Auburn University Uses IOM N-Glance™ Identification System to Protect Athletic Facility

**CASE STUDY:** Auburn University’s 1,841 acre campus hosts over 29,000 students and faculty. Renowned for its premier academic and athletic programs, the university takes pride in the safety and security of its 427 buildings. When the athletic facility’s identity authentication system no longer met its requirements, Auburn immediately started researching options.

The athletic facility’s existing identity verification system allowed students and faculty to enter using swipeable access cards. Inevitably, some cards were lost or stolen, potentially allowing unauthorized personnel to enter the building. Auburn decided to replace the existing system with a more secure solution that could grow with its ever-evolving needs.

The school’s initial decision was to use hand geometry biometrics, which identifies users by the shape of their hands. Unfortunately, this system had issues with the large size of some athletes’ hands, and the swelling of the hands due to strenuous workouts. The administration went back to the drawing board to find a system that was more stable and easier to use.

After reviewing several products, Auburn University chose SRI International’s Iris on the Move® (IOM) N-Glance™ identification system. The IOM N-Glance provides accurate, effortless, standoff identification at points of entry where secure access is required. Users simply glance at the system from a comfortable distance without having to place their eye close to a camera. The system uniquely identifies people in less than a second, and processes up to 12 people per minute. It captures iris images even if a user is wearing eyeglasses, contact lenses, or most sunglasses.

The combination of accuracy and convenience made the IOM N-Glance the ideal solution for Auburn. Once registered, students, faculty, and guests can enter the building using only their eyes—eliminating the need for keys or access cards that can be lost or stolen.

“We wanted a solution to control access to secure locations, and we needed an authentication device that was easy to use and easy to integrate into our existing access control system.”

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Auburn University, which began using the IOM system in November 2011, is the first school in the nation to use this type of biometric identification system.