

The Kuali logo consists of the word "kuali" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "k" is white and set against a dark red square background, while the remaining letters "uali" are white.

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## **KPlus2 Helps Bring New Colleges to the Kuali Community in a New Way**

KPlus2, the tech-savvy Kuali consulting firm, is pleased to announce that it has signed a deal to develop a “Kuali Data Bus” for a consortium of community colleges in Massachusetts. Working with MIT’s Office of Digital Learning, KPlus2 will leverage the Kuali Student service contracts to connect community colleges to the Massachusetts one-stop career centers.

This marks the first time Kuali Student service contracts have been used purely as an integration point between different systems -- there is no Kuali built user interface nor Kuali supplied implementations on either side. With the Kuali Student Data Bus, the college and career systems will all talk the same language as defined by the Kuali Student service contracts. **This has the potential to expand the usage of Kuali and open it up beyond the immediate Kuali community.**

Instead of point-to-point integrations, everyone subscribes to the bus, consuming and producing real-time data exchanges. The schools and career centers will be able to slowly expand what information they choose to put on and take off the bus. This way, the current investments in their systems will not have to be thrown away. Instead, they could be more methodically improved and integrated over time.

The work is being funded via the Massachusetts Community Colleges and Workforce Development Transformation Agenda (MCCWDTA) grant funded by the United States Department of Labor. All code developed will be placed in open source. This proof of concept project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

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