ERP transformation projects	Wayne Bovier , CEO

The Future of Change Management in Higher Education

Change is the only constant in life, and digital change appears to be accelerating for the industry. So how do you stay on top of it all? Come listen in on how **Higher Digital** is helping HESS institutions approach change using new processes and tools built specifically for higher education that make managing ERP/SIS SaaS change faster and more successful.

October 3 at 11 am eastern [REGISTER HERE](#)

Presenter: Wayne Bovier, CEO / Founder – Higher Digital

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](#)

[The HESS Consortium \(Higher Education Systems and Services\)](#)

[Supplemental Benefits from BENERE](#)

[ERP and Technology Consulting from MORAN](#)

[Lease Accounting Compliance with EZLEASE](#)

[About GRANITE Telecommunications](#)

[Settlement Recovery Services from MCAG](#)

[Procure to Pay Automation from PAYMERANG](#)

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

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

MEETINGS and EVENTS

Recent Events

New Program Introduction: Campus Travel Management

[Watch Webinar Recording](#)

Upcoming Events

September 25 at 2:00 eastern: Coalition **PCard Program** introduction with **First American Education Finance** [REGISTER HERE](#)

October 3 at 11 am eastern: **The Future of Change Management in Higher Education** with **Higher Digital** [REGISTER HERE](#)

October 3 or October 6 at noon eastern: **Reclaim 80% of your Payment Processing Time with AP Automation** [REGISTER HERE](#)

October 5 at 11 am eastern: **De-risking an ERP Transformation through Data Transformation** with **Moran Technology Consulting** [REGISTER HERE](#)

October 24 at 11 am eastern: **Monetize Unused IPv4 Addresses and Fund IT Upgrades** with **The Brander Group** [REGISTER HERE](#)

