

Application Story

Defense Acquisition University



The Packard Conference Center offers meeting space for military briefings of both national and international significance

Defense Acquisition University (DAU) chooses Christie for classrooms and conference centers

DAU is a best-in-class corporate university for the Defense Acquisition Workforce. The university provides formal courses and continuous learning modules for acquisition professionals. These learning assets are designed to provide civilian and military professionals with the knowledge sharing and consulting skills to help them develop and manage acquisition programs, projects and systems specific to the needs of the US Armed Forces throughout the world.

All Department of Defense and Uniformed Service acquisition employees are eligible to attend DAU classes. In a typical fiscal year, nearly 36,000 students graduate in various areas of study related to acquisition. The university has been voted No.1 in Leadership Development by Executive Excellence Publishing consecutively from 2005 to 2007. DAU strives to continually find new and innovative ways to achieve higher levels of learning for the Defense Acquisition Workforce. Utilizing all types of media and cutting-edge technology, DAU is always striving to discover new techniques to reach these adult students.

The challenge

The long term objective for the Video Services team at DAU is to offer the faculty trainers the most up-to-date Audio Visual (AV) equipment. "Technology is changing so rapidly these days and there are so many options available. In regards to AV, the main concern for instructors is the ability to display their message to the students in high resolution quality. One key to these expectations is the dependability and performance of the display medium," says Michael Skaines, Deputy Director of Video Services at DAU.

Customer:

Defense Acquisition University (DAU)

Location:

Fort Belvoir, Virginia, USA

Industry/Market:

Government/ Education

Requirements:

- Improved knowledge transfer and learning via visual displays
- Dependable projectors that require minimal maintenance
- Superior image quality
- Easy to operate for a variety of users including non-technical

Summary:

Projection solutions are becoming a more integral part of teaching. They enhance the learning process by providing instructors a means to illustrate and support their lessons visually, which might not be possible with other, more traditional presentation methods. This is one of the primary reasons why DAU is investing more of their media budget in projection systems for classrooms. The university and corporate training center is located on one of the most prestigious military installations in the United States.

Products:

- Christie DS+26
- Christie DS+405
- Christie DW3k
- 2 Christie DS+60
- 2 Christie DS+65
- 2 Christie HD6K
- 10 Christie DS+655s
- 24 Christie DS+305s
- 37 Christie DS+25s
- 6 Vista Spyder 344

The solution

By working with Christie, the DAU Video Services team has come to expect high-quality, dependable products. A level of trust has developed between DAU and Christie.

There have been increasing needs for what DAU calls TriZenter classrooms. These unique installations include an extra wide screen so presentations can be broken into three sections. Using three ceiling-mounted single chip DLP® projectors, this system enables instructors to split their content across the screen and then demonstrate multiple presentations with intricate detail.



A growing trend on campus are the DAU TriZenter classrooms that use 3 ceiling mounted DS+305s, projecting onto a 20' screen.

The Christie line of single chip DLP® projectors has provided the DAU team with the flexibility to set up four of these special classrooms with plans for future expansion. The Vista Spyder also has been a beneficial tool for dynamically blending multiple images across the screen.

DAU plays host to many high level military meetings and briefings, of both national and international significance. The Packard Conference Center offers additional adjacent meeting and ceremony facilities. Two Christie HD6K projectors and the Spyder are used to blend images across a 20' screen to make a strong impression with visitors and to provide quality presentation capabilities to meet their needs.

Decision-making factors

Working with a company you can trust — DAU has come to count on Christie for high quality reliable products and superior technical product support.

Dependable performance — the Video Services team understands that by installing Christie projectors they have

"We have been very pleased with the quality and dependability of the products purchased from Christie. Additionally, the Christie technical support team has been very responsive to all warranty requests."

Michael Skaines, Deputy Director of Video Services at DAU

the confidence that DAU instructors will be able to use the projectors every day in every class. Projector downtime can be very disruptive and cause delays in completing the lesson. Equipment reliability is very important on a day-to-day, class-by-class basis.

Up-to-date technology — Instructors expect high quality, easy-to-use, integrated projection solutions to enhance the teaching process.

"A good, comprehensive warranty is critical for us. We need to know that our equipment is protected," concludes Skaines.

Contact Christie

A Christie representative is available to answer all of your questions concerning your education application. Contact us today at sales-US@christiedigital.com to find out how you can benefit from a Christie display solution.



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