Capitol College

Situation

Capitol College is the only independent college in Maryland dedicated to undergraduate and graduate degree programs in engineering, computer science, information technology and business. It is recognized for offering practical, hands-on education and training through classroom and online instruction in these areas to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for competitive professional careers.

The school needed a messaging platform to support its specialized offerings and enhance awareness of its expertise in preparing students for success in high demand fields. With career opportunities rapidly growing in technology and information science fields worldwide, Capitol College was well positioned to increase its visibility and attract more applicants. Accordingly, it looked to the Channel team to develop a high-impact branding program to differentiate itself from other colleges in order to reach students seeking careers in the technology sector.

Solution To establish a foundation of knowledge that would serve as a launching point for creative strategies and executions, the Channel team conducted numerous interviews with administrators, staff, and, most importantly, students. We asked a wide range of questions to gain insight into why undergraduates and working professionals chose Capitol College: How did they find out about Capitol College? What sold them on it? What kind of career path were they interested in? What would they tell others about Capitol College? In addition, we examined the outreach programs of competitive schools and conducted a full review of all of Capitol's marketing materials.

Our research led to the development of a positioning concept that served as the anchor for our campaign: "Capitol College isn't for everyone. But it's perfect for me." We leveraged this positioning theme across print, web, outdoor, and radio applications, with targeted messages and media buys for undergraduate and graduate prospects.

Result When this campaign was launched in 2009, it drew enthusiastic support from Capitol College staff. One school official said, "Until now, we were unsure of how to define ourselves. This positioning, of being not for everyone but perfect for certain types of students, completely captures and articulates our identity."

Response from calls to action messaging incorporated in the campaign is being tracked and evaluated; results indicate that the messaging is resonating, with a lift in inquiries being reported by Capitol College.

 positioning statement and tagline

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For goal-oriented students who want a successful career in the high-demand fields of engineering, computer science and technology, Capitol College is the perfect place to get inspired and excel. Through intimate classroom settings, state-of-the-art facilities and synchronous online learning, students get hands-on, real-world education from the first day of class. Capitol is no ordinary college—with its specialized focus, student-centered culture and job-offer guarantee, students realize their true potential.

Capitol College isn't for everyone. But it's perfect for me.

Research Modes Used:

Video interviews with undergraduate students

Phone interviews with graduate students

Competitive brand benchmarking

Audit of existing communications material



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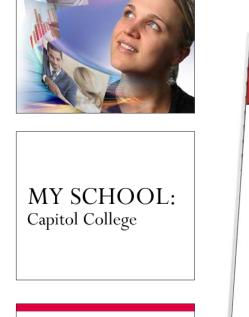




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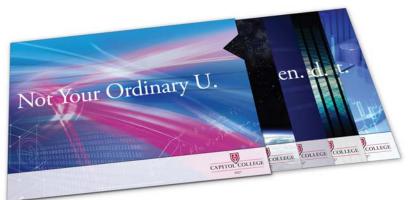
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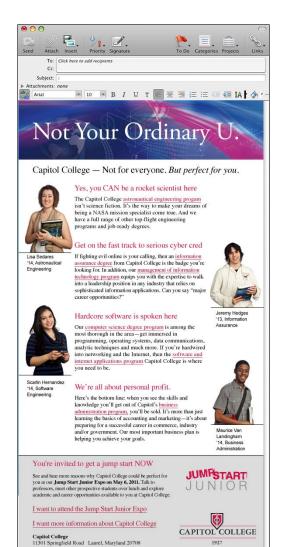
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A person who has chosen concentration rather than conformity; one who passionately pursues skill [especially technical skill] and imagination, not mainstream social acceptance. To be a subject expert, especially when surrounded by others who are just as geeked-on as you are. If you're ready to get your geek on at a place where technology and job-ready degrees rule, then you're ready for Capitol College, where getting geeked could be perfect for you.





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If you choose concentration over conformity, and passionately pursue skill and imagination instead of mainstream social acceptance, then Capitol College is perfect for you. We are the only independent college in Maryland that focuses exclusively on technology and management, with a job guarantee for our undergraduates.







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ENGINEERING COMPUTER SCIENCE ASTRONAUTICAL ENGINEERING CYBERSECURITY MANAGEMENT

 60-second radio spot doctorate program

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SFX: TRANCE-LIKE SFX UNDER.

- JOE: I have this dream...where I'm wading through a crowd. Now and then, someone stops and offers me a new job—and it seems like the opportunities are endless. Soon, I'm doing the work I've always wanted to do—designing smarter energy systems that transform communities, save millions of dollars and—(SFX ABRUPTLY STOPS). Wait, that's no dream. That actually happened...after I got my Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Capitol College.
- ANNCR: Capitol's Master's Program in Electrical Engineering prepares you for some of today's most in-demand jobs. It's conducted online, with live streaming audio, so you get the interactivity of a classroom, without having to fight traffic to get there. And Capitol is one of only eight colleges and universities nationwide endorsed by IEEE ("I-TRIPLE-E") as a provider of a quality engineering education.
- JOE: I'm living out my dream because of Capitol College. It isn't for everyone. But it's perfect for me.
- DJ: For a virtual open house on graduate programs at Capitol College, visit capitol dash college dot E-D-U slash W-L-I-F (capitol-college.edu/wlif). That's capitol with an "o," dash college dot E-D-U slash W-L-I-F.

"IA DOCTORATE" :60

- SFX: MUSIC UNDER THROUGHOUT.
- SUE: I have this dream...where I'm the head of an army of cybersecurity engineers fighting cyber terrorists around the world. My strategies lead to real-world applications that are shutting down black hats and bringing them to justice. Government agencies and multi-national corporations are seeking me out to-(SFX ABRUPTLY STOPS). Hang on-this isn't some fantasy. This is exactly what my doctorate in Information Assurance from Capitol College is preparing me for...
- ANNCR: The online Doctor of Science Degree in Information Assurance at Capitol gives you absolute validation today as an authority on cybersecurity and safeguarding information assets. Capitol College is recognized as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the NSA and Department of Homeland Security.
- SUE: My dream is becoming a reality—because of Capitol College. It isn't for everyone. But it's perfect for me.
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