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Summary through December 31, 2019

LIABILITY		RISK	
		Athletics, Intercollegiate, Club,	Recreational Sports
2019	National	4 coaches charged with bribery, taking kickbacks from agents and vendors	
2019	Midwest	University seeks financial restitution from former Adidas executive, claiming the school has suffered financial harm as a "victim of his and co-conspirators crimes" involving payments to basketball recruits.	University seeks \$1,000,000 restitution
2019	West	Coach accused of bribery to allow unqualified athlete admission	Pleads guilty to racketeering
2019	South	Coach accused of bribery to allow unqualified athlete admission	Pleads guilty to mail fraud
2019	West	Violated NCAA rules by providing 265 student-athletes in 18 sports an \$800 stipend that was not equal to the actual cost of course-related books purchased	
2019	MidAtlantic	Football recruit dies during pre-season practice	Headcoach fired
2019	Northeast	Coach sells house valued at \$550,000 to parents of admitted student athlete for \$950,000	Headcoach fired

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More Athletics			
2019	Northeast	Gymnast falls while practicing on bars	Fatality
2019	Midwest	A college football coach accused of letting his players sleep in the locker room and charging them rent	Accused asked \$300-400 for access
2019	Midwest		Severe injuries
2019	South	Female athletes were secretly recorded as they changed in a visitor's locker room and the footage was uploaded to one of the world's largest porn sites.	Players from 5 teams were recorded
2019	Midwest	NCAA probation and post play ban for academic fraud	University paid in excess of \$500,000 in legal fees
2019	Northeast	Team claims they were told to run six, 100-yard wind sprints -- one for every dollar over its food travel budget during a stop -- each in less than 17 seconds, some were crying, collapsed or doubled over in exhaustion.	Coach accused of abuse
2019	South	Student photographer on football sideline hit by runner	Head injury, hospitalized
Foreign Studies / Research Abroad			
2019	South	21 students and 2 staff were ambushed and robbed at gunpoint while on a school trip near Pretoria, South Africa	
2019	National	Programs offered in Hong Kong terminated due to civil unrest	Students and faculty recalled
2019	West	Student killed while recreational skydiving	Not university sponsored
2019	West	Fall while mountain hiking Spain	Fatality, not university sponsored
2019	Midwest	Fall into river adjacent to Rome campus, parents allege university failed to warn of 4 prior similar incident	Settlement not disclosed
2019	Northeast	Struck by a street car, Germany	Fatality
2019	Midwest	Went out for drinks	Fatality, methanol poisoning
Campus Housing			
2019	Midwest	Fall from bunk bed, strikes head	Fatality
2019	South	Fall from 2 nd floor of on campus fraternity house	Critical injuries
2019	West	24 student rooms burglarized during a series of false fire alarms	3 students arrested

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More Campus Housing			
2019	West	Heating contractor was working on a boiler, natural gas leak caused an initial explosion in the basement of a residence hall. The natural gas leak linked to a second boiler explosion.	8 student injured, severe building damage
2019	West	24 student rooms burglarized during a series of false fire alarms	3 students arrested
2019	South	Student ignited fireworks placed in a laundry room trash bin	\$7500 property damage, arrested for arson
2019	South	Two male and a female students set a sign on a dorm room door on fire.	Arrested for aggravated arson
2019	Northeast	Student accused of voyeurism, photographing females in the bathroom	Police found 213 shower stall videos on iPhone
2019	Midwest	Student alleges mold in housing HVAC system caused health problems	Settled \$40,000
2019	South	17 year old residence hall wrought with water leaks and recently discovered code building code violations	University files suit against developer
2019	South	Student brought a handgun to campus (prohibited) was handing to fellow student when it discharged	Fatality
Campus Laboratories			
2019	Northeast	Chemistry Dept. glassblower alleges seizures caused by sealing vials contain hazardous materials such as Thorium	Worker's Compensation litigation filed
2019	West	Carrying an uncovered beaker of lye, splashed in eye	Burned cornea, no lab eyewash
2019	Northeast	Instructional chemistry lab fire, "Rainbow" experiment severe burns, facial scars	\$60,000,000 jury award
2019	Northeast	Reorganizing lab chemistry, lab fire under hood, burned	Burned arm
2019	West	Graduate student working with acetone under hood, ignited	Burned arm
2019	Midwest	Post doc researching with natural gas used the wrong compound which created shock sensitive explosive which detonated	Laboratory damage
2019	China	Beijing university holds 12 senior officials accountable for an explosion in a lab, 2 charged with criminal offenses	3 grad student fatalities
2019	West	Glass chamber holding pressurized hydrogen explodes	Facial and eye injuries

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More		Campus Laboratories	
2019	Russia	Contractor renovating lab, explosion	Room adjacent to the lab contained small pox (1 of 2 in the world) and ebola samples
Contractors on Campus			
2019	South	2 contractor employees crushed by falling beam while working in a trench on campus	New construction
2019	West	Contractor boom crane collapse strikes campus building	Damage not valued as yet
2019	South	Contractor employee struck in head unloading plywood	Fatality
2019	West	New construction rebar wall collapsed on 5 contractor employees	1 fatality, 4 injured
2019	South	Roofing contract employee falls from campus building	Fatality
2019	Northeast	Contractor employee falls down elevator shaft, building under contraction	\$3,000,000 jury award against general contractor and elevator contractor. Contract indemnification favoring the university defense and loss was upheld as a legal risk transfer
2019	West	Heating contractor was working on a boiler, natural gas leak caused an initial explosion in the basement of a residence hall. The natural gas leak linked to a second boiler explosion.	8 student injured, severe building damage
Educators Legal Liability, Fiduciary,			Trustees & Officers, Other
2019	Midwest	Female student alleges sexual misconduct against a student athlete. Student athlete first found not guilty, then found guilty. Female student sues for failure to protect her. Student athlete sues over due process.	University settles with both, \$475,000 to the student and \$725,000 to the student athlete. Alleged incident occurred in 2015. ESPN forced disclosure of the values under FOA, which were not disclosed to either plaintiff

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2019	West	Students allege university failed in maintaining due process protection for respondents in Title IX review	Class action suit on behalf of all respondents harmed in Title IX assault disciplinary action Decision could overturn 100s of disciplinary actions since 2011.
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2019	Midwest	Female student athletes since 2015 allege discrimination in the allocation of athletic scholarship funds	Class action proposed settlement of \$125,000, + legal fees, + retention of several varsity sports, coaches and additional scholarships.
2016-2020	Midwest	Student athletes file suit to block termination of their tennis team on grounds it would create a violation of Title IX equal opportunity in athletics. Preliminary injunction blocks termination of tennis team as was Nordic ski team. Suit granted class action status for all current and future students in 2018. Trial starts in Nov 2018.	July 2019, Judge rules university violated Title IX as far back as 2014. Orders university maintain tennis and Nordic track, University drops football and golf programs. January 2020, orders university to pay \$1.200,000 in plaintiff legal fees while the university appeals the decision.

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2019	South	2 students file class action alleging the university must 200 female student athletes in order to meet Title IX equality requirement	55% of population is female but only 41% of student athletes
2019	National	University officials and coaches at 9 universities found offering admission and roster placement to underserving applicants in exchange for cash payments.	Coaches arraigned for violating the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO
2019	National	26 students file class action against 9 universities to recover admission fees from schools that rejected them but accepted undeserving student athletes.	In Suit
2019	West	Federal Trade Commission assesses penalty for misrepresenting job opportunities by a for-profit university	\$50,000,000 cash, \$141,000,000 student loan debt forgiveness for students enrolled 2012-2016
2019	South	University administrators misappropriated funds earmarked for operations to new construction	\$38,000,000 spent, another \$47,000,000 was in the planning stage
2019	South	University accused of excessive fee arrangement for retirement accounts	\$10.650,000 settlement
2019	Midwest	2 professors cite university tried to close a blog that was critical of the university	Settled, \$650,000
2019	Midwest	Fraternity sues to reverse hazing allegation	University asserts that requiring 25 hours of study per week amounts to hazing.

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2019	Midwest	National service strips university of its national ranking. Alumni giving rate a factor was only half of that reported, the number was inaccurate for over 20 years.	Class Action suit on behalf of past and current students filed by former student.
2019	MidAtlantic	Student whose father was indicted on bribery charge for gaining admission as an athlete recruit alleges university failed to maintain due process and procedures in the investigation into his admission	Father allegedly paid \$400,000 to gain admission as a student athlete.
2019	Midwest	Alleges university medical insurance does not cover transgender surgery	Settled \$28,000
2019	South	State university used to auxiliary funds to supplement athletics budget	Board forced the resignation of chief financial officer, director of budgets and controller
2019	West	Estate alleges over 20 students forewarned the university of an individual before he killed student and university failed to take action	In suit, asking \$54,000,000
2019	National	14 students allege they were harmed when not admitted to universities cited for admitting students with fraudulent admission documents	Class action suit
2019	Midwest	University sued by local retailer over allegations a dean libeled and slandered the family and business.	Jury award of \$11,000,000 plus \$33,000,000 punitive damages
2019	South	New student enrollment far exceeds expectations	University offers to pay students to not attend for up to 1 year
2019	South	Public university interim president failed to disclose seats on the boards of private corporations that had contracts with the university	Failed to disclose relationships on university and state ethics forms
2019	West	Parent charged in the athletic admission scandal has requested subpoena of university records to discover the admissions process how donations affect admissions	
2019	South	Suit alleges weapons murder on campus was attributable to the university decision to provide fewer security at special events	Visiting student wrongful death suit

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2019	Midwest	University president charged with lying about knowledge of complaint against a convicted employee	University is funding defense in criminal allegations against 5 university officials
2019	West	University inadvertently sends admission notices to waitlisted student	3500 unexpected admission offers
2019	National	Chinese government official schemed at bringing foreign government recruiters to the United States under the guise of visiting research scholars under a visa program for academics. The main purpose was to recruit scientists and experts to work in China	Chinese government official in the US charged with Visa Fraud:
2019	Northeast	3 members of women's swimming team charge that they and others were sexually harassed by members of the men's swimming team.	Allege coach did not take action
2019	Midwest	Cited for failing to report and investigate misconduct complaints	\$4,500,000 federal penalty
2019	South	University investigates law school admissions	False data to American Bar Assoc. 1 student paid admission officer \$14,000 for admission, assistant dean and university president fired
2019	South	University faculty file class action to retain university email addresses	Breach of promise and \$10,000
2019	South	Developer of luxury off campus apartments claim the university had promised to rent retail space	Alleges \$250,000,000 in damages
2019	Northeast	Alleges university defamed him with expulsion after winning sex assault prosecution	Seeks \$110,000,000 in damages
2019	National	Department of education claims universities are not reporting offshore donations as required	Uncovers \$1.3 billion in unreported foreign funding over the past 7 years

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2019	South	5 cheer leaders take a knee during the national anthem. The athletics department keeps the cheerleaders inside during the anthem of the next game. Student files suit for a civil rights violation	Settles with 2 athletic department administrators, for president and a state representative
Employment Practices			
2019	West	University physician alleges sex discrimination and retaliation	Jury award \$13,000,000
2019	Northeast	9 student allege harassment by 3 faculty of a department	Settled, \$14,200,000
2019	Midwest	Former head coach fired, files wrongful termination as a means of paying of remainder of contract.	Asks for the \$3,000,000 owed under contract
2019	Northeast	Court order university to reinstate employee that was fired after it discovered 2 child molestation convictions 28 years prior	Appeals court refused to hear the university's appeal
2019	Northeast	State appeals court panel has backed the reinstatement of a professor who was fired for having sexual relationships with two female students.	"He did not violate any school policy".
2019	South	Suit alleges 2 med schools agreed to not hire each other's faculty	Settled \$54,400,000
2019	Northeast	Prominent professor Emeritus stripped of title and barred from campus over sexual misconduct allegations	Allegations spanned over 40 years
2019	Midwest	Former alleges university defamed him after releasing reason why he was fired.	Alleges violation of employment privacy
2019	Midwest	More than 9 student file complaints of sexual harassment by faculty over a 20 year period	Professor suspended for 6 weeks
2019	Midwest	Alleges university mishandled her sexual harassment by professor	Settled \$325,000
2019	West	Professor alleges gender discrimination, unequal pay	University settles, \$100,000
2019		Student member of the university board of trustees alleges a board director sexually assaulted her	Director resigns
Environmental Affairs			
2019	South	Alleges university is emitting too much air pollution from coal-burning boilers in violation of a federal permit.	Federal law suit

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More Environmental Affairs			
2019	Northeast	Chemicals stored inside a laboratory closet were knocked over and mixed together,	Science building closed for 8 hours until cleaned
2019	West	2 professors have been arrested for making methamphetamine in a university lab	Arrested, lab building closed for 3 weeks while contamination was removed
2019	Northeast	Sulfuric acid leaked from a pipe inside the facilities building, contained inside building	Building evacuated & closed, 4 clean up employees affected
2019	West	Hydrofluoric acid spilled at a lab within an incubator facility	1 employee hospitalized
2019	West	Radioactive cesium powder was accidentally released from a research irradiator that was being removed from service by contractors of the USD Energy	13 people contaminated, 31 PIs, 200 employees displaced, 6-week clean-up. 800 lab freezers holding up to 20,000 specimens exposed to failure, cannot find enough rental freezers for replacement, years of research in jeopardy
Greek Organizations			
2019	South	Video showing members whipping someone and referring to them picking cotton surfaced on social media	Fraternity suspended
2019	South	3 students charged with hazing	Expelled
2019	Midwest	Mumps epidemic fraternity house	9 brothers diagnosed
2019	Northeast	Hazing event off campus house	Fatality, 23 fraternities suspended from activities
2019	South	Fraternity officer tried and found guilty in alcohol hazing death	Convicted of negligent homicide
2019	Midwest	University suspends all fraternities on campus	7 hazing complaints over 1 weekend
2019	South	18 fraternity members arrested for hazing	Accused of of hitting, kicking and spitting on pledges
2019	Midwest	Fraternity hazing death	7 members of indicted including involuntary manslaughter, hazing and trafficking drugs.
2019	West	Claim action alleges misconduct by university physician	2 claimants

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Medical Professional Liability			
2019	West	Claim action alleges university failed to monitor actions of student health physician	Class action suit dismissed
2019	West	Student alleges sexual misconduct by university physician	Settled, \$2,250,000
2019	West	Claim action alleges misconduct by university student health physician	Settled in 2019 for +\$215,000,000
2019	Midwest	Claim action alleges misconduct by university physician	University motions to dismiss claims made by 107 claimants not participating in an earlier \$500,000,000 settlement with 332 victims
2019	Midwest	University physician accused of sexual misconduct by 2 students	Pleaded no contest to 2 counts of criminal sexual conduct
2019	West	University physician accused of sexual misconduct against gay students	6 claimants
2019	Northeast	Medical school professor accused of voyeurism, placing camera in a restroom. Professor files suit against university claiming he was falsely accused	160 claimants on video tape
2019	Midwest	School investigation reveals university ignored 20+ years of student complaints about team physician	Class action, 177 claimants
2019	Midwest	University counseling center found negligent in student suicide death	Student had visited the counseling center 5 times
2019	West	Former students allege sexual misconduct by student health physician	Class action, 48 male claimants
2019	South	Fraternity charged with hazing pledges were shot with air soft guns and forced to eat spicy soup made with ghost peppers and cat food, competed in relay races while chugging milk mixed with hand soap, laundry detergent or vinaigrette	Suspended
2019	Midwest	Alcohol hazing fatality	5 students charged with serving alcohol to a minor

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Premises / Operations			
2019	West	University student accused of setting a string of fires around the campus over the course of three days	Charged with a dozen felony counts including burglary, arson and vandalism
2019	Northeast	Mumps epidemic	+50 student diagnosed with mumps
2019	Midwest	Police recovered disguised video cameras placed in public restrooms on campus	Student arrested unlawful creation of an image of another
2019	West	Campus quarantined over measles outbreak	Students, faculty and staff who were exposed to a confirmed case of measles and who cannot prove that they have been vaccinated against measles
2019	West	Campus quarantined over measles outbreak	Fatality
2019	Midwest	Fell off light rail platform on campus	Fatality
2019	Northeast	Climbed clock tower, tried to take selfie, lost balance and fell	Fatality
2019	North	Student set 3 incendiary devices causing detonations	
2019	Northeast	3 students acting out movie roles as part of curriculum project, one student stabs the other two	Charged with attempted murder
2019	South	Student shot on campus attending party	Fatality, in suit
2019	South	Active shooter, 2 killed, 3 critical, 1 other injury	Shooter disarmed by campus officer
2019	Midwest	Drone flying over football field on opening day	3 individuals arrested, no fly zone
2019	South	Fall from university parking garage	Fatality
2019	South	Neighbor rides her bicycle shortcutting through the university parking lot and is struck by a university vehicle while backing	University claims the rider was trespassing. After two appeals, state supreme dismisses, the recreational trespasser was not owed a duty under ordinary negligence.
2019	Midwest	University bans weapons on campus despite state open and concealed carry law that does not require a permit	Judge upholds ban

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2019	Midwest	Accidental gun (prohibited) discharge in on campus apartment	Owner indicted involuntary manslaughter
2019	South	Active shooter on campus, former student	2 students killed, 4 injured
2019	West	A university employee and a university student struck by vehicle while crossing university street.	1 in critical condition
		Research	
2019	South	Research data fraud used to obtained \$200,000,000 in grants	\$112,000,000 must be returned
2019	Canada	Research project halted due breach of personal identifying information (PII)	\$1,000,000 grant may be canceled due to the breach
2019	International	Chinese nationals sent spearfishing emails to PI that opened unloaded malware that would enable access into defense department research	+24 international universities were targeted
2019	Midwest	A university research lab lost a mutant rabbit, poisoned nearly 11,500 fish with bleach, had 53 mice to die of thirst and gave an unknown number of mice terminal gastrointestinal cancer.	All occurring over a 6 month period
2019	Midwest	Violation of false claims Act – failed to properly account for rebates and credits it received from vendors to reduce costs related to federal grants and awards	\$1,500,000 returned the research grantors
2019	West	A postdoc dies in an accident during a research dive Alaska.	Fatality
2019	South	Professor charged with research grant fraud	\$40,000
2019	West	Federal audit determines university inappropriately spent more than \$1 million in research grant funds on things like scholarships, equipment and travel	\$1,000,000 restitution for multiple grants
2019	South	Two researchers did not disclose money they were taking from Chinese sources and also worked for research universities in China.	Terminated
2019	South	Institute allege 2 tried to steal research trade secrets	Indicted for theft of trade secrets
2019	Israel	Explosion involving hydrogen research Department for Materials Science and Engineering lab	Severe building damage
2019	South	Researcher failed to disclose he worked for a Chinese University while doing government funded research	Charged with one count of wire fraud and three counts of program fraud

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More		Research	
2019	South	Chinese professor alleged to take technology from a California company to benefit a Chinese business, entered into an agreement with the unnamed California tech company to obtain its circuit board, claiming it was for academic research.	
Title IX Respondent Civil Rights Allegations			
2019	National	<p>Of 329 cases of students accused of sexual assault filing suit against the university suits since 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64 ended in settlements favoring the student • 140 ended in judicial decisions in favor of the students • 125 ended in wins for the colleges 	
2019	West	Class action suit alleging failure to maintain due process in Title IX disciplinary action on behalf of all students disciplined in sexual assault allegations	
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2019	Midwest	Class action suit alleging failure to maintain due process in Title IX disciplinary action on behalf of all students disciplined in sexual assault allegations	
2019	Northeast	Jury decides in favor of former student mishandled sexual assault allegations	Jury awards \$102,426.50 in damages:
Student Activities & Clubs			
2019	Midwest	Student group settles with university to allow holders of legal permits to carry concealed weapons to store those weapons in cars parked on campus	University had prohibited all weapons on campus regardless of permit status

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		More	Student Activities & Clubs	
2019	West		ROTC student collapses during drills	Fatality
2019	South		Pledge claims he suffered a chemical burn in his eye and a blood infection	Fraternity suspended for hazing
AUTOMOBILE		RISK		
2020	South		12 passenger PAX struck at intersection making left turn across 2 lane highway	10 crew team members and coach injured, 1 team member fatality
2019	West		University police cruiser responding to report of bicycle theft strikes a bicycle rider	Rider was on one of the stolen bikes
2019	Canada		Bus losses control runs down embankment, 48 students	30 injured, 2 fatalities
2019	West		Alabama university choir bus traveling in California struck by vehicles, 19 student passengers	4 injured, 1 fatality
2019	Mid Atlantic		University bus hits railway bridge ...	8 injured
2019	South		University passenger van rolls over at 2:00 AM	8 injured
2019	Vietnam		Visiting US students injured when bus strikes a curb, no seat belts	20 injured thrown from seats
PROPERTY		RISK		
		Crime		
2019	South		2 administrators charged fees to workshops on campus, using college equipment then invoiced fees through a personally owned company	\$200,000 embezzlement
2019	Midwest		University President and 2 athletic trainers charged with giving false statements to police about a campus assault investigation	Faces up to 4 years imprisonment
2019	Midwest		Professor stole student research and sold to a pharmaceutical company making over \$1,500,000 and potential for \$10,000,000 more	Loss to the university was even greater if the drug achieves \$Billion sales potential.

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2019	Midwest	Someone created fraudulent purchase orders for vendors. Orders were delivered and signed for, then disappeared.	\$46,000 loss
2019	West	Athletic director scheduled personal trip to Ireland	Paid with university funds, charged with fraud
2019	Northeast	Medical professor accused of hiding camera in restroom	26 women file complaints
2019	Midwest	14 yr. old music student alleges assault by music instructor during private instruction	Professor arrested second-degree sexual assault
2019	Midwest	Business director paid her moving company, a home cleaning service, divorce lawyers, painters and construction companies by creating, submitting and approving false invoices over 10 years	\$155,000 loss
2019	South	Science Dept. Administrator accused of theft	\$130,000, Indicted for embezzlement
2019	West	Husband and wife employees accused of theft of university funds through fraudulent invoices from a company they operated	\$380,000 loss
2019	West	Student plugged a "USB Killer" device into dozens of school computers and monitors	\$58,000 loss of hardware
2019	Northeast	Auxiliary Services administrator created ghost companies to commit embezzlement	\$173,000 loss, sentenced to 18 months in prison
2019	South	Student loan officer transferred federal aid to personal accounts	\$84,500 theft over 2 years
2019	South	2 university officials misused university credit cards to purchase personal items	\$750,000 over 4 years
2019	South	Band director set up third party payment service and separate accounts for collecting money due the university for band performances	\$293,000 theft of funds
2019	MidAtlantic	Registrar accused of accepting bribes to change the registration status of hundreds of out-of-state students so they could pay cheaper in-state tuition	Plead guilty to bribery
2019	South	Student center employee videotaped placing cash from receipts at into envelopes and then into her clothing	\$161,000 loss

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2019	Midwest	Assistant athletic director canceled tickets after a game and refunded the value to a personal account	\$361,000 over 5 years
2019	Midwest	Embezzled state money that was supposed to be used for a job-training program.	\$7,500,000 over 10 years
2019	South	Administrator hid mini cam, phone charging device in a restroom	799 videos, invasive visual recording
2019	Midwest	Dean charged with two counts of willful neglect of duty and one count of felony misconduct in office for failing to address complaints of sexual misconduct of a faculty member	Convicted
2019	Northeast	University controller manipulated the books, indicted	Theft of \$34,000,000 causing the school to close its doors
2019	Midwest	Bought computers using university funds, the sold them online	Plead guilty to theft
2019	Midwest	Former dean convicted of mismanagement	Sentenced to 12 months county jail
2019	Northeast	Professor accused of stealing cancer research funds to make payments on his home mortgage.	\$200,000 loss
2019	South	Employee stole more than \$1.3 million from the school's Greek Life Office over 10 years	\$1,300,000 over 10 years, committed suicide
2019	South	Fraudulent use of a university credit card	\$167,073 in personal expenses
2019	Midwest	3 fossils stolen from a university museum display case	Pried open an access panel
2019	Midwest	Professor and his wife, accused of funneling Science Foundation research money into a private company	\$1,000,000
2019	South	Professor investigated for money laundering for foreign nationals embezzled and got from bribes and other corrupt schemes	Professor kept 10% of \$2,500,000
2019	West	2 professors have been arrested for making methamphetamine in a university lab	Arrested, lab building closed for 3 weeks while contamination was removed
2019	South	Student organizations administrator left of organization funds	\$1,300,000, commits suicide

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Business Interruption			
2019	Northeast	University information system down for 5 days due technical failure	All key services including website were not accessible
2019	West	Public utility shut off all power to campus	"Due to weather conditions"
2019	West	Wildfire burns power line feeding campus	Campus closed until power can be restored to the area 976 students displaced
2019	West	Radioactive cesium powder was accidentally released from a research irradiator that was being removed from service by contractors of the USD Energy	13 people contaminated, 31 Pls, 200 employees displaced, 6-week clean-up. 800 lab freezers holding up to 20,000 specimens exposed to failure, cannot find enough rental freezers for replacement, years of research in jeopardy
Fire Loss			
2019	West	Students are sheltered-in-place due to wildfires at the edge of campus	No injuries reported, indoor air quality impacted
2019	Northeast	Car fire inside parking deck, not sprinklered	\$12,000,000 structural loss+ comprehensive losses to personal vehicles
2019	South	2 nd floor nursing school building fire loss extinguished by sprinklers – Sunday morning electrical fire	2 floors of water damage, closed for 1 week
2019	Midwest	Contract food service employee places oily rags in a dining hall laundry dryer	University sues contractor for \$1,300,000 fire loss plus interest and attorney fees
2019	West	Wildfire burns 9 vehicles and maintenance shed and power line feeding campus	Campus closed until power can be restored to the area

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Fire Loss				
2019	West	Scientific microwave containing chemicals in a 2 nd floor laboratory erupted, the lab flashed over causing water pipes to burst flooding the 2 nd , 1 st and basement floors	Research lab building is closed with no known reopening date	
2019	South	Fire contained to the 2 nd floor residential hall room by sprinkler system. All evacuate safely. Battery charger deemed the point of origin	Smoke and water damage to 3 floors and basement, no injuries	
2019	Northeast	Interior wall electrical fire - administration building	\$250,000 damage	
2019	South	Trash bin fire in president's office extinguished by sprinkler system	\$100,000 fire smoke and water damage	
Flood Loss				
2019	Northeast	Thunderstorm flooded parking lot exceeding storm drain capacity causing excess to enter under several building doors	\$250,000 clean up / repair costs	
2019	South	Thunderstorm flooding enters numerous campus buildings, clogged storm drains	\$450,000 clean up // repair costs	
2019	South	Massive flooding knocks down power lines cutting off power to entire campus for 3 days		
2019	Northeast	Department issued 700 tablet computers for an English composition course. 101 of the 700 tablets weren't returned,	Estimated loss of \$60,000.	
2019	Midwest	Off campus flooding impacts significant volume of off campus student housing leaving many with no place to stay impacting continued enrollment	University assists with accommodating academic needs, alternative housing, raising funds to offset uninsured losses	
Other Property Loss				
2019	South	Tornado rips through campus athletic facilities. Adjacent housing and academic building untouched	Baseball and softball stadiums, tennis, soccer field destroyed, \$2,000,000	

CYBER RISK				
Cyber Liability				
2019	West	Class action arising out the release of personal information	Lost unencrypted hard drive, settled \$3,200,000 for out of pocket cost arising from the data breach	
2019	West	Class action arising out the release of personal information	Settled \$2,000,000 settlement for unreimbursed expenses and \$5,500,000 for enhancement security fund	
2019	Northeast	Technical mishap shut down the university's entire information system including: Wi-Fi, email, accounting systems, card-scanning systems or any content hosted on the edu website	Down without access for 5 days	
2019	Canada	Research project halted due breach of personal identifying information (PII)	\$1,000,000 grant may be canceled due to the breach	
2019	Northeast Midwest	Fraudster obtained passwords to admission files and held them hostage.	Wanted 1 bitcoin from each student to release the files.	
Cyber Liability				
2019	US & Canada	Hackers has planted malicious JavaScript code that steals payment card details inside the e-commerce system The malicious code was found on 201 online stores.	176 colleges and universities in the US and 21 in Canada	
2019	South	Scammers are creating electronic applications for admission in hopes of obtaining a college email account.	Targeting state a community college system	
2019	West	Cyberattack shutdown all university systems	Attack from outside the US	

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Ransomware Denial of Service			
2019	Northeast	Ransomware shuts down university IT system	Perpetrators demand \$2,000,000
2019	West	Internet, email, phones and website shut down	Ransomware, not paid
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2019	Netherlands	Ransomware shuts down university IT system	\$220,000 paid, 30 bitcoin
2019	Canada	Ransomware shuts down university IT system	\$15,000 paid, bitcoin
2019	South	Entire IT system taken offline week of finals	
2019	Midwest	Blocked access to admissions information	Technosolutions' Slate platform
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Social Engineering Accounts Payable			
2019	MidAtlantic	Victim of accounts payable fraud	Value not disclosed
2019	Global	60 universities in the US, the United Kingdom, Australia and more have been targeted by the Colbalt Dickens hacking group working out of Iran in attacks attempting to steal research and intellectual property.	
Workers' Compensation			
2019	South	Gas line rupture and blast causes partial building collapse	11 employee injuries, 1 fatality, 6 other injured
2019	Northeast	Coach driving 12 passenger van struck broadside	Serious injury, + 10 student athlete injuries, 1 fatality
2019	Northeast		
2019	Northeast	Sulfuric acid leaked from a pipe inside the facilities building, contained inside building	4 clean up employees affected by vapors
2019	Northeast	Director of the university counseling center commits suicide	
2019	Midwest	Employee fell on sidewalk leaving work, struck his head	Fatality
2019	West	Lab employee was trapped in a concrete basin normally filled with water to simulate wave action. No water at the time	Transported to emergency care for treatment

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	More	Workers'	Compensation
2019	West	Working on fiber optic cables underground fell 15 feet into a manhole	Critical injury
2019	West	Retired administrator working as a consultant stabbed in a campus parking lot	Fatality
2019	Midwest	Struck by vehicle on campus intersection	Fatality, driver arrested DUI
2019	Midwest	OSHA enforcement penalty, 4 serious violations	\$66,300
2019	West	OSHA enforcement penalty, 31 serious violations	\$135,000

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