



## Century College Can a case add efficiency and effectiveness in the classroom?



### Fast Facts

Century College is a two-year college offering a high-quality, affordable education in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. It is the largest community and technical college in Minnesota. [www.century.edu](http://www.century.edu).

### Background Challenge

Century College conducts classes off site in remote classrooms. Many classrooms use fragile equipment for certain subject matter, such as microscopes. These types of fragile pieces need to be securely transported to the remote locations where classes are often taught. Century College was originally using totes and boxes purchased from Home Depot to accomplish the transportation of classroom equipment. Instructors weren't satisfied with the security on these makeshift carrying cases, as well as lack of internal organization. Additionally, there was no branding on the cases and they didn't look professional.

### The Solution

Instructor of Continuing Education & Custom Training for Century College Larry Raddatz started searching the Internet for a solution using keywords and landed on Packnet's website. The hard sided cases he saw caught his eye because they looked durable and secure enough to protect fragile equipment.

Raddatz brought his equipment to Packnet's engineering and sales team and asked for their opinion on the best solutions for his needs. Packnet provided CAD drawings for his approval that took into consideration the ease of handling and lifting.

### Benefits

Raddatz found the hard-sided cases and custom interiors to be superior for protecting equipment from damage. The interior customized foam pieces allow for holding spots of intricate little pieces and ease of use. Raddatz explains the value of his customized cases, "These cases make set-up and take-down more efficient for me and eliminates misplacing things. It also helps visually to teach the students about the 5S System of Lean Manufacturing."

The 5S System of Lean Manufacturing is a workplace organization method that was originally based off of five Japanese words and later translated to English. It focuses on how to organize a workspace for efficiency and effectiveness by identifying and storing items used, maintaining the area and items, and sustaining new order. This method helps introduce standardization in the workplace and build understanding among employees on how they should do their work.

Raddatz's experience with Packnet easily solved his issues and changed his daily life of teaching students. "Packnet and Broc were very easy to work with because they made suggestions, but also gave me options."

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