

Advancement Content Summary

With membership, you'll get access to the following types of content:

Live & Recorded Webcasts

Average time to impact: 60 minutes

Leadership webcasts, whether live or recorded, are always available to our leadership members for free. You'll always get access to presentation materials and any supplemental resources.

Short Lessons & Quizzes

Average time to impact: 20 minutes

Our short lessons are self-paced. They include videos, quizzes, and downloadable job aids to support action.

Articles & Reports

Average time to impact: 10 minutes

These short pieces are written in collaboration with industry experts.

Job Aids & Printables

Average time to impact: 5 minutes

Job Aids & Printables are ready-to-use tools.



Academic Fundraising

- 1. Building a Custom Corporate Training Plan
- 2. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 3. Engaging Faculty to Improve Corporate Relations
- 4. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 5. Fundraising for New Department Chairs
- 6. Increasing Board Engagement in Fundraising
- 7. Increasing Faculty Engagement in Advancement
- 8. Key Tenets for Advancement Writing
- 9. Partner with Faculty to Maximize Private Funding Opportunities
- 10. Practicing the Advancement Writing Key Tenets
- 11. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals

Advancement Services and Operations

- 1. A Practical Approach to Fundraising Ethics
- 2. Accurately Reporting for the CASE Campaign and VSE Surveys
- 3. Advancement 101: A Six-Part Series
- 4. Advancement FASB Fund Accounting and Reporting
- 5. Al Pro Chats Improving Front and Back Office Relations
- 6. Auditing to Ensure Institutional Compliance
- 7. Capacity Modeling
- 8. Creating Customized Impact Reports
- 9. Daily, Weekly, and Monthly Strategies to Better Manage Your Portfolio
- 10. Developing Gift Acceptance Policies
- 11. Developing Institutional Naming Plans and Policies
- 12. Developing Your Impact Reporting Strategy
- 13. Effective Gift Agreements: Documenting Donor Intent
- 14. Engagement Modeling
- 15. Essential Reports for Donor Relations
- 16. FERPA for Advancement: Train Your Whole Shop
- 17. Gift Definitions and Receipting
- 18. Gift Processing and Stewardship
- 19. Habits of Highly Effective Higher-Ed Professionals
- 20. Habits of Highly Effective Higher-Ed Professionals, Part 2: Finding Your Purpose
- 21. Implementing an Alumni Engagement Scoring Model
- 22. Implementing Engagement and Capacity Models
- 23. Introduction to Advancement Services
- 24. Introduction to Alumni Relations
- 25. Introduction to Annual Giving
- 26. Introduction to Donor Relations



- 27. Introduction to Major Gifts
- 28. Introduction to Planned Giving
- 29. Leveraging Metrics to Improve Advancement Events
- 30. The Naming Opportunities Plan and Donor Stewardship
- 31. Non-Cash Gifts and Acceptance Considerations
- 32. PCI DSS Compliance in Advancement: Update for 3.2
- 33. Performance Metrics for Prospect Research and Management Staff
- 34. Planning and Executing
- 35. Predictive Modeling 101 for Advancement Professionals
- 36. Prospecting Using Social Media
- 37. Recruiting and Retaining a Talented Advancement Team
- 38. Rethinking Donor Recognition Programs
- 39. Student Affairs Fundraising: Building a Sustainable Structure
- 40. Tools for Increasing Fundraising Effectiveness and Efficiency
- 41. Training for Advancement: Assess Your Data Integrity and Establish Data Cleaning Priorities
- 42. Using Donor Feedback to Improve Giving
- 43. U.S. News: Accurately Calculating and Reporting Your Alumni Participation Numbers

Alumni Relations

- 1. A Multi-Channel Approach to Young Alumni Giving Communications
- 2. A New Approach: Distributed Content Strategy in Higher Ed Marketing
- 3. Advancement 101: A Six-Part Series
- 4. Affinity-Based Programming and Giving
- 5. Alumni Affinity Groups: How One University Formed a Highly Successful Organization
- 6. Alumni Career Services: Developing an Online Programming Series
- 7. Alumni Relations and Advancement Innovators: University of Notre Dame
- 8. Alumni Surveys: Designing, Deploying, and Analyzing Responses
- 9. An Introduction to Advancement Event Protocol and Etiquette
- 10. Building a Comprehensive Alumni Awards Program
- 11. Building an Alumni Career Services Program in Advancement
- 12. Capital Campaigns: Integrating Student Involvement
- 13. Commencement: Engaging Students as Future Alumni
- 14. Creating a Meaningful Volunteer Experience
- 15. Cultivating a Team of Student Development Officers
- 16. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 17. Developing an In-Depth Alumni Mentoring Program
- 18. Developing Successful Student Philanthropy Events
- 19. Diversity and Inclusion Engagement Strategies for Alumni and Donors
- 20. Effective Student Foundations and Student Alumni Associations
- 21. Effective Volunteer Management
- 22. Engaging Women in Philanthropy: Practical Ways to Shift Our Approach



- 23. Facebook for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 24. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 25. Global Considerations for a Modern Campaign
- 26. How to Develop Programming that Re-Engages Underrepresented Alumni
- 27. Implementing an Alumni Engagement Scoring Model
- 28. Increasing Board Engagement in Fundraising
- 29. Instagram for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 30. Integrating Effective Mentorship into the Fabric of Your Campus Culture
- 31. Introduction to Advancement Services
- 32. Introduction to Alumni Relations
- 33. Introduction to Annual Giving
- 34. Introduction to Donor Relations
- 35. Introduction to Major Gifts
- 36. Introduction to Planned Giving
- 37. Key Tenets for Advancement Writing
- 38. LinkedIn for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 39. Measuring and Evaluating Your Alumni Relations Programs
- 40. More than Dollars: How Many Opportunities are You Missing with Your Alumni?
- 41. Partnering Giving and Alumni Relations to Better Align Efforts
- 42. Planning an Alumni-Centered Reunion
- 43. Practicing the Advancement Writing Key Tenets
- 44. Reunion Volunteer Management and Giving Structures
- 45. Revitalizing Your Student Foundation Program
- 46. Snapchat for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 47. Starting a Corporate Alumni Chapter Program
- 48. Strategically Managing Alumni Chapters
- 49. Strategies to Improve International Alumni Engagement
- 50. Strategies to Improve the Effectiveness of Your Volunteer Program
- 51. Strategies to Improve the Effectiveness of Your Young Alumni Volunteer Program
- 52. Successful Young Alumni Programming
- 53. Transition Programming: From Student to Alumni Professional
- 54. Twitter for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 55. Using a Volunteer Framework to Increase Faculty Involvement with Alumni Engagement
- 56. Using Social Media Creatively to Increase Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 57. Using the Net Promoter® System in Alumni Relations
- 58. What if an Alum Generated \$200,000 for Your Institution, Without Writing a Check?
- 59. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals
- 60. Youtube for Donor and Alumni Engagement

Annual Giving

1. A Multi-Channel Approach to Young Alumni Giving Communications

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- 2. Advancement 101: A Six-Part Series
- 3. Affinity-Based Programming and Giving
- 4. Analyzing Your Data
- 5. Annual Giving Solicitations in Higher Ed: A Collection of Samples to Inspire Your Next Appeal
- 6. Annual Giving: Integrating Email with Your Overall Strategy
- 7. Athletics Fundraising: Direct Mail Strategy
- 8. Auditing Your Annual Giving Operations
- 9. Branding and Marketing Your Leadership Annual Giving Program
- 10. Building the Infrastructure for a Culture of Philanthropy in the Digital World
- 11. Checklist: Questions the Governing Board Must Ask Before Launching a Fundraising Campaign
- 12. Creating a Meaningful Volunteer Experience
- 13. Creating Giving Circles to Increase Annual Giving
- 14. Cultivating a Team of Student Development Officers
- 15. Data Analysis and Segmentation
- 16. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 17. Developing Successful Student Philanthropy Events
- 18. Developing Your Parent Giving Strategy
- 19. Direct Mail: Back to Basics
- 20. Diversity and Inclusion Engagement Strategies for Alumni and Donors
- 21. Effective Student Foundations and Student Alumni Associations
- 22. Effective Volunteer Management
- 23. Elevating Your Parent Giving Program
- 24. Engaging Women in Philanthropy: Practical Ways to Shift Our Approach
- 25. Facebook for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 26. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 27. Gift Processing and Stewardship
- 28. Hiring and Training Student Callers
- 29. Identifying and Applying Metrics that Matter in Annual Giving
- 30. Instagram for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 31. Integrating Annual Giving into Campaigns
- 32. Integrating Social Media with Traditional Solicitation Channels
- 33. Introduction to Advancement Services
- 34. Introduction to Alumni Relations
- 35. Introduction to Annual Giving
- 36. Introduction to Donor Relations
- 37. Introduction to Major Gifts
- 38. Introduction to Planned Giving
- 39. Key Tenets for Advancement Writing
- 40. Launching a Crowdfunding Initiative
- 41. LinkedIn for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 42. Making the Case for a Data-Driven Strategy



- 43. Managing Annual Fund Volunteers
- 44. Measuring and Evaluating Your Annual Giving Staff
- 45. More than Dollars: How Many Opportunities are You Missing with Your Alumni?
- 46. The Naming Opportunities Plan and Donor Stewardship
- 47. Ongoing Phonathon Management and Fulfillment
- 48. Optimizing Your Online Giving Site
- 49. Parent Giving: Cultivating Leadership Donors with a Board and Committee Structure
- 50. Partnering Giving and Alumni Relations to Better Align Efforts
- 51. Planning and Executing
- 52. Practicing the Advancement Writing Key Tenets
- 53. Recurring Gifts: Strategies to Grow Your Program
- 54. Rethinking Faculty and Staff Giving
- 55. Revitalizing Your Student Foundation Program
- 56. Running a Meaningful Senior Campaign
- 57. Scripting
- 58. Segmenting Your Populations
- 59. Snapchat for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 60. Stewarding Your Annual Donors
- 61. Strategies to Improve the Effectiveness of Your Volunteer Program
- 62. Strategies to Improve the Effectiveness of Your Young Alumni Volunteer Program
- 63. Student Affairs Fundraising: Building a Sustainable Structure
- 64. Successful Young Alumni Programming
- 65. Twitter for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 66. Using Social Media Creatively to Increase Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 67. Using Surveys to Gather Additional Data
- 68. Why Donors Give: It's Not What You Think
- 69. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals
- 70. Youtube for Donor and Alumni Engagement

Corporate and Foundation Relations

- 1. Corporate Stewardship: Demonstrating ROI
- 2. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 3. Developing a Collaborative Metrics Structure for Stronger Corporate Engagement
- 4. Engaging Faculty to Improve Corporate Relations
- 5. Establishing a Revenue-Generating Corporate Engagement Program
- 6. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 7. Key Tenets for Advancement Writing
- 8. Measuring and Evaluating Corporate and Foundation Relations Staff
- 9. Partner with Faculty to Maximize Private Funding Opportunities
- 10. Practicing the Advancement Writing Key Tenets



- 11. Proven Approaches to Building Corporate Engagement
- 12. Starting a Corporate Alumni Chapter Program
- 13. Using a Council to Establish a Holistic Corporate Engagement Strategy
- 14. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals

Donor Relations

- 1. Advancement 101: A Six-Part Series
- 2. AI PRO Chats: 3 Unique Donor Relations Tactics
- 3. An Introduction to Advancement Event Protocol and Etiquette
- 4. Corporate Stewardship: Demonstrating ROI
- 5. Creating Customized Impact Reports
- 6. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 7. Developing Institutional Naming Plans and Policies
- 8. Donor Appreciation: Leveraging Existing Events
- 9. Donor Relations: Demonstrating ROI
- 10. Effective Gift Agreements: Documenting Donor Intent
- 11. Essential Reports for Donor Relations
- 12. Family Giving: Cultivating the Next Generation of Wealth
- 13. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 14. Fundraising Essentials: Donor Relations for Frontline Fundraiser
- 15. How Donor Relations Can Improve Donor Retention
- 16. Introduction to Advancement Services
- 17. Introduction to Alumni Relations
- 18. Introduction to Annual Giving
- 19. Introduction to Donor Relations
- 20. Introduction to Major Gifts
- 21. Introduction to Planned Giving
- 22. Key Tenets for Advancement Writing
- 23. Leveraging Metrics to Improve Advancement Events
- 24. Practicing the Advancement Writing Key Tenets
- 25. Rethinking Donor Recognition Programs
- 26. Small Events for Donor Cultivation
- 27. Stewarding Your Annual Donors
- 28. Stewarding Your Scholarship Donors: A Practical Approach
- 29. Stewardship Events and Donor Engagement
- 30. Strategic Communications and Impact Reporting
- 31. Strategic Partnerships with Donor Relations and Athletics
- 32. Strategic Stewardship for Major and Principal Donors
- 33. Using Donor Feedback to Improve Giving
- 34. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals



Major and Planned Giving

- 1. A Practical Approach to Fundraising Ethics
- 2. A Practical Approach to Growing Your Planned Giving Program
- 3. Adapting Non-Profit Strategies for Higher Ed Fundraising Success
- 4. Advancement 101: A Six-Part Series
- 5. Advancement Events: Effectively Closing a Campaign
- 6. Advancement Events: Effectively Launching a Campaign
- 7. Al Pro Chats Improving Front and Back Office Relations
- 8. Blended Gifts: Strategies to Increase Your Fundraising Success
- 9. Building Fundraising Partnerships with Athletic Directors
- 10. Capacity Modeling
- 11. Capital Campaigns: Integrating Student Involvement
- 12. Checklist: Questions the Governing Board Must Ask Before Launching a Fundraising Campaign
- 13. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 14. Donor Conversations: What's Often Missing (and Needn't Be)
- 15. Effectively Onboard Major Gift Officers with a 90-Day Plan
- 16. Engagement Modeling
- 17. Engaging Leadership Volunteers for Fundraising Success
- 18. Engaging Women in Philanthropy: Practical Ways to Shift Our Approach
- 19. Family Giving: Cultivating the Next Generation of Wealth
- 20. Five Key Components of a Successful Intrusive Advising Process
- 21. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 22. Fundraising Essentials: Advancing Your Career for Underrepresented Professionals
- 23. Fundraising Essentials: Donor Relations for Frontline Fundraiser
- 24. Fundraising Essentials: Making the Cold Call
- 25. Fundraising Essentials: Perfecting Moves Management
- 26. Fundraising Essentials: Successful Donor Visits
- 27. Fundraising Ethics: 10 Techniques for Working with Donors with Dementia
- 28. Fundraising for Law Schools
- 29. Global Considerations for a Modern Campaign
- 30. Hiring Non-Traditional Candidates for Your MGO Team: Navigating the Opportunity and the Risk
- 31. Implementing Engagement and Capacity Models
- 32. Increasing Board Engagement in Fundraising
- 33. Integrating Annual Giving into Campaigns
- 34. Introducing Blended Gifts to Donor Conversations
- 35. Introduction to Advancement Services
- 36. Introduction to Alumni Relations
- 37. Introduction to Annual Giving
- 38. Introduction to Donor Relations
- 39. Introduction to Major Gifts



- 40. Introduction to Planned Giving
- 41. Key Tenets for Advancement Writing
- 42. Managing Your Portfolio for Greater Fundraising Success
- 43. Marketing Estate Planning Tools to Uncover Planned Giving Prospects
- 44. Marketing Your Planned Giving Program
- 45. Measuring and Evaluating Your Planned Giving Program
- 46. More than Dollars: How Many Opportunities are You Missing with Your Alumni?
- 47. Planned Giving Vehicles
- 48. Planned Giving: Using Student Callers
- 49. Planning and Managing Project-Based Fundraising
- 50. Practicing the Advancement Writing Key Tenets
- 51. Recruiting and Retaining a Talented Advancement Team
- 52. Recruiting the Right Major Gift Officers
- 53. Regional Advancement Strategy: Investing in a Physical Presence
- 54. Retaining Your Major Gift Officers From Day One
- 55. Small Events for Donor Cultivation
- 56. Soliciting Endowment Support
- 57. Stewardship Events and Donor Engagement
- 58. Strategic Communications and Impact Reporting
- 59. Strategic Stewardship for Major and Principal Donors
- 60. Tactics for Successful Donor Discovery and Qualification
- 61. Tools for Increasing Fundraising Effectiveness and Efficiency
- 62. Transitioning Leadership Annual Donors to Major Donors
- 63. Why Fundraisers Need to Be Excellent Beat Reporters
- 64. Working with a Donor's Financial Planner
- 65. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals

Marketing and Communications

- 1. 9 Principles for Branding Your Capital Campaign
- 2. A New Approach: Distributed Content Strategy in Higher Ed Marketing
- 3. Annual Giving: Integrating Email with Your Overall Strategy
- 4. Athletics Fundraising: Direct Mail Strategy
- 5. Branding and Marketing Your Leadership Annual Giving Program
- 6. Branding Your Career Services Department
- 7. Building the Infrastructure for a Culture of Philanthropy in the Digital World
- 8. Campaign Communications: Clearly Communicating Objectives and Impact
- 9. Connecting Central Marketing and Advancement Teams: An Innovative Approach
- 10. Create Inspiring Campaign Communications
- 11. Creating a Framework for Proactive Issues Management
- 12. Developing Personas in Higher Ed Marketing



- 13. Developing Presidential Voice: Toolkit for Marketing and Communications
- 14. Effectively Implementing Your Social Media Policy
- 15. Ensuring Successful Outcomes with Marketing Consultants
- 16. Facebook for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 17. Five Steps for Sub-Branding in Higher Education
- 18. Higher Ed Marketing: Building the Infrastructure for Content Creation and Curation
- 19. How to Write an Effective Op-Ed in Higher Education
- 20. Implementing Your Social Media and Branding Guidelines
- 21. Improving Social Media Content Curation with Student Ambassadors and Hashtag Campaigns
- 22. Inspiring Campaign Branding and Communications: Creating a Unique Campaign Brand
- 23. Instagram for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 24. Integrating Social Media with Traditional Solicitation Channels
- 25. Key Tenets for Advancement Writing
- 26. Launching a Branding Initiative
- 27. Leading with Social First: A Innovative Approach to Content Creation
- 28. LinkedIn for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 29. Managing Higher Education Social Media Challenges
- 30. Marketing Estate Planning Tools to Uncover Planned Giving Prospects
- 31. Marketing Your Planned Giving Program
- 32. Measuring and Tracking the Effectiveness of Your Marketing and Branding Efforts
- 33. Optimizing Your Online Giving Site
- 34. Partnering Advancement and Communications to Enhance Your Institution's Brand
- 35. Practicing the Advancement Writing Key Tenets
- 36. Prospecting Using Social Media
- 37. SEO Primer for Higher Ed Marketing
- 38. Snapchat for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 39. Social Media in Student Recruitment: Emerging Channels and Metrics
- 40. Speechwriting for Campus Leaders: Tips for New or Occasional Speechwriters
- 41. Staffing and Structuring a Successful Marketing Communications Department
- 42. Strategizing for Social Media in Advancement
- 43. Tactics to Increase the Visibility of Your Honors Program or College
- 44. Tools for Creating a Brand Culture at Your Institution
- 45. Twitter for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 46. University Magazines: Maximizing Print and Digital Content
- 47. Using Market Research to Inform Strategy
- 48. Using Personas in Higher Ed Marketing
- 49. Using Social & Digital Data to Inform Marketing Intelligence
- 50. Using Social Media Creatively to Increase Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 51. Using Student Storytelling in Higher Ed Marketing
- 52. Writing Resource Manual
- 53. Youtube for Donor and Alumni Engagement