

Jade Press Release

JADE System Wins Innovation Award



JADE MAKES FINALIST ON TWO COUNTS OF COMPUTERWORLD EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Following the announcement by The University of Canterbury to implement JADE, the technology is once again under the spotlight after being named finalist in two categories of the Computerworld Excellence Awards.

The JADE Student Management system is in the finals of the Computerworld Excellence Awards for the most Successful Project Implementation of the Year, for projects implemented on time, within budget and scope, with the University of Waikato implementation, known as the SAS-e Project.

One of two contenders in its category, the SAS-e Project commenced in 2001 after the University selected the JADE Student Management system to replace their incumbent technology, and has undergone continuous quality assurance by Audit New Zealand,.

“Going into this project we were aware of difficulties reported by other tertiary institutions throughout Australasia who had introduced new systems, but the Jade system has been implemented at Waikato on time, under budget, and is performing above our expectations,” says SAS-e Project Manager, Michelle Jordan-Tong.

Originally created in 1999 as a Polytechnic solution, extensive development of the system was undertaken to meet the requirements of the University, with over 20-person years of development invested in the SAS-e Project, equating to a total of over 77-person years of overall product development.

Jade continue to work with Waikato University to add advanced automation features to their JADE Student Management system, which has just completed its second successful enrolment period, significantly improving service delivery in an industry renowned for overruns and messy enrolment periods.

“The support from Jade Software Corporation throughout the project has been wonderful. We are really proud of our joint achievement, and ongoing relationship to further develop the system and have our fingers crossed for the finals,” says Jordan-Tong.

The Computerworld Excellence award ceremony is scheduled for 25 June.