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Education Analytics wins “New Customer of the Year” Award for Solver Implementation

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[**MADISON**, September 12, 2024] On August 13, 2024, Education Analytics (EA) was honored with the “New Customer of the Year” award for our implementation of Solver, a leading financial planning and analysis tool. This prestigious recognition highlights our commitment to innovation and excellence in financial reporting and underscores the exciting progress we’ve made in 2024. EA was presented with this award at the [**Solver ASCEND Americas 2024**](#) conference in Huntington Beach, California.

In early 2024, EA began a significant overhaul of our enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, refining dimensions, accounts, and processes to enhance our cost of goods sold (COGS) financial reporting. As part of this transformation, we adopted Solver to leverage its powerful integration with Microsoft Business Central. This decision allowed us to rapidly iterate on our financial models and visualize the impact of these changes on our financial statements in real time.

EA was supported during the implementation by Saffah Bukhari of Armanino, an organization that helped integrate and implement the software.

“Education Analytics is receiving The New Customer of the Year Award as they quickly embraced the solutions,” Bukhari said. “The award celebrates their proactive approach, active participation, and their commitment to excellence.”

[**Eric Cramer**](#), Finance Manager at Education Analytics, who accepted the award at the Solver Annual Conference, commented, “Switching to Solver early in 2024 allowed us to rapidly iterate and visualize the impact of our financial modeling changes in real time, enhancing our decision-making process. As a non-profit committed to responsible resource allocation, our transition to Solver allows us to maintain the highest standards of financial reporting for internal and external use.”

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and expertise of EA's Finance and Accounting team. [Scott Bowers](#) led the development of several key financial reports, diving deep into the data warehousing functions and troubleshooting integration issues along the way. Financial Controller [Maxin Dhanawade](#) played a critical role in utilizing these new reports and resources during our month-end process, ensuring that our financial presentations to the C-suite were both accurate and insightful.

“ERPs are crucial for non-profits like EA because they streamline and integrate processes across an organization. By centralizing data and automating workflows, ERPs enhance operational efficiency, reduce manual errors, and provide real-time insights into financial health and regulations,” Cramer said.

This award is not just a testament to the hard work of our team, but also to the exciting journey we've embarked on with Solver. As we continue to refine our financial reporting processes, we are confident that Solver will remain a cornerstone of our strategy, enabling us to make more informed decisions and drive greater impact in our mission.

About Education Analytics

Education Analytics (EA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. Established in 2012, EA employs more than 120 staff, including data scientists, engineers, implementation staff, and product teams. Our deeply knowledgeable and experienced team provides our partners with multiple core products and services that source, structure, analyze, and display powerful educational data and analytics to improve student outcomes and advance public education.

EA's central mission is clear: to leverage data and analytics to improve education systems. We collaborate with school districts, states, non-profit organizations, and policymakers to develop robust interoperable data infrastructure that enables rigorous research-grade analytics displayed in dynamic reporting platforms. EA maximizes impact by minimizing costs for partners through the use of open technologies, emphasizing community building across the education field, and prioritizing knowledge sharing.