

Advancement Content Summary

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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. Advancement 101: A Six-Part Series
- 5. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 6. Fundraising for New Department Chairs
- 7. Growing Your Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign
- 8. Increasing Board Engagement in Fundraising
- 9. Increasing Faculty Engagement in Advancement
- 10. Partner with Faculty to Maximize Private Funding Opportunities
- 11. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals: Sessions 1 & 2

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. Develop Your Impact Reporting Strategy
- 12. Effective Gift Agreements: Documenting Donor Intent
- 13. Engagement Modeling
- 14. Essential Reports for Donor Relations
- 15. Establishing a Data Governance Committee in Advancement
- 16. FERPA for Advancement: Train Your Whole Shop
- 17. Gift Processing and Stewardship (Launching a Giving Day)
- 18. Growing Your International Alumni Program
- 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. Key Considerations for Institutional Naming Plans and Policies: Valuing Your Naming Opportunities



- 25. Key Considerations for Institutional Naming Plans and Policies: Updating Your Naming Rights Policies
- 26. Leveraging Metrics to Improve Advancement Events
- 27. The Naming Opportunities Plan and Donor Stewardship
- 28. PCI DSS Compliance in Advancement: Update for 3.2
- 29. Performance Metrics for Prospect Research and Management Staff
- 30. Planning and Executing
- 31. Predictive Modeling 101 for Advancement Professionals
- 32. Prospecting Using Social Media
- 33. Recruiting and Retaining a Talented Advancement Team
- 34. Rethinking Donor Recognition Programs
- 35. Student Affairs Fundraising: Building a Sustainable Structure
- 36. Tools for Increasing Fundraising Effectiveness and Efficiency
- 37. Training for Advancement: Assess Your Data Integrity and Establish Data Cleaning Priorities
- 38. 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. Collaborating with Campus Partners to Expand Volunteer Opportunities
- 14. Commencement: Engaging Students as Future Alumni
- 15. Communicate with Young Alumni Across Multiple Channels
- 16. Create an Alumni Volunteer Experience that Fosters Life-Long Engagement with Your Institution
 - 1: Rethinking Your Alumni Volunteer Recruitment Philosophy
 - 2: Alumni Volunteer Onboarding: The Beginning of Life-Long Engagement
 - 3: Recognizing Your Alumni Volunteers in Meaningful Ways
 - 4: Alumni Volunteer Management: Answers from the Experts (Members-only)
- 17. Creating a Meaningful Volunteer Experience
- 18. Cultivating a Team of Student Development Officers
- 19. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 20. Developing an In-Depth Alumni Mentoring Program



- 21. Developing Successful Student Philanthropy Events
- 22. Effective Student Foundations and Student Alumni Associations
- 23. Effective Volunteer Management
- 24. Engaging Women in Philanthropy: Practical Ways to Shift Our Approach
- 25. Facebook for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 26. Fundamentals of Fundraising for Diverse Student Groups on Campus
- 27. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 28. Global Considerations for a Modern Campaign
- 29. Growing Your International Alumni Program
- 30. Implementing an Alumni Engagement Scoring Model
- 31. Increasing Board Engagement in Fundraising
- 32. Increase Engagement and Giving Through a Selective Alumni-Student Mentoring Program
- 33. Instagram for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 34. Integrating Effective Mentorship into Campus Culture: A Success Story
- 35. Introduction to Alumni Relations
- 36. Leveraging Alumni Interviews in the Admissions Process: A Case Study from the University of Pennsylvania
- 37. Leveraging Metrics to Improve Advancement Events
- 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. Reengage Your Lost Black Alumni
- 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. Student Philanthropy Programs that Encourage Alumni Giving: A Success Story
- 53. Successful Young Alumni Programming
- 54. Transition Programming: From Student to Alumni Professional
- 55. Twitter for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 56. Using a Volunteer Framework to Increase Faculty Involvement with Alumni Engagement
- 57. Using Social Media Creatively to Increase Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 58. Using the Net Promoter® System in Alumni Relations
- 59. What if an Alum Generated \$200,000 for Your Institution, Without Writing a Check?
- 60. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals: Sessions 1 & 2



61. Youtube for Donor and Alumni Engagement

Annual Giving

- 1. A Multi-Channel Approach to Young Alumni Giving Communications
- 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. Collaborating with Campus Partners to Expand Volunteer Opportunities
- 13. Communicate with Young Alumni Across Multiple Channels
- 14. Create an Alumni Volunteer Experience that Fosters Life-Long Engagement with Your Institution
 - 1: Rethinking Your Alumni Volunteer Recruitment Philosophy
 - 2: Alumni Volunteer Onboarding: The Beginning of Life-Long Engagement
 - 3: Recognizing Your Alumni Volunteers in Meaningful Ways
 - 4: Alumni Volunteer Management: Answers from the Experts (Members-only)
- 15. Creating a Meaningful Volunteer Experience
- 16. Creating Giving Circles to Increase Annual Giving
- 17. Cultivating a Team of Student Development Officers
- 18. Data Analysis and Segmentation
- 19. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 20. Developing Successful Student Philanthropy Events
- 21. Developing Your Parent Giving Strategy
- 22. Direct Mail: Back to Basics
- 23. Effective Student Foundations and Student Alumni Associations
- 24. Effective Volunteer Management
- 25. Elevating Your Parent Giving Program
- 26. Engaging Women in Philanthropy: Practical Ways to Shift Our Approach
- 27. Establishing a Data Governance Committee in Advancement
- 28. Facebook for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 29. Fundamentals of Fundraising for Diverse Student Groups on Campus
- 30. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 31. Gift Processing and Stewardship
- 32. Growing Your International Alumni Program
- 33. Hiring and Training Student Callers
- 34. Identifying and Applying Metrics that Matter in Annual Giving



- 35. Increase Engagement and Giving Through a Selective Alumni-Student Mentoring Program
- 36. Instagram for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 37. Integrating Annual Giving into Campaigns
- 38. Integrating Social Media with Traditional Solicitation Channels
- 39. Introduction to Annual Giving
- 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. Recurring Gifts: Strategies to Grow Your Program
- 53. Reengage Your Lost Black Alumni
- 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. Student Philanthropy Programs that Encourage Alumni Giving: A Success Story
- 65. Successful Young Alumni Programming
- 66. Transitioning Leadership Annual Donors to Major Donors
- 67. Twitter for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 68. Uncovering More Planned Giving Prospects
- 69. Using Social Media Creatively to Increase Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 70. Using Surveys to Gather Additional Data
- 71. Why Donors Give: It's Not What You Think
- 72. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals: Sessions 1 & 2
- 73. Youtube for Donor and Alumni Engagement



Corporate and Foundation Relations

- 1. Advanced Strategies for a Successful Corporate Campus Visit
- 2. Corporate Stewardship: Demonstrating ROI
- 3. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 4. Developing a Collaborative Metrics Structure for Stronger Corporate Engagement
- 5. Developing a Scorecard to Prioritize Your Corporate Partners for Holistic Engagement
- 6. Engaging Faculty to Improve Corporate Relations
- 7. Establishing a Revenue-Generating Corporate Engagement Program
- 8. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 9. Measuring and Evaluating Corporate and Foundation Relations Staff
- 10. Partner with Faculty to Maximize Private Funding Opportunities
- 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: Sessions 1 & 2

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. Crafting Personalized Stewardship Plans for Top Donors
- 6. Creating Customized Impact Reports
- 7. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 8. Develop Your Impact Reporting Strategy
- 9. Donor Appreciation: Leveraging Existing Events
- 10. Donor Relations: Demonstrating ROI
- 11. Effective Gift Agreements: Documenting Donor Intent
- 12. Essential Reports for Donor Relations
- 13. Family Giving: Cultivating the Next Generation of Wealth
- 14. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 15. Fundraising Essentials: Donor Relations for Frontline Fundraiser
- 16. How Donor Relations Can Improve Donor Retention
- 17. Introduction to Donor Relations
- 18. Key Considerations for Institutional Naming Plans and Policies: Valuing Your Naming Opportunities
- 19. Key Considerations for Institutional Naming Plans and Policies: Updating Your Naming Rights Policies
- 20. Leveraging Metrics to Improve Advancement Events
- 21. Rethinking Donor Recognition Programs



- 22. Small Events for Donor Cultivation
- 23. Stewarding Your Annual Donors
- 24. Stewarding Your Scholarship Donors: A Practical Approach
- 25. Stewardship Events and Donor Engagement
- 26. Strategic Communications and Impact Reporting
- 27. Strategic Partnerships with Donor Relations and Athletics
- 28. Strategic Stewardship for Major and Principal Donors
- 29. Using Surveys to Improve the Donor Experience
- 30. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals: Sessions 1 & 2

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 Better Meetings Between Frontline Fundraisers and Prospect Researchers
- 10. Building Fundraising Partnerships with Athletic Directors
- 11. Capacity Modeling
- 12. Capital Campaigns: Integrating Student Involvement
- 13. Checklist: Questions the Governing Board Must Ask Before Launching a Fundraising Campaign
- 14. Crafting Personalized Stewardship Plans for Top Donors
- 15. Develop a Plan to Address Sexual Harassment from Alumni, Donors, and Prospects
- 16. Donor Conversations: What's Often Missing (and Needn't Be)
- 17. Effectively Onboard Major Gift Officers with a 90-Day Plan
- 18. Engagement Modeling
- 19. Engaging Leadership Volunteers for Fundraising Success
- 20. Engaging Women in Philanthropy: Practical Ways to Shift Our Approach
- 21. Family Giving: Cultivating the Next Generation of Wealth
- 22. Five Key Components of a Successful Intrusive Advising Process
- 23. Frontline Fundraising Essentials: Outreach
- 24. Frontline Fundraising Essentials: Donor Qualification
- 25. Frontline Fundraising Essentials: Visits
- 26. Frontline Fundraising Essentials: Understanding Donor Motivation & the Ask
- 27. Fundraising and Sexual Harassment: Documenting Effective Procedures
- 28. Fundraising Essentials: Donor Relations for Frontline Fundraiser
- 29. Fundraising Ethics: 10 Techniques for Working with Donors with Dementia
- 30. Fundraising for Law Schools



- 31. Global Considerations for a Modern Campaign
- 32. Hiring Non-Traditional Candidates for Your MGO Team: Navigating the Opportunity and the Risk
- 33. Implementing Engagement and Capacity Models
- 34. Increasing Board Engagement in Fundraising
- 35. Integrating Annual Giving into Campaigns
- 36. Introducing Blended Gifts to Donor Conversations
- 37. Introduction to Major Gifts
- 38. Introduction to Planned Giving
- 39. Managing Your Portfolio for Greater Fundraising Success
- 40. Marketing Estate Planning Tools to Uncover Planned Giving Prospects
- 41. Marketing Your Planned Giving Program
- 42. Measuring and Evaluating Your Planned Giving Program
- 43. More than Dollars: How Many Opportunities are You Missing with Your Alumni?
- 44. Planned Giving Vehicles
- 45. Planned Giving: Using Student Callers
- 46. Planning and Managing Project-Based Fundraising
- 47. Recruiting and Retaining a Talented Advancement Team
- 48. Recruiting the Right Major Gift Officers
- 49. Regional Advancement Strategy: Investing in a Physical Presence
- 50. Retaining Your Major Gift Officers From Day One
- 51. Small Events for Donor Cultivation
- 52. Soliciting Endowment Support
- 53. Stewardship Events and Donor Engagement
- 54. Strategic Communications and Impact Reporting
- 55. Strategic Stewardship for Major and Principal Donors
- 56. Tactics for Successful Donor Discovery and Qualification
- 57. Tools for Increasing Fundraising Effectiveness and Efficiency
- 58. Transitioning Leadership Annual Donors to Major Donors
- 59. Uncovering More Planned Giving Prospects
- 60. Why Fundraisers Need to Be Excellent Beat Reporters
- 61. Working with a Donor's Financial Planner
- 62. Writing Workshop for Advancement Professionals: Sessions 1 & 2

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. Assessing Your Current Presidential Voice
- 5. Athletics Fundraising: Direct Mail Strategy
- 6. Branding and Marketing Your Leadership Annual Giving Program



- 7. Branding Your Career Services Department
- 8. Building the Infrastructure for a Culture of Philanthropy in the Digital World
- 9. Campaign Communications: Clearly Communicating Objectives and Impact
- 10. Communicate with Young Alumni Across Multiple Channels
- 11. Connecting Central Marketing and Advancement Teams: An Innovative Approach
- 12. Create Inspiring Campaign Communications
- 13. Creating a Framework for Proactive Issues Management
- 14. Developing Personas in Higher Ed Marketing
- 15. Developing Presidential Voice: Toolkit for Marketing and Communications
- 16. Effectively Implementing Your Social Media Policy
- 17. Ensuring Successful Outcomes with Marketing Consultants
- 18. Facebook for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 19. Five Steps for Sub-Branding in Higher Education
- 20. Frequently Asked Questions for Alumni Magazine Professionals
- 21. Higher Ed Marketing: Building the Infrastructure for Content Creation and Curation
- 22. How to Write an Effective Op-Ed in Higher Education
- 23. Implementing Your Social Media and Branding Guidelines
- 24. Improving Social Media Content Curation with Student Ambassadors and Hashtag Campaigns
- 25. Inspiring Campaign Branding and Communications: Creating a Unique Campaign Brand
- 26. Instagram for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 27. Integrating Social Media with Traditional Solicitation Channels
- 28. Launching a Branding Initiative
- 29. Leading with Social First: A Innovative Approach to Content Creation
- 30. LinkedIn for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 31. Making Your Social Media Content Accessible and Inclusive
- 32. Managing Higher Education Social Media Challenges
- 33. Marketing Estate Planning Tools to Uncover Planned Giving Prospects
- 34. Marketing Your Planned Giving Program
- 35. Measuring and Tracking the Effectiveness of Your Marketing and Branding Efforts
- 36. Optimizing Your Online Giving Site
- 37. Partnering Advancement and Communications to Enhance Your Institution's Brand
- 38. The Promise and Peril of Podcasting in Higher Education
- 39. Prospecting Using Social Media
- 40. SEO Primer for Higher Ed Marketing
- 41. Snapchat for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 42. Social Media in Student Recruitment: Emerging Channels and Metrics
- 43. Speechwriting for Campus Leaders: Tips for New or Occasional Speechwriters
- 44. Staffing and Structuring a Successful Marketing Communications Department
- 45. Strategizing for Social Media in Advancement
- 46. Strengthen Your Instagram Strategy in Higher Education
- 47. Tactics to Increase the Visibility of Your Honors Program or College



- 48. Tools for Creating a Brand Culture at Your Institution
- 49. Twitter for Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 50. University Magazines: Maximizing Print and Digital Content
- 51. Using Market Research to Inform Strategy
- 52. Using Personas in Higher Ed Marketing
- 53. Using Social & Digital Data to Inform Marketing Intelligence
- 54. Using Social Media Creatively to Increase Donor and Alumni Engagement
- 55. Using Student Storytelling in Higher Ed Marketing
- 56. Writing Resource Manual
- 57. Youtube for Donor and Alumni Engagement