CSU-CHICO WAS FOUNDED IN 1887. Today, more than 17,000 students are enrolled.

In 2004, the CSU Board of Trustees issued an executive order to make explicit the existence and compliance of systemwide policies for the disability support and accommodation program.

With support from executive leadership and the Accessible Technology Initiative provided by the California State System, the Accessibility Technology Initiative (ATI) team was formed to help implement accessibility requirements across all CSU campuses.

With video being such a popular tool for instruction and assignment submission, CSU-Chico needed a new video management solution that complied with accessibility requirements. Enter Kaltura.

Kaltura checked all the boxes, including integration with Blackboard Learn, streaming, web-cam recording and auto-captioning capabilities, as well as an open framework for API integration.

Kaltura offers many accessibility features, including:
- Attachments for descriptions or directions
- Speed Selector so that videos can be viewed at various speeds
- Sign-language or descriptive insets
- Multiple audio tracks which can be parallel with audio description

In addition to video, CSU-Chico needed a way to review the millions of other content items living within Blackboard Learn, as manual review would be impossible. CSU-Chico discovered that Blackboard Ally could solve this problem by automatically scanning a wide variety of content items within the LMS.

Blackboard Ally provides:
- Automatic checking for accessibility issues
- Alternative accessible versions
- Instructor feedback on how to improve content accessibility
- Course-level and institutional reporting to help track and improve accessibility across the institution

With the combination of Blackboard Learn, Blackboard Ally, and Kaltura, CSU-Chico faculty and staff are now empowered to deliver a more inclusive learning experience with high-quality, accessible content for all students.

Ready to start your accessibility journey? Visit blackboard.com/ally for more info on Blackboard Ally. Visit corp.kaltura.com/education for more information on Kaltura.