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# PARTNERING ADVANCEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS TO ENHANCE YOUR INSTITUTION'S BRAND

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#### **LEARNING OUTCOME**

#### After participating...

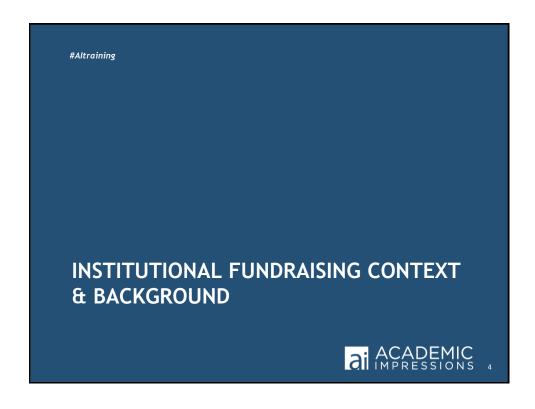
...you will be able to work more effectively with your marketing and communications or development colleagues to increase the impact of your branding campaign.



#### AGENDA

- Institutional Fundraising Context & Background
- Re-Branding Campaign's Implications on Development
- Post-Campaign
- Successful Development & Communications Partnerships
- Development Successes
- · Looking Ahead





### UC DAVIS FUNDRAISING BACKGROUND

- · UC Davis is relatively new to fundraising
- New chancellor made fundraising a top priority
- Launched and completed 1st ever comprehensive campaign (\$1B) in heart of recession
- Started in newly created Vice Chancellor role shortly after public launch



### LAST 3 YEARS

- Ramped up staffing
- · Created strong central office
- Moved from highly de-centralized model to hybrid structure
- Developed and implemented pillars for recruitment and retention of top talent
  - Metrics and accountability for all staff
  - A career ladder
  - Training and professional development opportunities
  - A rewards + recognition program



CAMPAIGN WAS BRANDED...



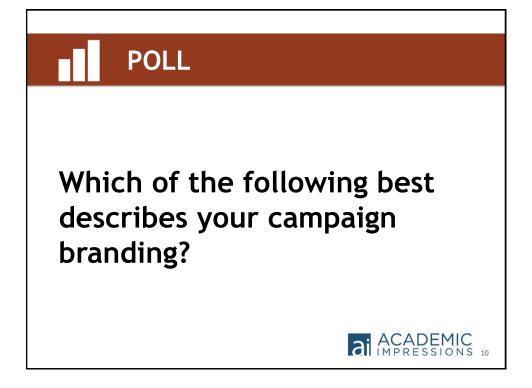


### CAMPAIGN RESULTS

- From a branding perspective, due to decentralization, no widespread adoption of campaign brand
- As a result, tremendous missed opportunity for education
- Majority of 110,000 donors were uninformed about the campaign







#### CAMPAIGN REBRANDING

- The "One Campaign" launched approximately six months before the comprehensive campaign ended
- During that period, development primarily used the campaign logo but began using "One Campaign" messaging (in written materials)
- Just before end of campaign, we began cobranding events and materials
- At campaign closing celebration in May 2014 during multimedia event with 500 donors present, we literally transitioned them
- The day after the campaign ended, there was a full transition





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#### PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

- While strategic communications and development both reported to the chancellor, we were committed to working together
- Strategic communications views development as one of its top priorities and donors as one of its top audiences; revenue and reputation
- Our two teams were collaborative in every way



#### FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT'S LEAD

- New office created, dissolving "Advancement"; associate chancellor position created as well.
- UC Davis Strategic Communications led a comprehensive staffing assessment of all marcom positions across both campuses.



#### FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT'S LEAD

- Several hundred decentralized communicators and millions of dollars not focused on shared goals
- No consistent communications support for development activities in the decentralized areas (in spite of, at times, direct reporting relationships)



### FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT'S LEAD

- Began to create new staffing alignments of central and decentralized staff
- Shared goals and emphasis on supporting private giving
- Central Office: agency model focused on reputation and revenue
- · Decentralized: content and strategy





#### VENDOR SYSTEM

- Marketing Research
- Marketing Strategy
- Writing
- Web Design
- Mobile Applications

- · Graphic Design
- Photography
- Videography
- · Media Buying



#### 80 VENDORS SELECTED AND TRAINED

- Price locked in each category
- Selected through teams throughout the university
- · Training once a year
- · Vendor fair once a year
- Intranet Angie's List for UC Davis



#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

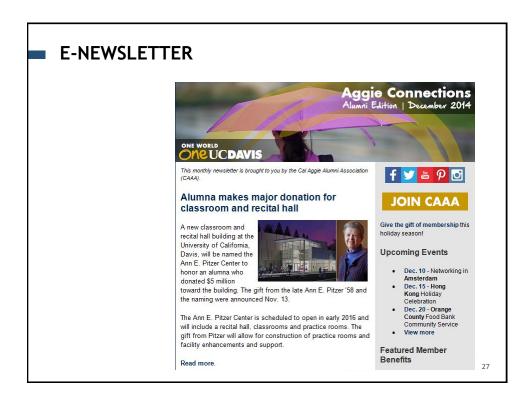
- · Tracking all contracts
- · Year-end report
- Move saved money from decreased positions and lower marketing budgets into our central unit to hire the staff needed for plan implementation



#### RETOOLING THE TOOLS

- Alumni magazine redesign and new audience goals
- Web site redesign and new interactive elements
- Focused now on building and maintaining key alumni relationships and building memberships that lead to greater Annual Fund giving











UC DAVIS MAGAZINE





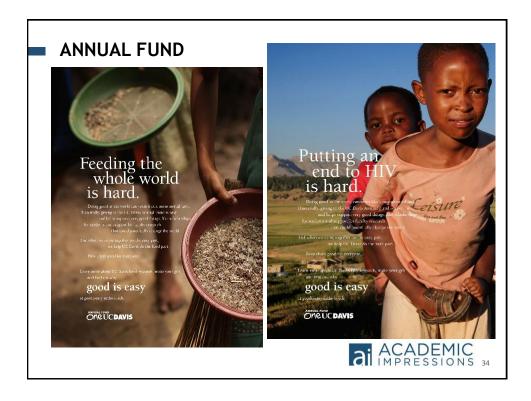
#### FOCUSING

- New approach for merging the Annual Fund strategy with the branding strategy
- · Tweaked approach for planned giving









#### ALIGNING... EVERYTHING

- Better calendaring of communications distribution to ensure right flow of messaging to right audiences
- Strategic Communications worked with Regional Development staff to preempt media relations around key events



#### ALIGNING... EVERYTHING

- Better alignment of chancellor communications with important development messages
- Collaborative approach to crisis communications
- Web site coordination
- Joint budget items and presented as a unified team





#### STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO LEADERS

- \$1.1B
- 110,000 donors
- One Campaign allowed us to focus on individual donor stories (which we had not done effectively in the past)
- Used theme to entice donors to tell their stories







#### **MANIFESTO**

This is the home of the go-getters, change makers, problem solvers.

Here you are one of a kind and part of a kind.

The kind that works together and grows together.

Here you will improve health, enrich life and help feed the world.

Here you will challenge convention and make learning your own.

Here because you know a thing or two about being different and doing things your own way.

Here you will find support and likewise become a supporter.

Here you are an Aggie.

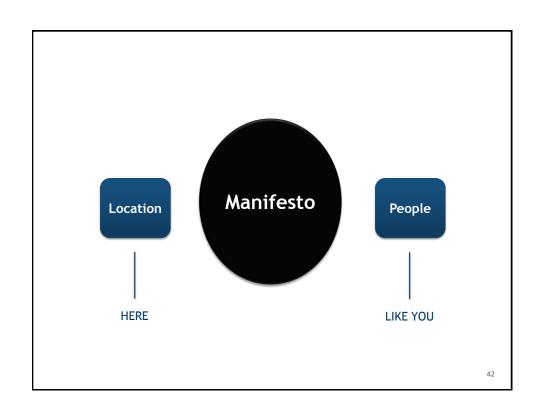
The kind that strives for better.

The kind that breaks new ground.

Here, you will make your mark, transform our institution and in turn make the world a better place.

One UC Davis. One of a kind, like you.

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## MARKET RESEARCH IN SYNC WITH PROSPECT MANAGEMENT

- Development and Alumni Relations in process of wealth assessments
- Strategic Communications collected market research of key audiences for baseline discovery
- Building the next branding campaign continues the unification of institutional and fundraising themes



# NEXTCAMPAIGNLAUNCH

- Quiet phase begins 2016-2017
- University strategic planning process underway
- Campaign launch in roughly 4-5 years will be tied back to strategic plan





#### **TAKEAWAYS**

- Best results come from coordination between Communications and Development
- Branding initiatives are best timed so that they are rolled out prior to campaign
   Shared brand creates unified image of whole institution and shared approach better leverages positive messaging
- Campaign branding should naturally dovetail with the overall university branding





#### **TAKEAWAYS**

- Branding should be pervasive throughout all development materials
- All communications need to consider ways to drive the brand to a call to action that often includes fundraising





