United States Military Academy at West Point – Summer Leaders Experience Phase II

HEDA migration & phase II enhancements of recruiting and attendee management system

COMPANY OVERVIEW

The United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA) is a well-known institution with a mission "To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of duty, honor, country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the United States Army." HigherEchelon's objective was to migrate the existing Salesforce org to the higher education data architecture (HEDA) model then further enhance and automate multiple processes related to the Academy's Summer Leader Experience (SLE) program administration previously built during phase I.

COMPANY PROFILE

LOCATION West Point, NY

EMPLOYEES 6000

INDUSTRY Higher Education

COMPETITOR In-house systems, paper

SOLUTION(S) Community Cloud, Service Cloud, Government Cloud, Chatter

GO LIVE DATE: 01/15/2019

CHALLENGE SOLUTION

- In phase I, the SLE program registration was migrated to Salesforce eliminating a highly manual, paper-based process for the selection, registration, and ongoing management of participant information.
- Phase II required expanded functionality to incorporate the full program application and offer extension process.
- Applicants are required to provide personal data, determine the SLE session preference and rank 16 program workshops.
- Integration of 4,500 to 5,000 SLE applicant records from in-house admissions data base each year.
- USMA administrators manually evaluated the applicant data pool and extended offers for 1,200 SLE candidates.
- Assign 1,200 SLE participants to platoons, squads, rooms and workshops.
- Migration of existing org to the HEDA data was needed for long-term flexibility of use.
- Capabilities to automate or manage communication, or collaborate with candidates did not exist.

- Leverage Salesforce Community Cloud and Service Cloud, within the Government Cloud, to implement nearly paperless SLE program application solution.
- Provide online application and automated offer extension capabilities through the use of HEDA, custom objects and a customer Community.
- Leverage Lighting Components and Visual Flow to create custom Community page layouts for flexible ranking of SLE candidate workshop preferences.
- Leverage Visual Flow to assign platoons, squads, rooms and workshops.
- Use custom objects, list views, dashboards, and Process Builder to provide real-time applicant evaluation data and offer extension capabilities.
- Establish integration with in-house admissions database to refresh candidate data hourly via Data Loader
- Implement FAQ capabilities within Community for SLE candidates.
- Implement Cases to track and resolve SLE candidate issues.
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RESULTS

- An online portal with automated processes capable of supporting the entire SLE program life cycle for 5,000 applicants and 1,200 SLE candidates while significantly streamlining the existing paper-based process.
- Migration of 1,1000 existing candidate records to the HEDA data model.
- External integration with Microsoft Access entry point for hourly refresh of SLE candidate data from in-house admissions database.
- Automated provisioning of applicants to the online community.
- Real-time applicant evaluation data analytics and automate offer extensions capabilities.
- A trackable feedback loop allowing USMA personnel to quantify common issues for feature enhancements.
- Automated email communications with participants.
- Online community for USMA personnel to post FAQs.



More Detailed Info and Quantitative Results

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NOTES

- Prior to the implementation of this solution, USMA was manually evaluating up to 5,000 SLE program applicants via database exports and Microsoft Excel annually. Program offers for 1,200 candidates were extended and tracked via manual methods. Evaluation of program participant data year over year was disparate and time consuming to review.
- "Overall, I was very satisfied with the project. It has made the SLE process much more efficient for my staff and I. The Higher echelon team was always accessible and quickly worked to address any issues." LTC Rance Lee

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

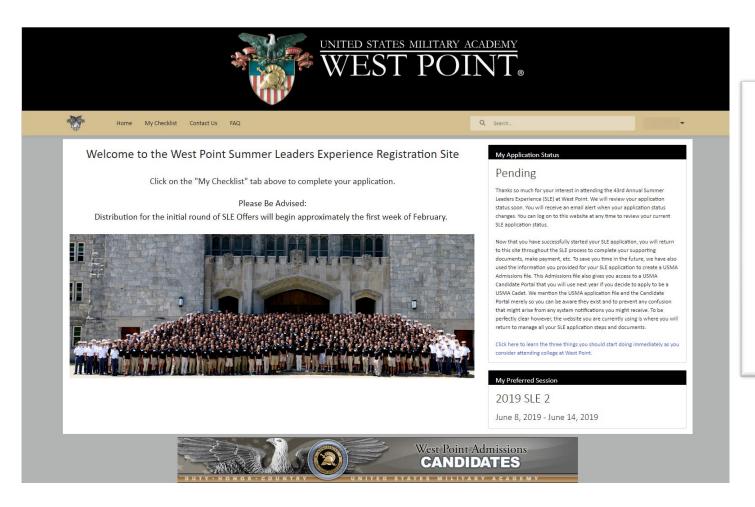
- 3,100 users deployed on Community Cloud.
- 80% reduction in processing and analysis time of application evaluation by USMA personnel. Resulting in 117 hrs. of cumulative time savings.
- Estimated 90% reduction in processing time room and name badge assignments by USMA personnel. Resulting in 16 hrs. of cumulative time savings.
- 2,800 applications submitted since go-live.
- 800 program offers extended since go-live.
- 275+ Cases generated and resolved since go-live.

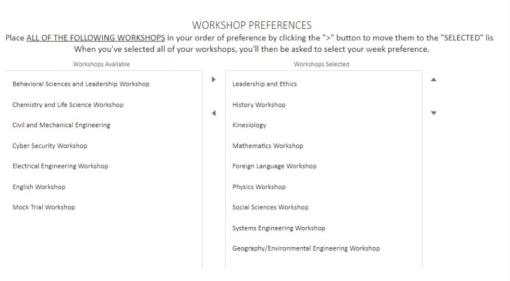




Solution Detail

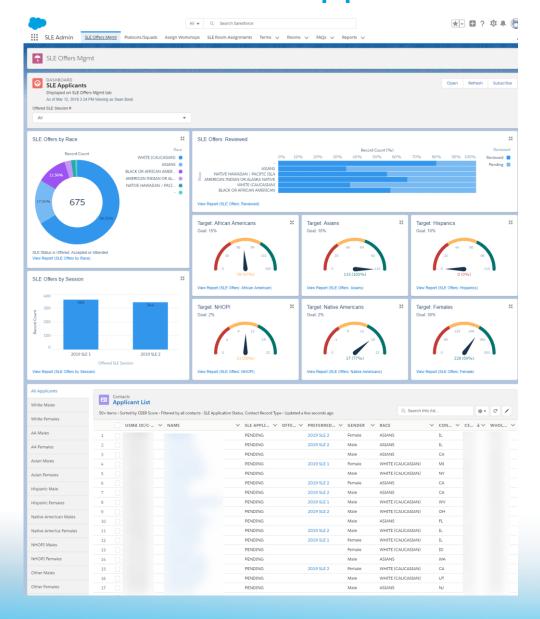
MORE DETAILS		
Competitors of Salesforce engaged in sales cycle:	No competitor identified	
Previous technology replaced by Salesforce:	Paper-based system, in-house SQL-Based Academy Management System	
Salesforce products deployed:	Service Cloud, Community Cloud, Government Cloud, Chatter	
Customer Business Model (B2B, B2C, or Both)	B2C	
Salesforce Product features:	Lightning: Lighting Deployment Sales Cloud: Mobile, Operational Analytics (rpts and dashbds), Microsoft Integration Service Cloud: Case Management, Service Communities Portals, B to C Community Cloud: Customer Community – Self Service (B to C), Lightning Community Deployment, Customer Community – User Group/Advisory Council, Chatter (process collaboration) Platform: Integration, Custom App Dev (Lightning and Javascript), Reporting against custom data Salesforce.org (Foundation): Higher Education Data Architect (HEDA) Salesforce Industry Products: Government Cloud	
If using Service Cloud, list use case (e.g. customer support, call center, field service, telesales, etc.)	Summer program application, registration and payment submission community	
Integrations:	Home-grown, SQL-based Academy Management System	
AppExchange Apps/Partners	S-Docs, Chargent	
Solution 'Go Live' date:	01/15/2019	

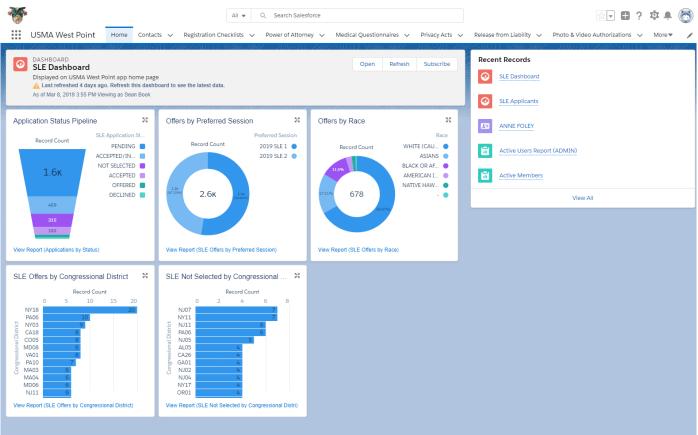






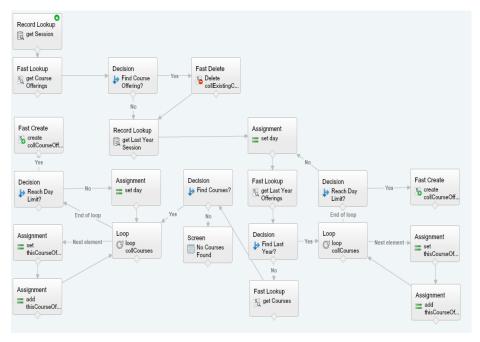


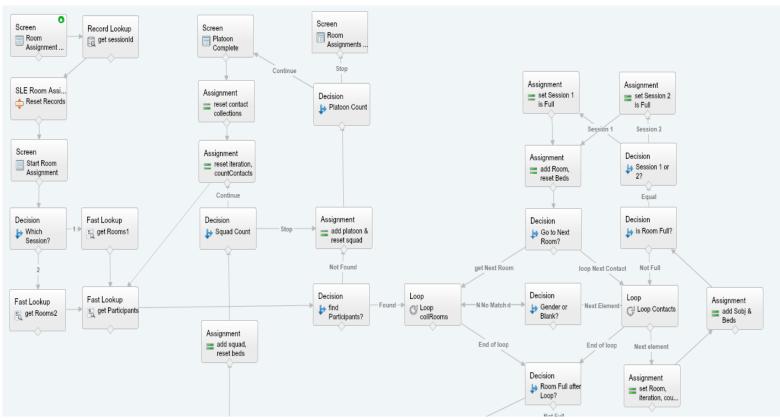






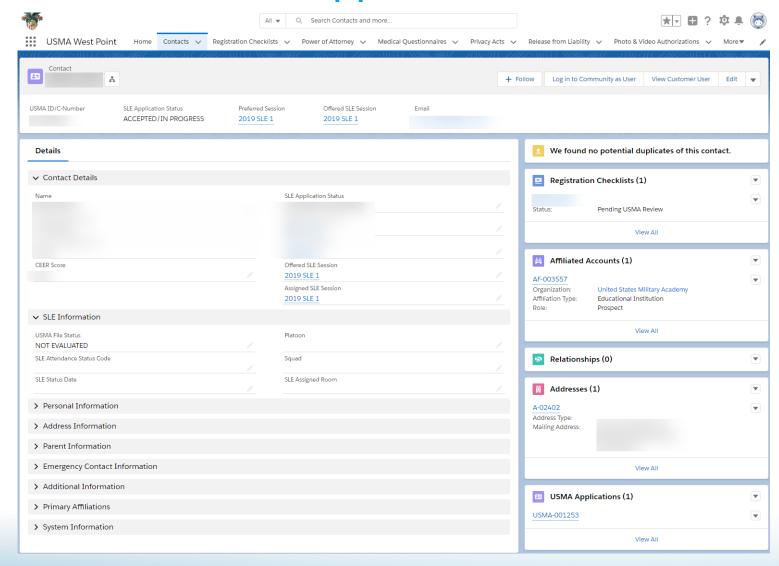


















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