The Maryland Connector
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Program Highlights

Transitioning from the Configuration and Prototyping Phase to the Testing Phase

Finalizing the design of our consortium's Workday solution is a huge milestone for the program, marking the end of our Configuration and Prototyping Phase, and allowing us to officially transition to the Testing Phase. The team is currently working on building our new Workday tenant, which will be used for upcoming testing activities. The new Tenant will include our latest Financials (FIN) and Human Capital Management (HCM) configuration as well as each institution's converted data. The data conversion effort is a significant undertaking where each institution's Peoplesoft data is extracted and then loaded into the Workday Tenant. This effort will be repeated several times during the program implementation timeline and give us greater assurances that our data can be trusted as we march towards cutover and go-live next year. In June, our team will start our first End-to-End (E2E) testing cycle. E2E testing is a way to make sure that our designed Workday system behaves as expected and that the data accurately flows across all user tasks, processes, and external systems. This type of testing starts from the end user's perspective and simulates real-world scenarios.

Program Events

Maryland Connection Change Network Schedule Finalized

We are pleased to announce a comprehensive lineup of 12 engaging and informative monthly meetings scheduled July 2023 through July 2024. Maryland Connection change ambassadors will receive meeting invites for these virtual sessions next month! All meetings will be held Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 AM EST.

Date	Session Topic
July 13, 2023	Maryland Connection Relaunch, Workday Navigation & Self-Service and Workday Mobile Overview
August 10, 2023	Recruit to Hire and Onboarding in Workday
September 14, 2023	Time, Absence & Expenses in Workday
October 12, 2023	Adaptive Planning
November 9, 2023	Academic Staffing and Talent Management in Workday
December 14, 2023	Workday Security Role Mapping and Campus Security Role Assignments
January 11, 2024	Procurement in Workday
February 8, 2024	Workday Learning
March 14, 2024	Workday Tips & Tricks, Dashboards & Reports, and Training Registration
April 11, 2024	Training Registration & Training Preview
May 9, 2024	Cutover Basics and Post-Production Support Overview
June 13, 2024	Go-Live Preparation and Final Reminders

Maryland Connect in the Community

Maryland Connect Program Featured at MEEC Member Conference

At the 2023 Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC) Member Annual Meeting and Vendor Showcase on Wednesday, April 26, program team members from Attain Partners, Salisbury University and University System of Maryland joined forces to showcase the Maryland Connect Workday implementation in a session titled, "Benefits and Challenges of Deploying ERP for a Consortium of Universities." The panel discussion highlighted the efficiencies of collaboration between the Consortium universities, as well as the opportunity for member institutions to exchange ideas and agree on improved, standardized business processes.

During the panel discussion, education professionals representing institutions across the state of Maryland had the opportunity to ask our program team questions and share their own experiences with ERP transformations. Overall, the MEEC Conference was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievement of building the Maryland Connect consortium, and the hard work the program team has committed to the Workday implementation so far.