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Fischer Identity Recognized as a “Commander” in Tambellini Group’s IAM StarChart™ for Second Consecutive Year

Recognition reinforces Fischer Identity’s continued leadership in identity and access management for higher education

NAPLES, FLORIDA – September 29, 2026 – Fischer Identity, a leading provider of Identity and Access Management (IAM) solutions, today announced that it has been recognized as a Commander for the second consecutive year in The Tambellini Group’s *StarChart™: 2026 Identity and Access Management*.

The back-to-back recognition reinforces Fischer Identity’s position as an established IAM provider serving the complex identity requirements of higher education institutions, from large R1 research universities to small liberal arts colleges.

Tambellini Group’s StarChart research provides higher education technology leaders with an independent comparison of leading technology providers, evaluating solutions across key criteria including usability and innovation. The research draws upon institutional interviews, surveys, vendor briefings, and Tambellini’s extensive higher education technology data.

For Fischer Identity, earning the Commander designation for a second consecutive year is particularly significant as colleges and universities confront an increasingly complicated identity landscape. Institutions must manage access for students, faculty, staff, researchers, contractors, alumni, guests, service accounts, and a growing population of non-human identities while simultaneously addressing cybersecurity threats, regulatory requirements, cloud migration, and emerging AI technologies.

“Being recognized as a Commander for the second consecutive year demonstrates something important to institutions evaluating IAM: this isn’t about a single release or a moment in time, it reflects a sustained commitment to the higher education market, to our customers, and to continually improving a platform that institutions can operate and evolve themselves.” said Bryan Leber, CEO of Fischer Identity. “Higher education institutions aren’t looking for an IAM platform that simply checks more boxes. They need technology that works in the reality of their

environment, adapts as their institution changes, and gives their own teams control. We believe this recognition reflects the work we've done to make sophisticated identity governance practical, manageable, and sustainable."

Fischer Identity has spent decades working with higher education institutions and has designed its platform around the distinctive challenges of the sector. Unlike a conventional enterprise, a college or university may need to simultaneously manage multiple affiliations, rapidly changing roles, distributed administration, seasonal population changes, complex academic and employment relationships, and access that may continue long after a person's primary relationship with the institution changes.

Fischer Identity addresses these requirements through a no-code, configuration-driven platform that enables institutions to automate identity lifecycle management, provisioning, access governance, and compliance while maintaining administrative control over their IAM environment.

"Higher education identity is complicated because the relationships are complicated," said Mark Cox, Associate Vice President of IAM Strategic Advisory Services at Fischer Identity. "A person can be a student, employee, researcher, alumnus, or several of those things at the same time. Effective IAM has to understand those relationships and govern access accordingly. Being recognized as a Commander again reinforces our focus on solving the identity challenges that institutions actually encounter rather than forcing higher education into a traditional corporate IAM model."

Fischer Identity's higher education capabilities include:

- **Automated identity lifecycle management** across students, faculty, staff, contractors, alumni, guests, non-human identities – such as service accounts and AI agents, and other institutional populations.
- **No-code configuration** that enables institutional IT teams to modify workflows, policies, and business rules without extensive custom development.
- **Identity governance and access certification** that provides visibility into who has access, why access was granted, and whether it remains appropriate.
- **Higher education integrations** supporting complex campus ecosystems and leading platforms including Ellucian, Workday, Oracle, Microsoft, and hundreds of additional applications.
- **Cloud and hybrid deployment flexibility** to accommodate institutions at different stages of technology modernization.
- **Customer administrative control** that reduces dependence on outside consultants and systems integrators for ongoing IAM changes and administration.

The second consecutive Commander designation comes as identity governance assumes an increasingly strategic role in higher education cybersecurity. The rapid adoption of cloud services and artificial intelligence, combined with growing numbers of human and non-human identities, is expanding the number and types of identities institutions must discover, manage, and govern.

Fischer Identity continues to invest in capabilities designed to help institutions maintain visibility and governance as those environments evolve, while giving institutional IT teams the flexibility and control to manage and adapt their identity environment as their needs change.

About The Tambellini Group

The Tambellini Group is the leading independent technology analyst and advisory firm dedicated exclusively to higher education. Founded in 2001, the firm provides unbiased research, insights, and strategic guidance to help institutions navigate the evolving technology landscape and make informed decisions that align with their missions. The StarChart™ is a visual and analytical tool produced by The Tambellini Group to help higher education leaders evaluate and compare solutions based on usability, innovation, and market presence. The StarChart 2025 Identity and Access Management Platforms edition benchmarks vendors across a range of criteria relevant to colleges and universities. Tambellini is widely respected for its unbiased, institution-centric research. Tambellini clients can download a copy of the full report [here](#). For more information about The Tambellini Group and their services, visit www.thetambellinigroup.com.

About Fischer Identity:

Founded in 2005, Fischer Identity provides cutting-edge Identity and Access Management (IAM) solutions that enhance security, streamline operations, and simplify administration. With a fully configurable, no-code IAM platform, Fischer enables organizations to securely manage identities across hybrid enterprise environments while ensuring compliance and efficiency. Committed to Zero Trust principles and pioneering security innovation, Fischer Identity continues to shape the future of cybersecurity with automated, scalable IAM solutions. For more information about Fischer Identity and its IAM solutions, visit www.FischerIdentity.com.

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