

# Certree & Kern Community College District partner to enable students & employees to own their personal credentials

*Partnership will help constituents control their academic & employment data, protecting them from identity theft & preventing fraudulent use of credentials.*

CALIFORNIA, USA, May 24, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, [Certree](#), a document anti-fraud and data security company, has teamed up with [Kern](#)

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[Community College District](#) (KCCD) and the three colleges within the district, to provide a secure private vault to all its students, alumni, faculty, and staff. The partnership provides unprecedented privacy protection and data security for those affiliated with Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College, and Porterville College. With Certree, these institutions can now issue tamper-proof credentials such as proof of employment, proof of income, diplomas, transcripts, micro-credentials, and certificates directly to their constituents.

KCCD Chancellor Sonya Christian is looking forward to the partnership, stating, “The benefit we can now offer to our students and employees to own their own credentials with privacy protection is much appreciated by our user community. This marks a new way of ensuring we are protecting sensitive information for all our constituents.”

“It is important for our campus to offer students direct electronic access to their verifiable records. One key benefit of this new system is the ability to automatically issue authentic digital transcripts directly to the students, which is more secure than any other methods, such as issuing a paper transcript” said Michelle Smith, Executive Director of Enrollment Systems and Integrated Support. “The credentials issued to each individual’s vault can be reused by our students and employees in their future academic and career pursuits. In addition, Certree eliminated a lot of manual work by offering us one digital platform for issuing all credentials to our constituents, all through user self-service. We look forward to continuing to innovate with Certree to better serve our students and employees.”

Certree zero-trust technology replaces the need for institutions to manually issue credentials to

any requesters or rely on any middlemen to serve verification requests by sending them sensitive private data, which could lead to data breaches or misuse of personal information without the student or employee's consent. With Certree, institutions can send sensitive data directly to an individual's vault which can only be accessed by the rightful owner of the data. Data self-sovereignty empowers users to have control and transparency over significant life changes, such as applying for a new job or enrolling in a graduate program.

"We are honored to partner with the Kern Community College District known for its innovative mindset in serving its students and employees. We look forward to a long-term partnership and continuing to deliver innovation for the future state of credentials in higher education." says Pavan Kochar, CEO Certree.

#### About Certree

Certree is a document anti-fraud and data security company that enables individuals to own and control their private data. Certree zero-trust technology ensures that only the individual data owner can view or share the data from their vault, and Certree technology guarantees the authenticity of documents shared directly by the individual via Certree. Certree has empowered over 30,000 organizations to issue credentials and protect millions of employees and students. Thousands of verifiers, including government entities, banks, lenders, and education institutions, verify authentic documents shared directly by data owners through Certree. For more information, visit [Certree.com](https://www.certree.com).

#### About Kern Community College District

Kern Community College District serves over 45,000 students through the programs of Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College, and Porterville College. Governed by a locally elected Board of Trustees, the district's colleges offer programs and services that develop student potential and create opportunities for its citizens. Kern Community College District is part of the [California Community Colleges](#).

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