Innovating your institution

Modern students being digital natives, they've grown up having access to great digital experiences. I think it's important to try to replicate that kind of digital experience while they're on campus.

Students really want to know kind of how they're doing and where they are in their progression. You can go and talk to your adviser, but wouldn't it be nice if you had an app that you could actually just check progress or maybe something that was even prompting you if it was time to adjust something.

So the idea is that if we can make better use of things like Internet of Things, the devices themselves they're using, and analytics to provide kind of a real-time view of how they're doing. That's something a lot of schools are starting to do. So a progression report, sort of.

We've seen everything from raising a red flag if students aren't attending class, but even going beyond that to knowing enough about the data itself to know based on kind of what other students in similar situations, when they reach a certain point, maybe some courses aren't quite as likely to be the right fit for them based on their goals, or where they're trying to go, so this is a good goal. And you think about how technology can help keep students safe, provide better kind of clearer pathways and know what the end results are likely to be.