



# **Al for Student Success**

Google & Quantiphi: Accelerating adoption of AI and Analytics to improve retention rates in Universities



Al - Data - Cloud









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# **AGENDA**

- How GCP is transforming the Education Industry
- 2 About Quantiphi
- Challenges and Solutions for Higher Retention Rates
- 4 Success Stories
- 5 Q&A
- 6 Quantiphi's Engagement Model



# GCP FOR EDUCATION







# GOOGLE CLOUD'S MISSION

Accelerate every organization's ability to digitally transform and reimagine their business through data-powered innovation

### GOOGLE IS INVESTING IN MORE CANADIAN REGIONS



Google Cloud

#### 2 Regions & 6 Zones in Canada

- Toronto (Sept '21) and Montreal (2018) Regions online now

# Early to Cloud, new to Public Sector Canada

- Covering Federal/Crowns,
  Provincial, Municipal, Education
  and Healthcare engineering,
  consulting, legal, ecosystem
  development and sales resources
- Both Sales and Engineering teams are growing rapidly (1 to 25 in year, anticipating more)

#### Four Artificial Intelligence labs

 Google Brain (Toronto & Montreal) and Montreal, DeepMind (Edmonton & Montreal)

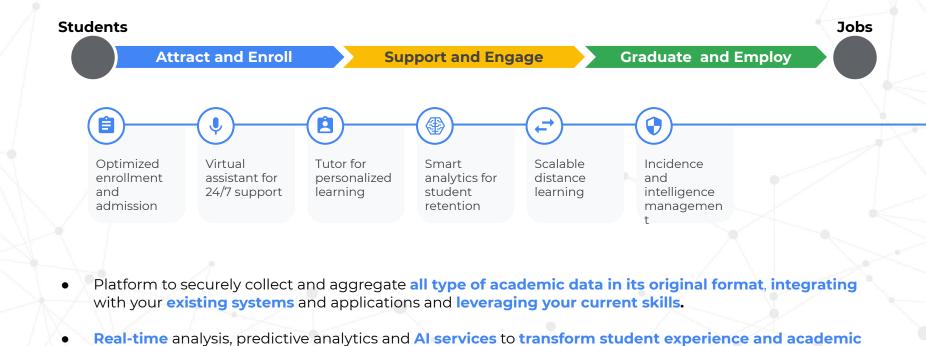
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### STUDENT SUCCESS SERVICES

operations along the entire lifecycle.

Transform student experience and academic operations across entire lifecycle



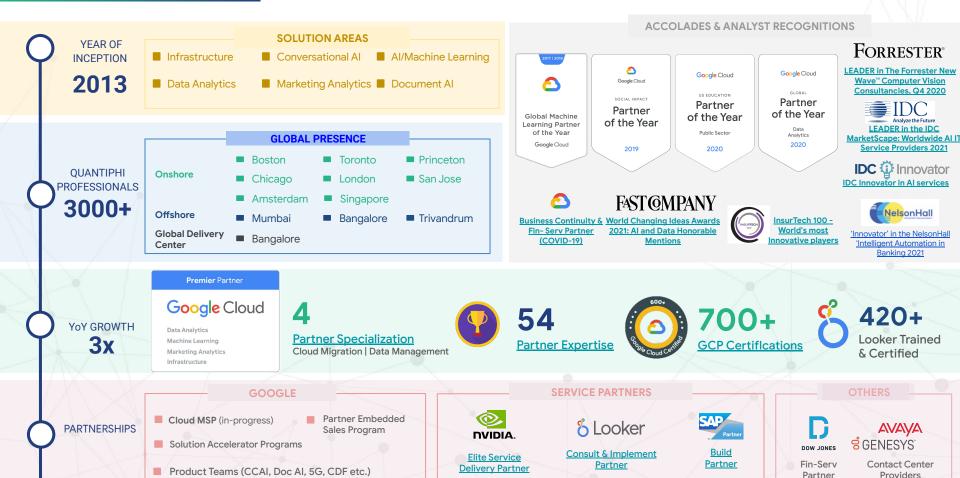
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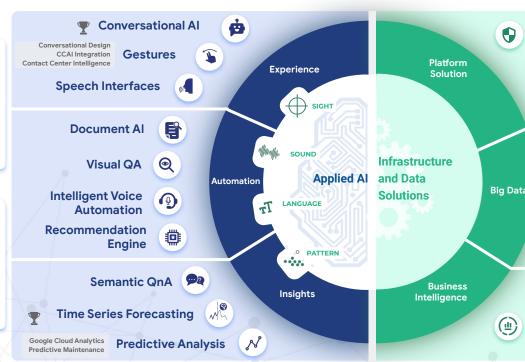


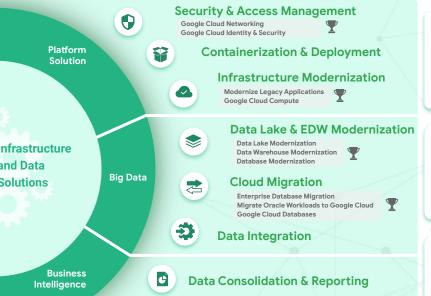


# INTRODUCING QUANTIPHI



## **OUR SOLUTION PORTFOLIO**









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#### INDUSTRIES



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SPECIALIZATION

Machine

Learning

Google Cloud

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SPECIALIZATION

Marketing Analytics

Google Cloud







Ecommerce Retail & CPG



Media and Entertainment









Data Visualization

Enterprise BI Solutions





Energy



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**CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS** 







# STUDENT DROPOUT PREDICTION

Develop a machine learning model to predict the dropout probability by identifying prominent factors affecting student retention



#### Challenges



Insufficient insights to the factors affecting dropout



Negative impact on the institution's reputation and credibility



Loss of revenue

#### Solution



Flag engagement or predict grades



Identify patterns and generate insights



Put emphasis on at-risk students

#### **Business Impacts & Value Proposition for Customers**



Lesser Number of Dropouts



Improved Student Experience



Decrease in Loss of Revenue

# STUDENT GRADE PREDICTION

A machine learning model to predict the grade of the student and also identify critical factors that affect it.



#### **Challenges**



Many students tend to dropout from courses due to low grades



Lack of timely intervention for students at-risk



Insufficient insights to the factors affecting the grade

#### Solution



Predict the grade of the student



Identify patterns and generate insights



Put emphasis on at-risk students

#### **Business Impacts & Value Proposition for Customers**



Improved course designing



Better communication experience between advisors and students

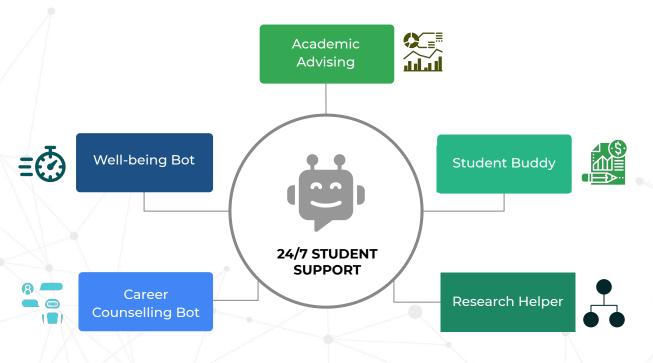


Increase in Graduation Rates



# VIRTUAL AGENT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

A Conversational AI technology powered multilingual virtual agent that can assist students 24x7 and streamline work for the advisors





Reduced Manual Efforts



Accelerated Request Processing



Improved Student Experience



Personalized Student Support

# SUCCESS STORIES

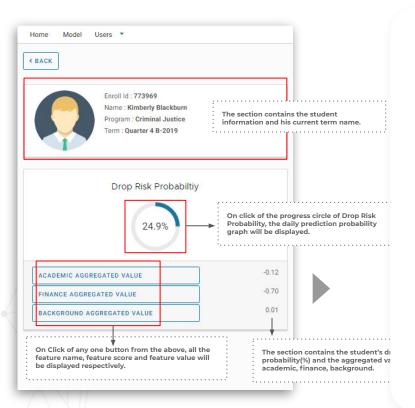






### STUDENT DROPOUT PROBABILITY

Multivariate rescoring model to predict the likelihood of a student dropping out of the course



#### **Problem Context**

The currently utilised student engagement model at a post graduate company is not reflective of key drivers/indicators of student performance thereby, making it incapable of timely identification of at-risk students.

#### **Solution Delivered**

Quantiphi developed a machine learning solution to identify at-risk students and provide early intervention.

The solution involves a **multivariate rescoring model** to improve the current process of predicting the likelihood of a student dropping out of the course. The model output is used as an input to modulate operational policies to give students more targeted support, to improve their performance in class.

#### **Business Impact**

- ~75% dropouts correctly identified
- 85%+ model accuracy for student retention model
- Visible fall in revenue loss and rise in student graduation rates within 3 months

### **ACADEMIC ADVISOR ASSISTANT**

Virtual agent for an educational institution to resolve queries posted by potential students, existing students and alumni



"Partnering with Quantiphi has allowed my team to use a well-developed artificial intelligence user interface that has the potential to increase productivity by 150%.."

~ **Dawn Coder**, Director of Academic Advising and Student Disability Services at Penn State World Campus

"Using AI to assist our academic advisers positions us to be even more responsive to our learners,"

~ **Renata Engel,** vice provost for online education at Penn State.

#### **Problem Context**

A staff of **48 full-time advisers** collectively spends more than **5,000 hours** a year assisting students with the most common requests like how to change majors or re-enroll in classes.

#### **Solution Delivered**

To help get information to students more quickly and free up advisors to tackle more complex student issues, Quantiphi developed a solution to answer routine student questions more quickly.

The solution uses **Dialogflow**, Google's natural-language processing tool, to analyze the questions students send to advisors and gather relevant information from Penn State's secure student database. The virtual assistant then quickly sends the answers back to the advisor to relay to the student.

#### **Business Impact**



Average response time slumped from 30 mins/query to ~557ms



92% model accuracy for user query resolution



24/7 live chat availability, significantly enhancing student experience



# Q&A, NEXT STEPS?







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# QUANTIPHI'S ENGAGEMENT MODEL







# Hack It

- GCP Infrastructure foundations for analytics and ML enablement
- Identify a priority use case for a quick and effective win
- POC 1: Develop & deploy a Minimum Viable Model using various ML & Al techniques and assess its business impact

Iteration for every use-case

#### Prove It

- PILOT 1: Productionalize the deployment of the minimum viable model
- Identify workload for subsequent POC/Pilot

Nail It

- Creation of end to end solution for the problem in scope
- Develop a robust & integrated infrastructure to solve complex problems at scale for a given business unit

Scale It

- Institutionalize AI/ML capabilities within the university.
- Continue optimization of existing integrations
- On-going post go-live support

(1-4 weeks) (4-12 weeks) (12-24 weeks) (TBD)

# THANK YOU



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