

Reply to comments of Fordham University:

It was "refreshing" to see that someone at Fordham University had the wherewithal to actually write a letter in their own words and not those obviously being disseminated by Privatel, Inc. It restores my belief in higher education.

In the comments, the Fordham writer states "Recently I contacted Privatel to request a few additional channels on behalf of our students. Within days, Privatel swiftly agreed to offer the additional channels at no additional cost." I'm afraid most of the residents served by MVPDs set up by developers to long term exclusive contracts can not identify with the prompt service Fordham apparently receives. I have recently requested that my provider, Century Communications, not add two additional channels but operate two existing channels (Sun Sports and Fox Sports Network) as those networks intend to be run. Instead, Century insists on operating these channels incorrectly resulting in many wrongful black-outs every week -- a situation they have been aware of doing for years now.

I hope Fordham continues to enjoy such wonderful service and benefits but I believe they can do so without resorting to the anticompetitive use of an exclusive contract with Privatel.