# HubSpot User Groups

#### Meet the Speakers



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#### Who is Stratagon?

& Technology firm experienced in helping corporations, NGOs and higher education institutions reach their goals using a hybrid approach of traditional and innovative digital marketing technologies.



We are a proud HubSpot **PLATINUM** Certified Agency Partner.



### Aligning Recruitment Strategies

With the Student Enrollment Journey



#### Agenda

- 1. The Challenge That Enrollment Officers Face
- 2. The Enrollment Journey "Recruitment Funnel"
- 3. Digital Communication "The Must Dos"
- 4. Common Recruitment Marketing Challenges



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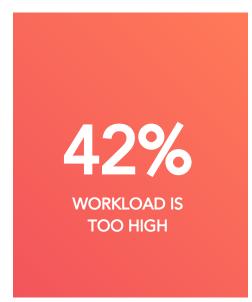
### The Challenge



#### Top Reasons Enrollment Officers Say They Are Not Satisfied With Their Jobs



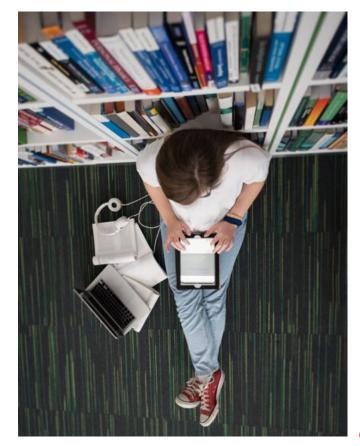




### The Enrollment Officer's Challenges

#### Sound Familiar?

- Tuition-based revenues are stagnant, or possibly declining.
- Competition is fierce.
- Students are applying to more colleges in mass, so while applications may be going up, yield is not.
- Administration wants to increase enrollment but provides no additional budget resources.





### The Enrollment Journey

Consider the Student

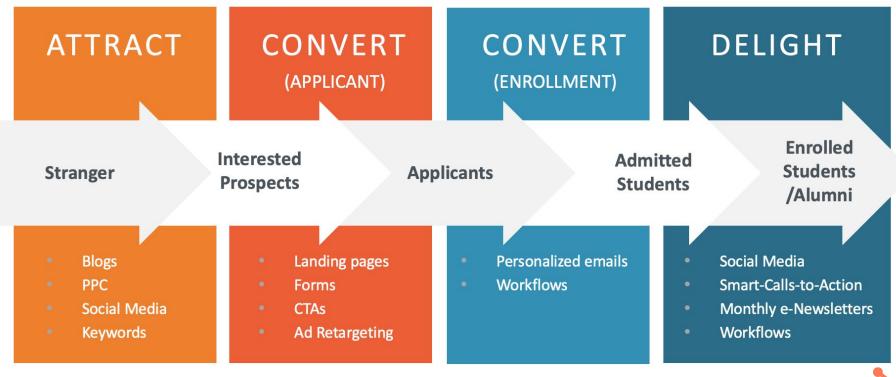


### Consider the Student Journey Through the Recruitment Funnel.

From strangers, to applicants, to enrolled students, and finally promoters of your institution - with strategic use of a variety of channels such as social media, blogging, landing pages, forms, and personalized/automated email.



#### Path to Enrollment: Using the HubSpot Methodology





### Where Does Marketing Automation Fit with On-the-Ground Recruitment Efforts?

Make your digital efforts enhance your face-to-face interactions.

- HubSpot allows institutions to nurture prospective students with highly personalized useful content that helps convert them to applicants and move admitted students to delighted enrolled students.
- Remember: Marketing automation does not make marketing "automatic." Professionals still have to generate and nurture leads. Instead, it takes these proven efforts and scales them.



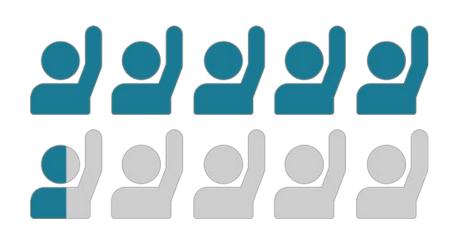
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# Digital Communications



# Students are more likely to consider institutions that use Digital Strategies...







55%

**Juniors** 

60%

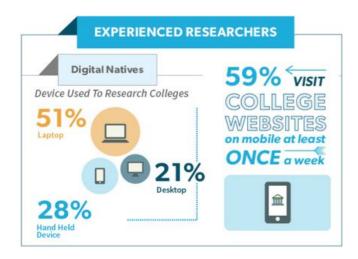
**Seniors** 

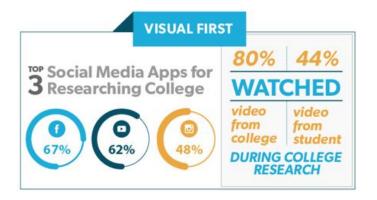


#### Today's Prospects are Visual First

Think about incorporating video and social.

### USING VIDEO AND SOCIAL





AND ARE HIGHLY ADEPT USERS OF MOBILE FOR RESEARCH



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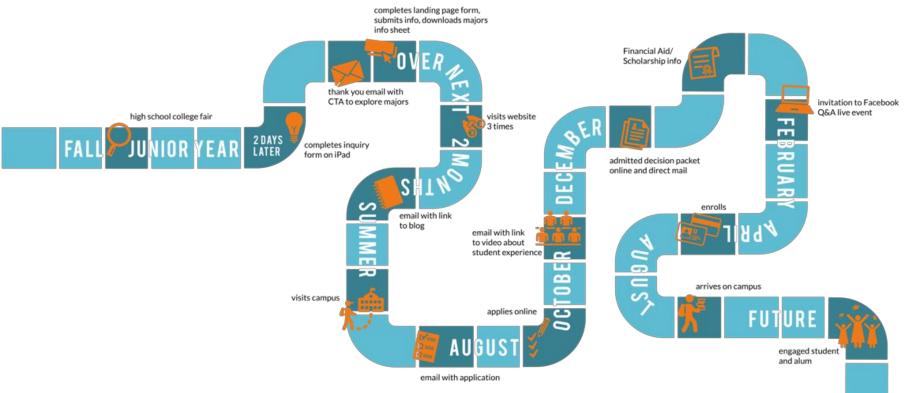
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60% of students have liked or followed a school that they are considering.

#### The Enrollment Journey: A Communications Plan





#### Must Do: Segmentation for Proper Messaging

01

Est. Naming Convention

Internal naming convention when using HubSpot is very important to utilizing templates or content in several different ways.

02

Get a handle on suppression

These lists are your friend. They will make sure that the right student doesn't get the wrong message.

03

Segment your students

Segment your students to tailor the message.
This may mean by interest, major, or intended enrollment.

04

Include the Parents

If you have the data communicate with the parents! They are a vital part of the enrollment journey and often have heavy influence.

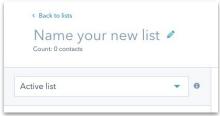


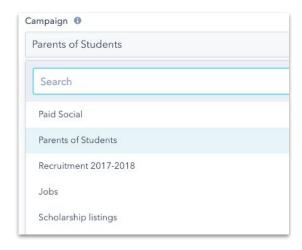
### Establish Labeling + Leverage HubSpot's Campaign Feature

It's important to name lists, emails, and workflows appropriately and consistently. This is especially important when working with a team.

 Use HubSpot campaigns to tag related marketing assets and content in HubSpot so you can easily measure the effectiveness of your collective marketing efforts.

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<b>✓</b>	Scholarship listings	30	= 1	30	-	-



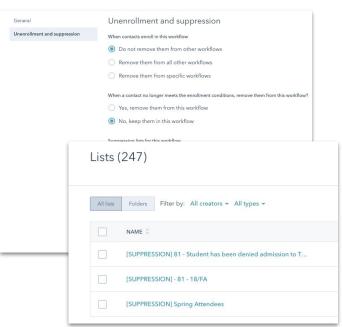




### Suppression Lists + Suppression Settings in Your Workflows

It's vital to set up your own personal "Suppression" lists, and to create standards or rules around which lists to suppress on the workflow itself.

- Creates a "stop gap" to prevent the wrong messages going to the students.
  - Already enrolled students
  - Students denied admission
  - Students with money sent
- Create a "written" process around which lists to suppress depending on what message you are sending.



Hint: Standardize your list naming conventions so that it is easy to find your suppression lists.

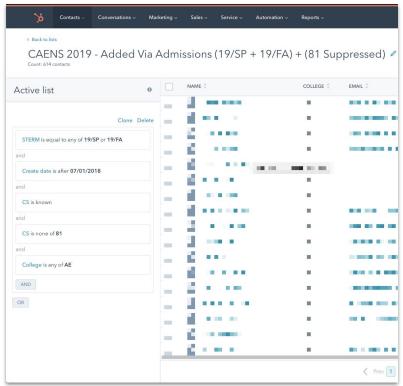


Segment Your Students and Create

**Active Lists** 

Utilizing active lists will help to ensure automation takes place for putting the right contact into the right list.

- Think about the information that students will need to help their decision process.
- Match your personas, lists, and HubSpot properties to your admissions process so that you can easily segment your data into smart lists:
  - FAFSA completed?
  - Scholarships received
  - Admissions status or admissions codes





### Don't Forget to Include Guardians in Your Messages

This might seem obvious, but it's incredibly important to remember that parents and guardians have just as much say in the admissions process as the student does. Having a separate communications plan for the parents and guardians is essential to send them information and keep them informed.

Text + Direct Mail & Email Communications

- Scholarship and Award Deadlines
- Housing Deadline
- FAFSA Completion Reminders



Call Loop

Integrate & Automate Your Voice & Text Messaging





#### Must Do: Consistent Messaging



#### Personalization for Reach

Personalization is a scalable way to give each student a customizable enrollment journey.



#### Give Them Resources

Students need help. Lists, infographics, how-tos, and handy calendars make life easier on them - and on you.



#### Find a Consistent Cadence

Communicating in a way that is helpful and timely helps to make them feel comfortable with their enrollment journey.



#### Important Date Reminders

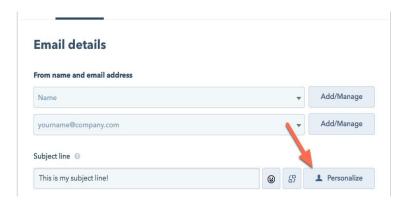
Creating a sense of urgency, and reminding students of helpful dates, is extremely helpful to them.



### Personalization for a Better Student Experience

There are several ways to personalize your digital communications with your prospective students.

- Personalize email subject line
- Use personalization tokens to automate the way you personalize emails



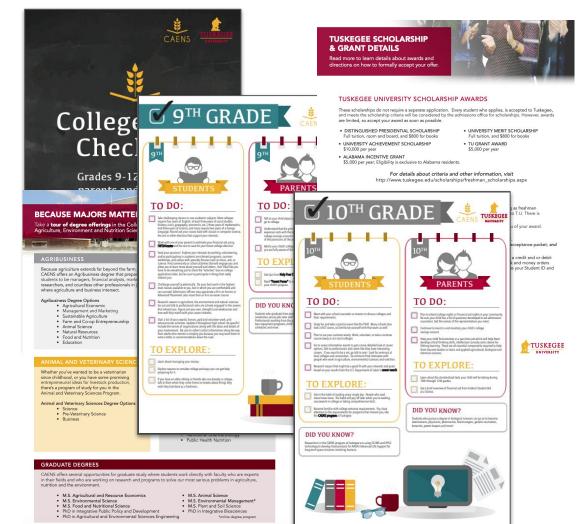


#### Resources

Create meaningful and relevant support material for prospective students.

Rich content, interactive PDFs, program resources, and checklists that answer your personas' questions and address their needs are invaluable for students and parents.

Create content that you can include in several different types of communication.



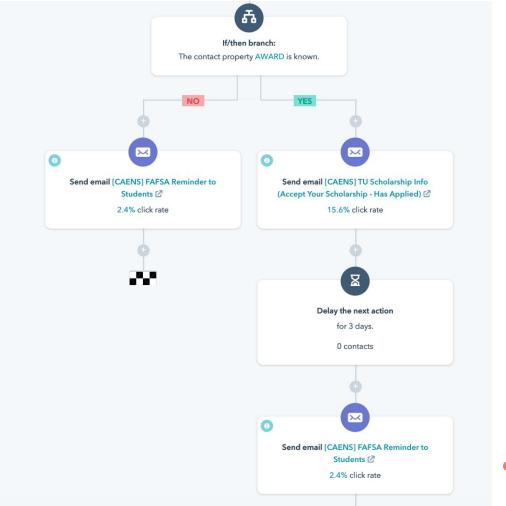


#### Finding a Cadence

#### Provide consistent messaging to prospects.

Establish and maintain consistency within your messaging while nurturing prospective students.

Maintain a fine balance of communication with delays and pauses in your automated communication. Align your messaging to mesh with the lengthy higher ed decision making process.







Subject

Five, four, THREE days to accept your scholarship!



Sent date

April 29, 2018 10:00 AM by Kassi Womeldorf

See details



DEADLINE EXTENDED ACCEPT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP BY MAY 2411 Subject

Don't procrastinate. Accept your scholarship by May 31.

Updated on

May 23, 2018 4:07 PM by Valarie Kouba

See details



Subject

Tomorrow is the last chance to accept your TU Scholarship

Sent date

April 30, 2018 10:00 AM by Kassi Womeldorf

See details

#### **Dates and Deadlines**

Prospective students are juggling a multitude of dates and deadlines sending timely reminders will keep you top of mind.

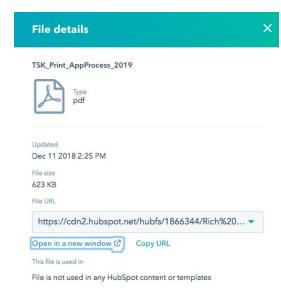
For application or submission deadlines, utilize a countdown or call out a due date within the subject line or preview text to provide an additional nudge to recipients before opening or clicking through.



#### Streamline Web PDF Updates in File Manager



Resources that are updated consistently, including calendars, award amounts and criteria, or resources with deadlines can be refreshed across the board within file manager.



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Aligning Recruitment Strategies

# Common Recruitment Marketing Challenges



#### How to Segment Between Parent & Child

An example of how to connect the families to one another/on a contact record:

Segmenting each parent and child into their own list could be challenging depending on the data. Here is how we've used HubSpot with one of our clients:

- The parent and child are imported as their own individual contact records.
- There is a property inside of each record called [parent/child] first name, [parent/child] last name, and [parent/child] email that is filled in once that data is discovered by the admissions team.
- Personalization tokens are used in communications referencing the other. For example:
  - "Important information for [CHILD FIRST NAME]."
  - Has [PARENT FIRST NAME] filled out the FAFSA yet?



#### **Parent Record**



Student 1 First Name

Student 1 Email

Unique Household ID

#### **Student Record**



Parent First Name

Parent Last Name

Parent Email

**Unique Household ID** 



#### Give Your Students a Voice

Leverage their experience through social and blogs.

Don't ignore all of the great content and examples of experiences that are right in front of you! Get your students and even professors involved in sharing.

#### Questions we often get:

- How much is too much?
- What kind of things should we feature?
- What are some examples of content that the student can be involved in?





#### Create Videos to Highlight Programs

### PROGRAMS WE OFFER



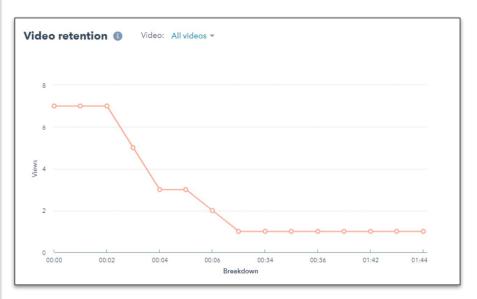
#### **Animal and Veterinary Sciences**

The Animal and Veterinary Sciences Program offers options in Science, Veterinary Science and Business.



#### Agribusiness

The Agribusiness program allows students to specialize in agricultural economics, agricultural education, business management, and more.





#### **Summary**

- Think about traditional and modern recruiting methods working together in an integrated approach that centers on your website as a recruitment tool.
- Use digital to meet students where they are and to leverage limited budget resources.
- Consider marketing automation tools to work smarter, not harder.
- Target and customize your communication to maximize your ROI.
- Use analytics to show what's working and to build your case for additional resources.



#### **QUESTION & ANSWER**



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### Thank you