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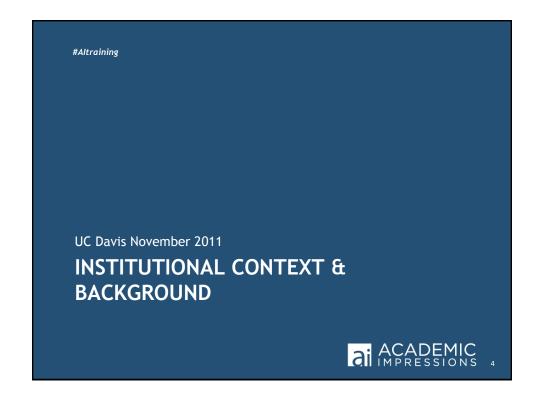
...you will be able to better develop a branding initiative.



AGENDA

- Institutional Context & Background
- · Cultivating Buy-In
- · Creation & Evolution of Brand
- Successful Launch & Ongoing Implementation
- Campus-Wide Successes





UNDERSTANDING THE UNIVERSITY

UC DAVIS

In the wake of a national public relations crisis...



2011

NOVEMBER 15

Student protests over high and rising tuition costs as well as brutality at UC Berkeley led students to overtake Mrak Hall.

NOVEMBER 17

Tents in quad - Occupy Movement joined with student protesters.



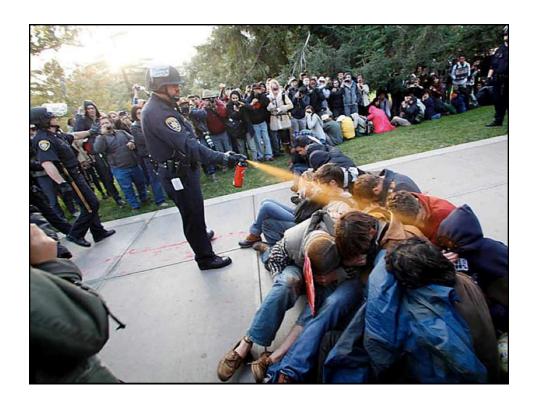
2011

NOVEMBER 18

- · Noon protesters notified to leave quad because of health and safety concerns (by 3 p.m.).
- 3 p.m. Police arrive.
- · UC Davis Occupy protesters form an armlinked, seated circle to block police.
- Police enter circle to dismantle tents.
- · Ten Occupy protesters link arms, seated and try to block police again.
- A UC Davis police lieutenant sprayed pepper spray at the 10 protesters.







UNDERSTANDING THE EMOTIONS

- Compromised our culture
- Challenged what we believed about ourselves
- Raw emotions released rapidly in a variety of media
- Visuals provided a lasting and viral memory



CULTURE COMPROMISED

"SO. MANY. POLICE REPORTS. As for the hilarious Police Briefs that are in the Aggie every week - have you ever read them? "Suspect was jumping on Sycamore Lane". "Caller saw suspicious garbage can and reported it to the police". "Noise complaint". "Noise complaint". "Noise complaint". As you can see, nothing happens in Davis, besides noise complaints. It is a college town, after all."

"Davis is a nice place. I wouldn't walk around aimlessly or all the way across town in San Francisco, but I would do so in Davis. Besides the universal 10pm closing time in the city, it's a nice little college town."

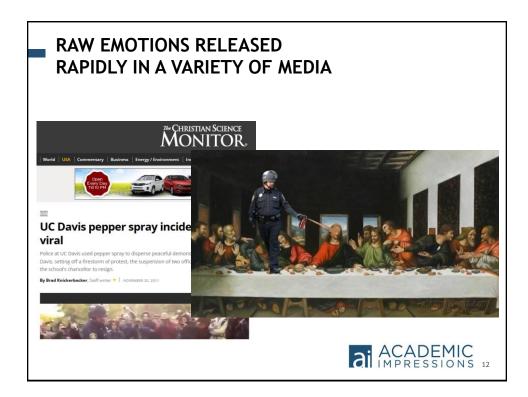


CHALLENGED WHAT WE BELIEVED ABOUT OURSELVES

PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY

We affirm the right of freedom of expression within our community and affirm our commitment to the highest standards of civility and decency towards all. We recognize the right of every individual to think and speak as dictated by personal belief, to express any idea, and to disagree with or counter another's point of view, limited only by university regulations governing time, place and manner. We promote open expression of our individuality and our diversity within the bounds of courtesy, sensitivity and respect.







CHANGE

- Investigations, reports, task forces UC Davis and UC-wide
- Change in personnel police, student affairs, communications... and then research, administrative services
- Change in crisis management and increased preparedness
- · Student conversations and better listening
- More....



WHAT WE HEARD (TWO YEARS LATER)

- The loudest voices are not our voices.
- We are proud to be of the UC Davis community.
- Why did we let that one incident define ourselves for so long?

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS:

- "I don't know what you mean when you say, 'pepper spray.'"
- "I thought that happened at Berkeley?"
- "Oh yeah. What a great thing showed UC Davis has more than Aggies - it has informed, intelligent and courageous students who care about big issues."





POLL

How many of you are:

- A. Embarking upon your institution's first-ever IMC?
- B. Experienced with IMC, but approaching a new branding exercise?
- C. Recovering from some public hardship?



The UC Davis "One" Campaign
CULTIVATING BUY-IN

ACADEMIC
IMPRESSIONS 17

FOCUS

- Internal
- Statewide (introduced summer 2014)
- National (Winter 2016)



FRESH EYES/ NEW THINKING

- Keen look at campus public art; thought leaders; who sits with whom; smells; eavesdropping; classroom spaces; athletics chants; etc.
- A series of small favors surprising our clients and piquing their interest.



GETTING AGREEMENT ON THE BIGGER PLAN

- Articulate the contemporary relevance of UC Davis and its value and impact on the state of California, the nation and world sectors.
- Building firm understanding of UC Davis' contributions and leadership stance in health, environmental and food system research throughout the nation and world.

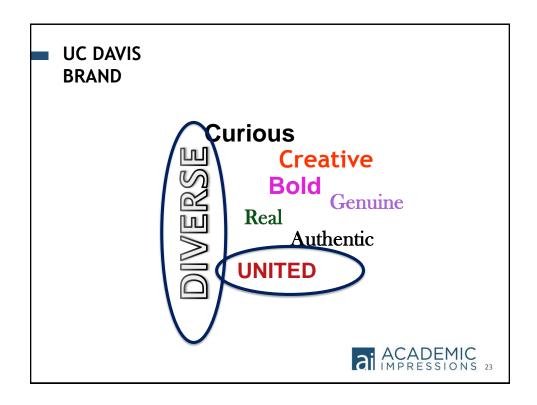


GETTING AGREEMENT ON THE BIGGER PLAN

- Unify and amplify understanding of the contributions of both UC Davis and the UC Davis Health System to California residents.
- Promote the University's unique strengths and attract resources in the form of research awards, private giving and corporate partnerships.









#Altraining

The UC Davis "One" Campaign

CREATION AND EVOLUTION OF BRAND



THE "ONE" CAMPAIGN

Lives are transformed at UC Davis as we experience new ideas, people, perspectives, knowledge.

Conversely, as each new individual becomes part of this place, UC Davis transforms and becomes richer.

We come together to make something greater than the sum of its parts.



Launching a Branding Initiative































STEALTH AND ORGANIC

THE MOST SUBTLE LAUNCH IN MARKETING HISTORY

- 85 banners appeared overnight featuring 60 faculty, staff, students and alumni
- Posters were hand-delivered by students from that college
- All administrators and 200 communicators received "One" brand packages with tshirts and giveaways



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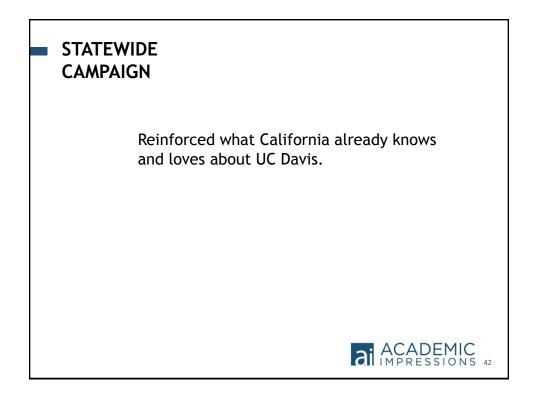
- TV spot launched in social media and went viral
- T-shirt giveaway at lunch on the quad, but hundreds of students were wearing the shirts already that day
- · Basketball game promos
- Leadership trained to use the word "One" over and over again that day

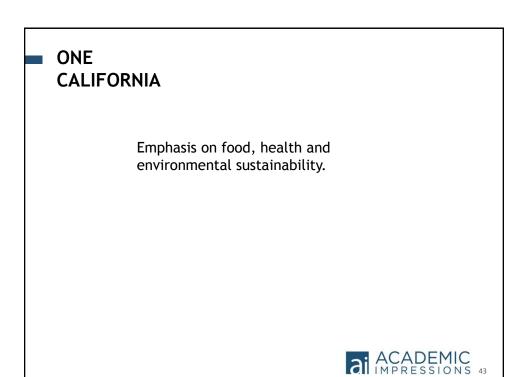














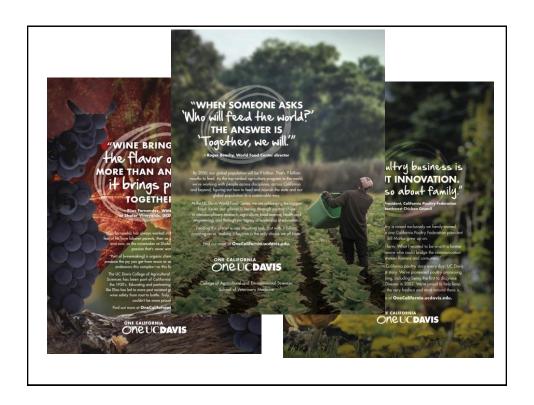


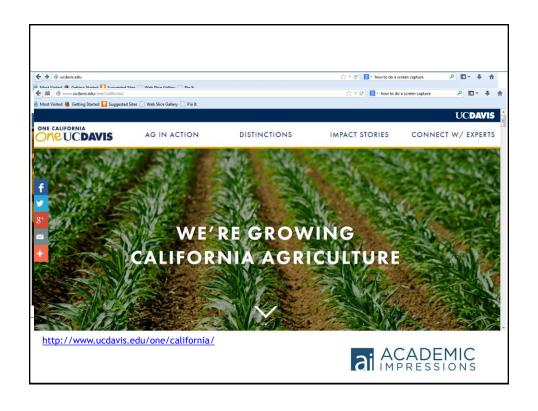
Creative: TESTIMONIAL

The pride reinforced...
And validated



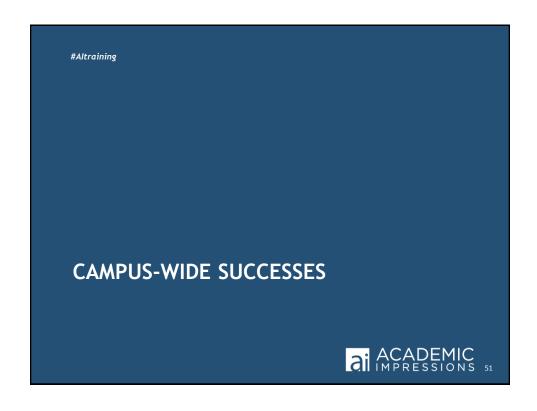
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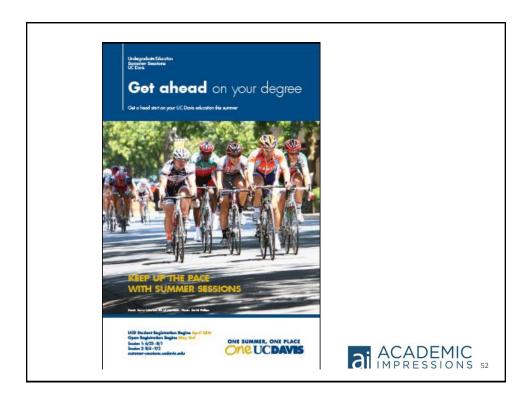




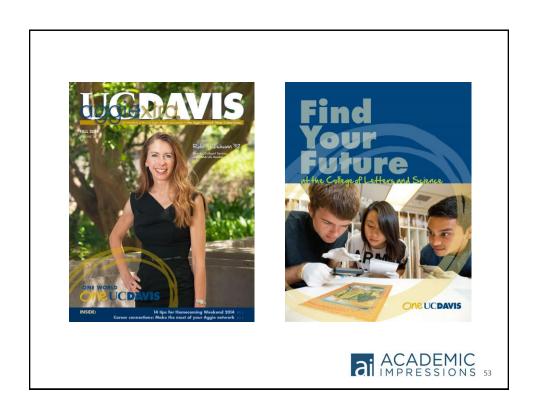








Launching a Branding Initiative







INTERNAL RESOURCES

Budget for internal launch:

TV Spot: \$30,000Other: \$25,000

Staffing:

• All in-house





TAKEAWAYS

- Eliminating the "control" and emphasizing the freedom and collaboration of the brand results in quick adoption.
- Allowing everyone to define the brand for their own audiences elevated authenticity.





TAKEAWAYS

- Individualized approach prepared the campus for the next campaign which will be united and single in messaging and approach.
- Evaluating what a central office should and should not do and creating clear expectations of what we can support helped alleviate fear.





Steps to developing a robust brand strategy







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