



## **Rio Hondo College Enhances Enterprise Security and User Experience With BIO-key's PortalGuard Identity-as-a-Service Platform**

**Whittier, CA & Wall, NJ** – June 2, 2021 - [BIO-key International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of identity and access management (IAM) solutions featuring biometrics, today announced that Rio Hondo College in Whittier, CA, with more than 19,000 students has selected BIO-key's PortalGuard Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) platform to improve their security posture and user experience for access to more than twenty enterprise applications such as Ellucian Banner, Brightspace, Canvas LMS and Microsoft Office 365.

The IT team at Rio Hondo College is focused on improving the user experience and streamlining access to critical applications through PortalGuard's Single Sign-On (SSO) capabilities. Providing an array of valuable applications enhances the student experience, but remembering multiple unique passwords and usernames for each application creates a significant access burden, often leading to 'password fatigue.' With just one set of SSO credentials to manage, login and authentication issues are dramatically reduced for the college and its students. Consolidating to one access point also reduces the chance of a security breach and improves mobile adoption by providing secure access to systems from any device. Additionally, PortalGuard IDaaS delivers an attractive return on investment because Rio Hondo College does not need to manage the deployment, security, configuration, hosting, and maintenance of the cloud-based platform and deploy those resources in other ways.

Rio Hondo is building on PortalGuard's SSO benefits by adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) security improvements. MFA is especially effective when combined with an SSO solution to remove multiple usernames and passwords from the equation, strengthening security and further improving the user experience. PortalGuard IDaaS provides 16 different MFA options that allow customers to adopt flexible authentication standards and gain these combined SSO and MFA benefits. BIO-key's new MobileAuth™ with PalmPositive™ app for mobile devices provides fast, touchless, secure access to user accounts from any device. MobileAuth can be used for multi-factor authentication or passwordless workflows that make it quicker and easier to sign in.

"While passwords remain the most common way to authenticate your identity online, their frequently breached vulnerabilities provide very little protection for users," states Mark Cochran, President, BIO-key PortalGuard. "MobileAuth is a powerful new biometric capability we have built into PortalGuard IDaaS to provide secure, individual-tied access that eliminates the inconvenience, security risks, and higher costs of traditional authentication methods. While many vendors do not take usability seriously enough, PortalGuard IDaaS delivers an enterprise-grade cloud IAM solution with frictionless access and security improvements, allowing our customers to achieve their cybersecurity objectives while also improving the user experience."

### **About BIO-key International, Inc. ([www.bio-key.com](http://www.bio-key.com))**

BIO-key has over two decades of expertise in providing authentication technology for thousands of organizations and millions of users and is revolutionizing authentication with biometric-centric, multi-

factor identity, and access management (IAM) solutions. Its PortalGuard IAM solution, that provides convenient and secure access to devices, information, applications, and high-value transactions. BIO-key's patented software and hardware solutions, with industry-leading biometric capabilities, enable large-scale on-premises and Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) solutions as well as customized enterprise and cloud solutions.

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