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The First Academy Selects Extreme Networks to Tackle Rapid Growth in Mobile

Extreme's End-to-End Networking Technology Provides Controlled Wireless Access for BYOD Environment and Aids Apple Distinguished School Initiatives

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 13, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- [The First Academy](#) (TFA), a Christian college-preparatory school in Central Florida, selected end-to-end networking solutions from [Extreme Networks](#) (Nasdaq: EXTR), a leading provider of high performance network solutions, to help with its goal of earning an Apple Distinguished School (ADS) title and to handle a rapidly expanding mobile environment fueled by the school's one-to-one iPad program and BYOD initiative.



With over 1,200 students from K4 through 12th grade, cost, reliability, consistency, interoperability and ease-of management were all concerns and at the top-of-the-mind of the IT personnel at TFA. As TFA prepared to double wireless usage among its users, their biggest concern was the ability to securely onboard, prioritize, limit and even restrict network access for devices that were not in compliance with their school policies, especially given the variety of wireless devices in its classrooms and that are now part of its BYOD initiative.

Key Facts

- The [Extreme OneFabric Connect](#) is able to connect TFA's mobile management solution, Casper, to the [Extreme Mobile IAM](#) solution, allowing TFA to set policies and check devices against its database each time a device seeks access to the network. If the criteria set by TFA are not fulfilled, the device is redirected and cannot gain access to the Wi-Fi network until they have been met. Extreme's networking solution keeps the mobile device connected to the Wi-Fi network.
- [Extreme's IdentiFi Wireless](#) solution has enabled TFA to provide reliable, secure wireless coverage for 1,200 students across a 100,000 square foot campus. With Extreme's products, TFA is now able to support BYOD and one-on-one initiatives while increasing the control and productivity of their one network manager with a complete solution.
- The OneFabric architecture has brought the entire network into one unified view, reducing network complexity and allowing TFA to simplify its network by making all their networking and computer equipment work together. With less time spent managing the network and problem solving, TFA's IT personnel have seen significant productivity increases.

Executive Perspectives

Corey Radford, Systems Administrator, The First Academy

"Prior to the Extreme implementation, we had no way to assess device status and enforce compliance with our policies. Now if a valid profile is not installed, the device cannot use the network and I can finally sleep at night without having to worry about rogue devices threatening the security of our network. I have been working in IT for a long time and have never seen this level of control. Extreme's networking solution is literally so simple that I can just click and deny a device from granting access until it is in full compliance."

Bob Nilsson, Director of Vertical Solutions, Extreme Networks

"One of the main reasons TFA chose Extreme was because our products were able to interoperate with the school's other vendor products seamlessly. In just four months, the school went from servicing a couple hundred wireless devices to more than doubling TFA's service to 800 to 1,000 devices without increasing IT incidents but rather decreasing them. Extreme has provided TFA peace of mind. TFA now feels comfortable that its network is secure when students' access the Internet and that its network is protected from potential damaging devices."

Additional Resources

- Extreme K-12 Solutions [Webpage](#)
- Connect with Extreme via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Google+](#)

About The First Academy

The First Academy is a Christ-centered college-preparatory school serving over 1,100 Central Florida students attending K4 through 12th grade. Since its opening in 1987, TFA has continued to grow the academic, fine arts, and athletic programs that have elevated its students to the highest levels of achievement and helped develop strength of character that leads young men and women to serve others in their own community and across the globe.

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Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) is setting a new standard for superior customer experience by delivering network-powered innovation and market leading service and support. The company delivers high-performance switching and routing products for data center and core-to-edge networks, wired/wireless LAN access, and unified network management and control.

Our award-winning solutions include software-defined networking (SDN), cloud and high-density Wi-Fi, BYOD and enterprise mobility, identity access management and security. Extreme Networks is headquartered in San Jose, CA and has more than 12,000 customers in over 80 countries. For more information, visit the company's website at <http://www.extremenetworks.com>.

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