Technology and Tools in Graduate Enrollment Management

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Overview

- Foundations of Grad Enrollment Management
 - Definitions & Baseline Operations
 - Managing through the Funnel
- Aligning Best Practices and Enrollment Tech: The Grad EM Journey
 - Top-of-the-funnel: Best Practices in Reaching Prospects
 - Lead/Inquiry Management: Aligning Best Practices and Enrollment Tech
 - Qualification & Yield: Reflections on the Admit-to-Student Journey
- Q&A / Discussion



Doesn't Everyone Just Want to Come to Us?



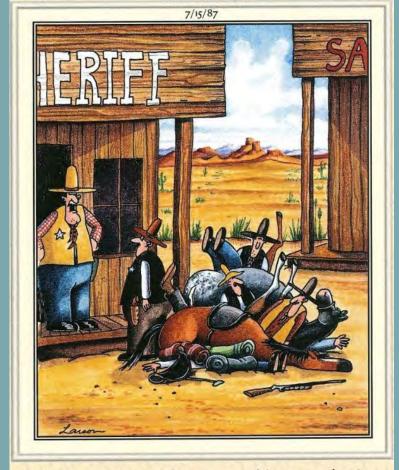






What is enrollment management?

- Marketing/Recruitment, Admissions, Enrollment, Persistence, Completion
- What can Graduate Deans (and their units) do to maximally support all of these?
- Unique challenge is that you are selling hundreds of different "products," each with its own target market, pricing issues, and customer satisfaction issues!
- Like a research project... so it should be familiar!



"And so you just threw everything together? Matthews, a posse is something you have to organize."

Grad Enrollment Management: The Funnel

Awareness Prospect/Inquiry **Applicants** Admission

Word of mouth, alum engagement, social media, traditional media, class visits President's favorite

Curated lists, direct referrals, SEO, agents, info sessions, call campaigns

RCR coaching, test prep support, application advising, comms

Process communications with applicants, speed of process, info on policy, redirects

Ambassador calls, I20 delivery, dean outreach, admit weekend, competitor program comparison

Pandemic trends, ROI concerns, Fairs & Tours

On-demand flexibility preferences, international pipeline, staffing

Test optional policies, reducing (perceived) barriers to entry

"Soft landings," program redirects, cross-campus program options

Tech infusion, customized communications, personal relationships, program vs profession

Reaching Prospects

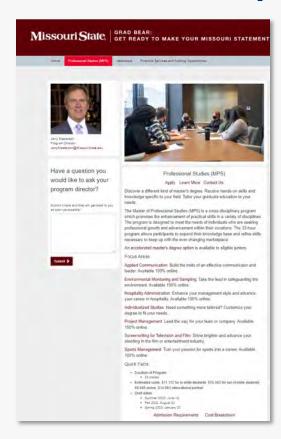
- Be like the surgeon... We are so awesome; everybody wants to come to us.
- Always have a CALL TO ACTION CTA
- Driving Interest to Your Programs:
 - Ads
 - Tailored digital marketing
 - CTA Submit a Request for Information (RFI) (or contact us in a different way)
- Initiate Contact with Prospects:
 - Own alum or undergrads CRM
 - External names identify individuals with a propensity for grad work and hopefully your program(s) in particular. Example: Intelligent Names and Othot
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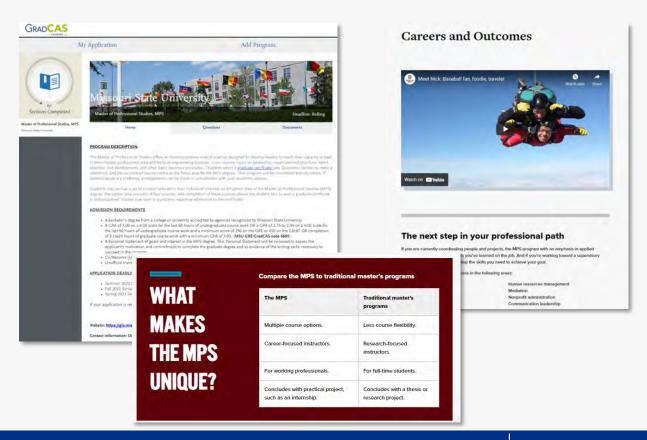
Reaching Prospects

- Nice to have a CRM system (Slate, EMP, others)
- Set automatized messaging that is individualized for each program, tailored to student interests, highlight special features of campus or area, etc.
- Respond to RFIs
 - Phone calls and Emails attitudes/customer service matters
 - CRM (Customer Relation Management) We use EMP
 - Series of emails and/or texts. Can add tailored print.
 - CTA Start and Complete an Application
 - CRM campaign on In Progress
 - Studies of Abandoned Applications
 - EMP creates a personalized URL that changes across application stages



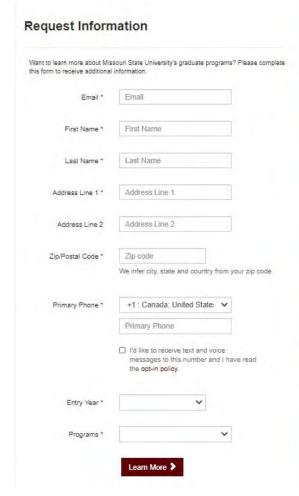
Example: Master of Professional Studies





Request for information

- Individual completes form
- Immediate message from Dean
- Next day an email "from" the GPD
- 3 days later, an email from Assoc. Dean
- All have START YOUR APPLICATION NOW! as CTA
- Student enters our system as "Inquiry" and stays until s/he starts an application.
- Complete one yourself and pick your program to see what happens.









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Sign up for the next available date: 2/18/2021

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Julie, we are so glad that you have started your application to an MSU graduate program.



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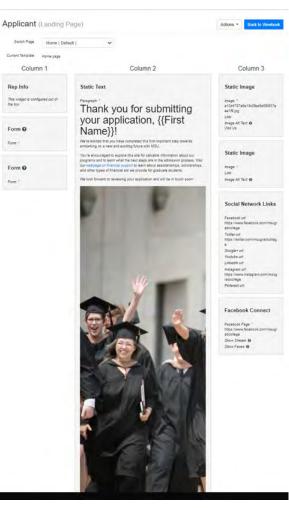




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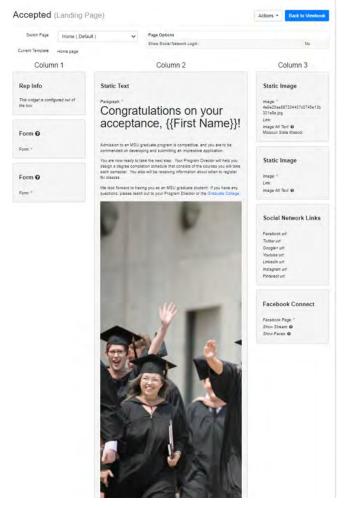
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Making Good Admissions Decisions

- Inclusive Practices
 - Welcoming, inclusive marketing/recruitment materials
 - Metrics (pros/cons of each)
 - Evaluation and decision Processes
- Time to Decision
 - Sometimes, students accept the first offer they get
 - Biweekly nudges to GPDs re potentially complete applications
 - Started copying deans
 - Track Time to Decision and consider incentive

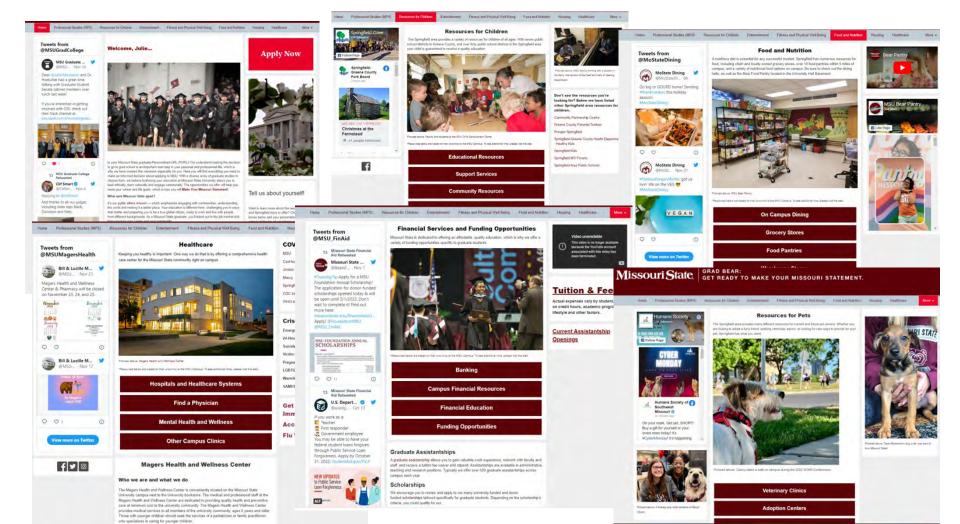




Turning Admits into Matriculants: Pick Us!!

- CRM messaging campaign to stay in touch, encourage engagement as soon as student is admitted
 - Provide support re local resources, answer logistics questions
 - Social media groups
- Encourage deposit (for relevant programs)
- Ensure advisor meetings are scheduled
- CRM messaging to formally accept funding offer (of course adhering to April 15 agreement....)
- CRM messaging to encourage registration when it opens







Turning Matriculants into Completers

- Success = Persistence, Completion
- Text Campaigns, "nudges"
 - Signal Vine at MSU- Registration, Apply to Graduate,
 Thesis Submission
 - Special groups (athletes)
- Degree Completion Plan filed before end of second semester
- Professional development, support services for mental health, financial needs (food pantry, emergency clothing, etc.)
- Oversight of research experiences, advisor-advisee relationships







Thank You



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