

Leading in the Age of Digital Communications







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### Digital media metrics – Choose a strategy

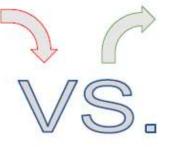
#### **Status Quo**

Ask digital platforms who you should advertise to (place ads in front of people with certain specified characteristics)

- Interest categories
- Demographics
- Past behavior models (maintain inequities)

Traditional Goals/Metrics

- Impressions
- Broad Reach
- \$\$ spent on feel good metrics



#### **Intentional** and **Strategic** Engagement

Tell digital platforms who you want to advertise to (strategically place ads in front of specific, curated individuals)

- Person-level data
- Democratization of targeting (everyone has a chance)
- Future intent models (address inequities)

Advanced Goals/Metrics

- Engagement
- Targeted Reach/Frequency
- \$\$ spent on conversion metrics



### How the strategies play out in the real world

#### **Status Quo**

Advertises to the full population – spending time and money getting "broad reach" hoping to find the 25% of people who are interested in the message

Each person is served the ad at a frequency of 2-3 times. Leads to 3 million impressions. 1% engagement/click rate (industry standard) leads to 10,000 clicks on the ad

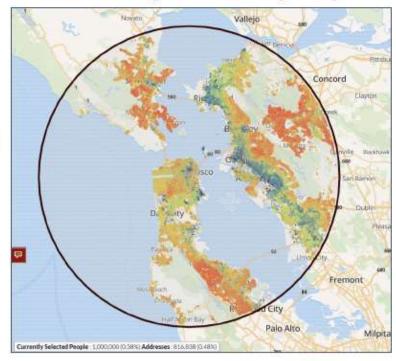
#### **Status Quo wins**

Broad reach

Impressions
 Dollars spent \$\$\$

#### - Example -

An area with 1,000,000 adults aged 18-59 and a set digital marketing budget



#### Intentional and Strategic approach

Advertises to 250,000 people who have the highest probability of intent

Each person is served the ad at a **frequency** of ~10 times. Leads to 2.5 million **impressions**. 6% **engagement/click rate** (average with new approach) leads to 15,000 clicks on the ad

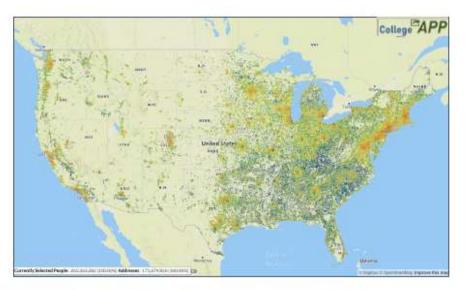
#### The new approach wins

- Efficiency
- Frequency
- Engagement/click rate
- Lead generation
   Dollars spent \$\$\$



### Just one piece of the puzzle

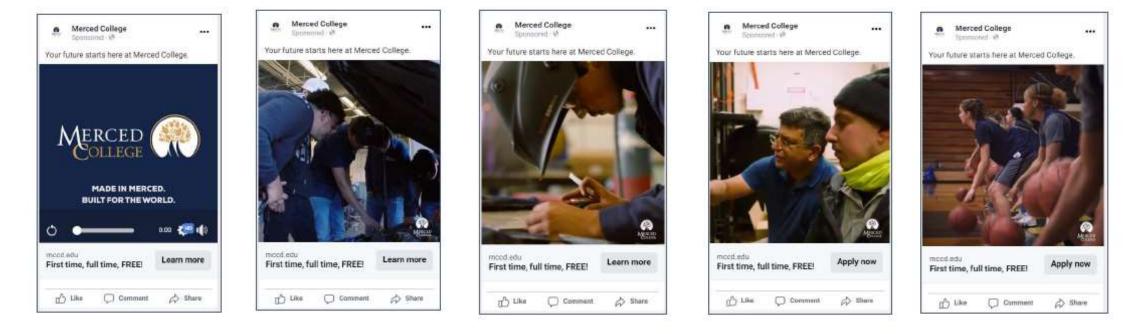
Tracking digital marketing metrics and being strategic is one piece of a complicated puzzle to enroll and support today's student.



- Messaging and creative content that aligns to the perspective and lived experience of the potential adult student
- Long-running, consistent campaigns that stay in field for multiple months
- Focused delivery of ads to those who are most likely to have interest in postsecondary education opportunities
- Use of platforms with higher ROI for ad delivery
- Long-term consistent campaigns that increase ad frequency over time and acknowledge the busy lives of potential non-traditional adult learners
- Easy to navigate landing pages that streamline how a lead first engages with a
  postsecondary institution
- Timely follow-up and connection with each lead



#### Digital Ad Example Merced College Video Carousel Screenshots



#### Digital Ad Example Rensselaer Polytechnic Static Ad Set Screenshots



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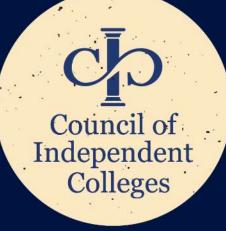


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