# University Advancement, Relations & Enrollment Management Committee

September 2017

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**Board of Visitors** 

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT, UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

# 8:30 A.M. \*\* SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 BOARD ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, MARTIN HALL RADFORD, VIRGINIA

#### **AGENDA**

• CALL TO ORDER Mr. Randolph "Randy" J. Marcus,

Acting Chair

• Approval Of Agenda Mr. Randolph "Randy" J. Marcus,

Acting Chair

Approval Of Minutes
 Mr. Randolph "Randy" J. Marcus,

May 4, 2017 Acting Chair

• ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT REPORT Ms. Kitty McCarthy, Vice President

for Enrollment Management

Enrollment & Recruitment Update

Capital Campaign Preview

• UNIVERSITY RELATIONS REPORT Mr. Joe Carpenter, Vice President for University Relations & Chief

AY 17-18 Priorities and Strategies
 Communications Officer

o AY 17-18 Advertising Plan Overview

• UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT REPORT Ms. Wendy Lowery, Vice President

for University Advancement

Comparative Giving Report

• OTHER BUSINESS Mr. Randolph "Randy" J. Marcus,

Acting Chair

• ADJOURNMENT Mr. Randolph "Randy" J. Marcus,

Acting Chair

\*\* All start times for committees are approximate only. Committees meet sequentially in the order appearing. Meetings may begin either before or after the listed approximate start time as committee members are ready to proceed.

#### **University Advancement, University Relations and Enrollment Management Committee:**

Mr. Randolph "Randy" J. Marcus, Acting Chair

Ms. Krisha Chachra, Vice Chair

Ms. Karyn K. Moran

Mr. Robert A. Archer

Mr. James R. Kibler, Jr., J.D.

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#### **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Randolph "Randy" Marcus, Chair

Ms. Callie M. Dalton, Vice-Chair

Mr. Robert A. Archer

Ms. Mary Ann Hovis

Ms. Alethea "A.J." Robinson

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Rachel D. Fowlkes

Ms. Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

President Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D.

Mr. Richard Alvarez, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Joe Carpenter, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Information Officer

Mr. Bruce Cunningham, Interim Vice President for Advancement

Ms. Lisa Ghidotti, Director of State Government Relations

Ms. Kitty McCarthy, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Ms. Ashley Schumaker, Chief of Staff, Office of the President

Mr. Robert Lineburg, Director of Athletics

Ms. Laura Turk, Executive Director of Alumni Relations

Ms. Mary Weeks, Secretary to the Board of Visitors/Senior Assistant to the President

Mr. Allen Wilson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia

Radford University Faculty and Staff

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Randy Marcus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m., in the Board Room, Third Floor, Martin Hall, Radford University, Radford, Virginia.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Marcus requested a motion to approve the May 4, 2017 agenda as published. Ms. Mary Ann Hovis so moved, Ms. Callie M. Dalton, Vice Chair, seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved as published.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Marcus asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2017, meeting of the University Advancement, University Relations and Enrollment Management Committee as published. Ms. Hovis so moved, and Mr. Robert A. Archer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously and are available online at

https://www.radford.edu/content/bov/home/meetings/minutes.html.

#### ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Kitty McCarthy, Vice President for Enrollment Management, provided an update, as of May 3, 2017, on new student recruitment and enrollment for fall 2017. The fall 2017 application rates are almost 96 percent above numbers for this same time last year. Admissions are up 81 percent over fall 2016 with current freshmen deposits at 1,931, which is an increase of 10%, or 178 additional students compared to 1,753 deposits received for fall 2106.

The 2017 freshman class is shaping up to be more diverse both in geography and ethnicity than 2016. Top feeder areas continue to be Maryland, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia. Student deposits have increased in the African American and Latino demographic groups from the fall 2016 class. Academic quality of deposited freshmen is up slightly over fall 2016 with an average GPA of deposited freshmen of 3.21, compared to 3.17 for fall 2016, and SAT of 1,048 for fall 2017, compared to 1,045 for fall 2016.

Transfer student applications have increased 26 percent with received deposits under what is expected. Staff is working diligently to close the gap and surpass last year's results. Admissions will continue to receive and process applications throughout the summer and the expectation is that significant transfer activity is yet to come. Planning for fall 2018 recruitment activities continues and the 2017-2018 term is the first year the University will be truly embarking on a multi-year freshman recruitment effort, which will result in a stronger and more committed applicant pool over time.

Ms. McCarthy's presentation is hereto attached as (*Attachment A*) and is made a part thereof. Mr. Marcus thanked Ms. McCarthy for her report.

#### UNIVERSITY RELATIONS REPORT

Mr. Joe Carpenter, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Communications officer, provided an update on the progress of the university's external marketing campaign, which is primarily focused on supporting Enrollment Management strategies. Highlights of this semester's efforts included placing a higher focus on fostering yield by delivering advertising directly to admitted students and into markets with the highest index for admitted students. The campaign extensively utilized digital marketing and introduced the newest TV ad into specific markets to stay top-of-mind to admitted applicants.

Global Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the FY17 campaign include a 47 percent plus year-over-year increase in traffic to the Admissions section. Digital KPIs during this same time include double the amount of visits to the website despite decreased purchased impression volume year-over-year, an indication that the campaign is being efficient in targeting qualified prospects.

Additional University Relations support to undergraduate and graduate admissions marketing include:

- Promoting application success via the news media;
- Developing website and social media campaigns promoting the Graduate College's March campaign;
- Supporting Alumni Relations promotion of Graduate College and programs;

- Updating Graduate College program promotional videos;
- Facebook Live and video campaign support of undergraduate yield events and activities, and
- Video and social media campaign promoting summer school registration.

The last part of the semester has seen the introduction of a sub-campaign targeting transfer applicants and ad buys and Public Relations strategies to begin generating awareness among the next wave of prospects and applicants (i.e. current high school juniors). Mr. Carpenter's presentation is hereto attached as (*Attachment B*) is made a part thereof. Mr. Marcus thanked Mr. Carpenter for his report.

#### UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Bruce Cunningham, Interim Vice President for University Advancement, provided an update on the increased giving levels and support for the 2016-2017 year. Fiscal year-to-date giving comparisons are as of April 30, 2017. There has been continuous improvement over the last three years, including a 39 percent increase since this time last year. Current fiscal year-end giving is over 27 percent higher with 2 months to go before year-end. Although the number of year-end gifts is trending downward, the dollar amount for these same gifts have increased. Proposal increases and production are largely due to presidential proposals with total proposals in production and outstanding at the end of April are in the amount of \$16,357,450. Mr. Cunningham's presentation is hereto attached as (*Attachment C*) and is made a part thereof.

Ms. Laura Turk, Executive Director for Alumni Relations, reported on activities of the Alumni Relations Office. This spring term, they hosted the Inaugural Volunteer Summit in February, 2017 and recognized former Board of Visitors member, Ms. Mary Campbell. Alumni Chapter planning meetings and outreach were held in Raleigh, Charlotte, Atlanta, Virginia Beach and Roanoke and the RU Day of Service in Northern Virginia had 100 volunteers. The Alumni Relations Office also has developed campus partnerships with Admissions, Career Services, Athletics, the Radford University Foundation, Academic Affairs, and Strategic Planning groups with Admissions as the primary focus of regional engagement. Since the last Board meeting, one initiative to highlight the benefits of being a Radford alumni included the St. Patrick's Day, "Why do Alumni feel lucky to have come to RU", many testimonies were heartfelt and inspiring. Ms. Turk distributed a calendar of upcoming Alumni events, which is hereto attached as (*Attachment D*) and made a part thereof.

Mr. Marcus thanked both Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Turk for their reports.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no other business to come before the Committee, Mr. Marcus requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Archer so moved, and Ms. Dalton seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

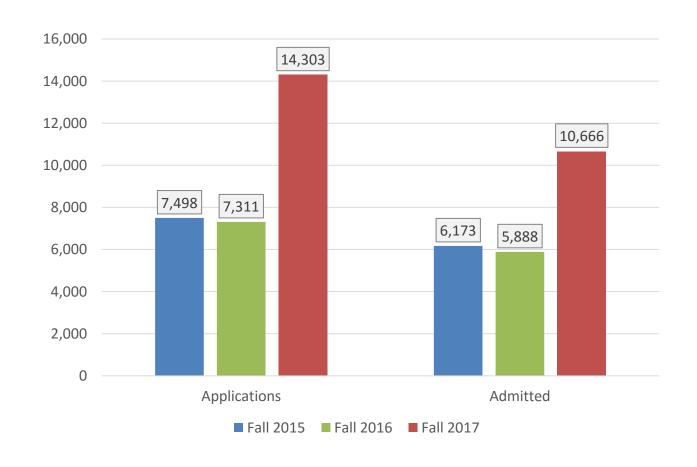
Mary Weeks Secretary to the Board of Visitors

#### **Attachment A**

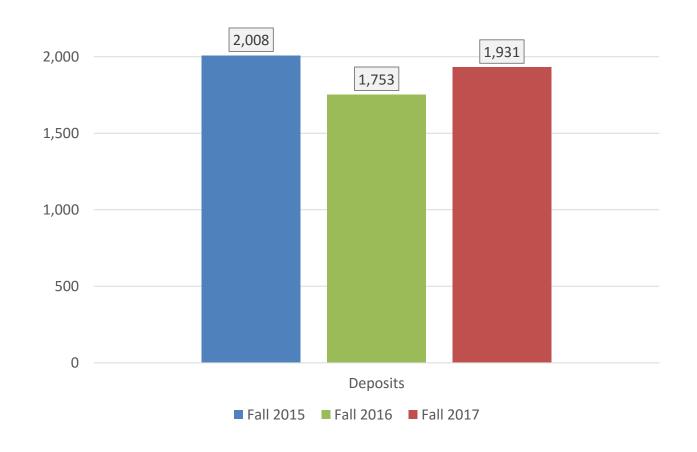
# Fall 2017 Recruitment Update

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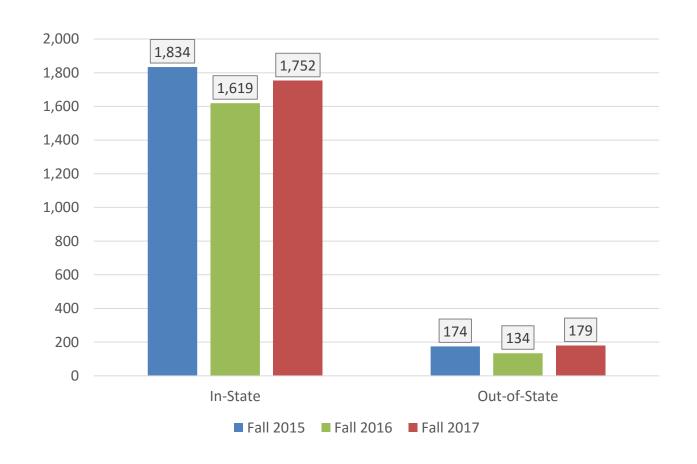
#### New Freshman Applications (May 3rd)



# New Freshman Deposits (May 3rd)



# Deposits by Residency (May 3rd)



# Deposits by VA Region (May 3rd)

Region	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Central Va	146	166	141
Northern Va	601	502	482
Peninsula	105	79	115
Richmond	206	196	200
Roanoke Metro	126	123	120
South Central	61	44	59
Southwest	203	198	237
Tidewater	177	150	181
Valley	199	153	192
In-State, Unknown	10	8	25

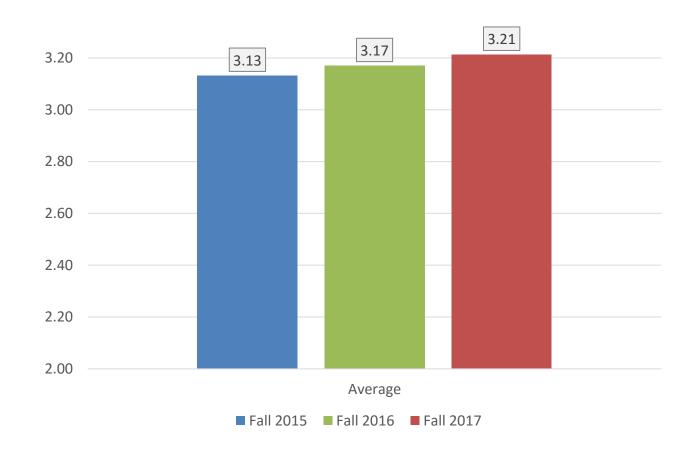
#### Deposits by Top States (May 3rd)

Region	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Maryland	37	25	46
North Carolina	14	14	25
District of Columbia	14	15	17
West Virginia	3	7	11
New Jersey	12	11	9
Florida	11	6	7
Pennsylvania	14	10	6
Connecticut	3	4	5
South Carolina	4	0	5
Texas	2	1	5

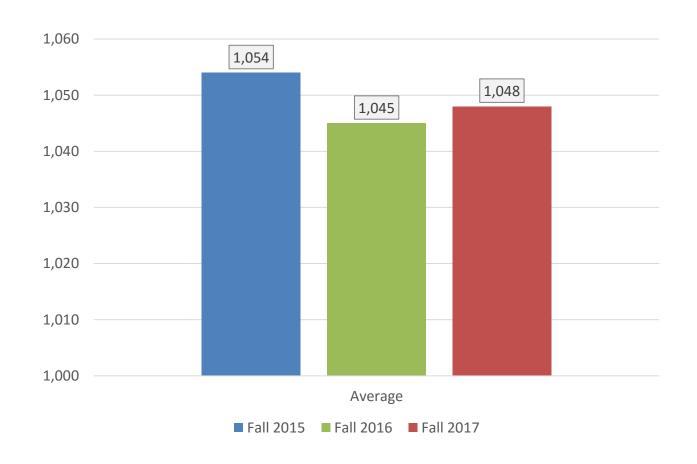
# Deposits by Ethnicity (May 3rd)

Region	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	0	3
Asian	27	36	18
Black or African American	312	324	362
Hispanic	161	145	157
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	2
White	1,356	1,149	1,211
Two or more races	117	70	120
Nonresident Alien	4	4	4
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	25	25	54

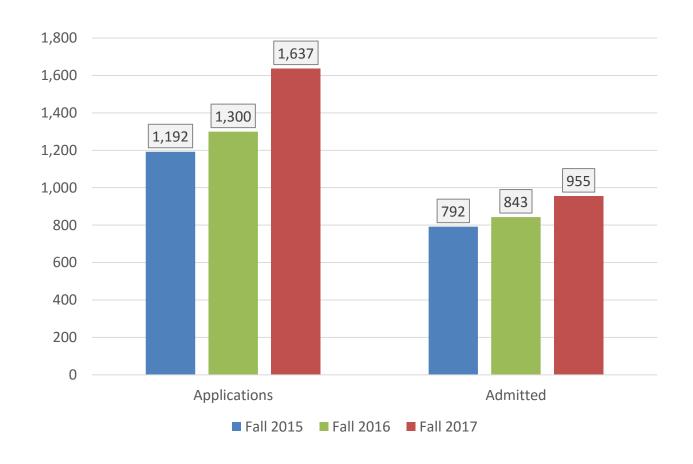
### Average GPA of Deposits (May 3rd)



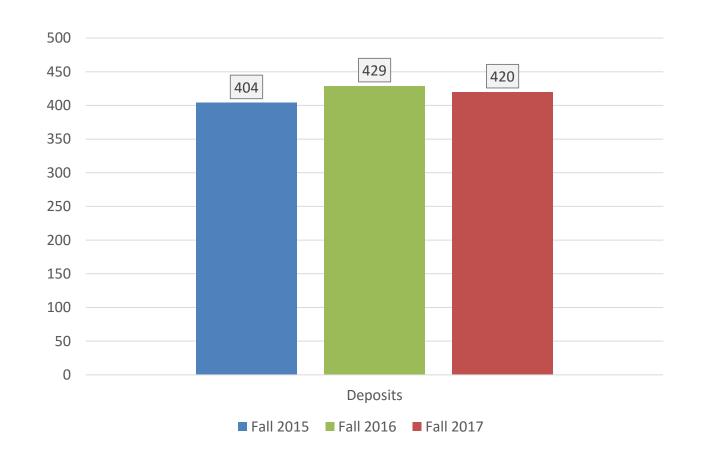
# Average SAT of Deposits (May 3rd)



# Transfer Applications (May 3rd)



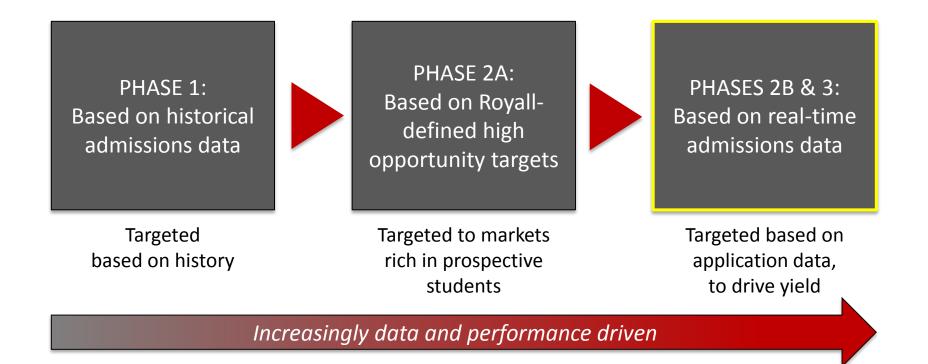
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# Discussion

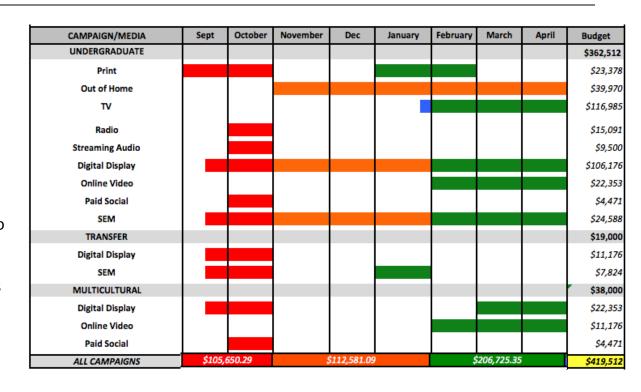
# University Relations Update

#### **Evolution of Marketing-Admissions Collaboration**



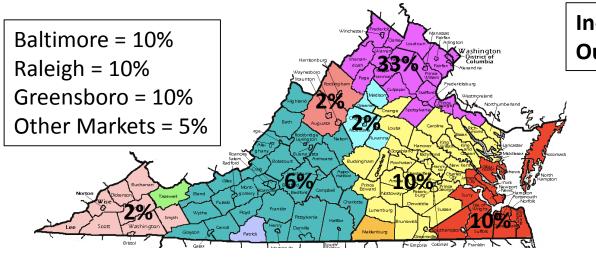
#### Phase 2B Campaign Strategy

- Place a higher focus on fostering yield by delivering media into markets with the highest index for admitted students
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- Leverage video assets (TV/Online) to communicate Radford's core message and develop preference to highest indexing audience as well as utilize hyper-targeted digital media to stay top-of-mind to potential enrollees. Radford University Anthem (video link to back page)



#### Phase 2B Digital Delivery by Geography

- Leverage Radford's real-time admissions data to efficiently target Fall 2017 admits across the Top 100 counties both in-state and out-of-state
- Layer targeting across all market segments based on prospects who have engaged with the website or shared information from the Radford site



In-State Markets = 65%
Out of State Markets = 35%

Bristol, TN Tri-Cities, TN/VA	Harrisonburg, WV
Bluefield, WV Beckley-Oak Hill, WV	Washington, DC
Roanoke- Lynchburg	Charlottesville
Greensboro, NC Winston-Salem/High Point	Richmond Petersburg
Raleigh- Durham, NC	Norfolk

#### FY17 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Global KPI	FY17 YTD	FY16 YTD	YoY
Advertising Impressions	42,748,222	86,467,250	-51%
Admissions Section Sessions	358,318	243,004	+47%
Application Link Inquiries*	34,668	50,583	-31%

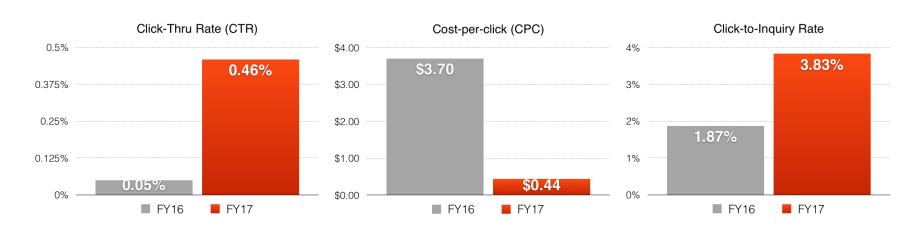
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<sup>\*</sup>Data does not include inquiry links from direct marketing efforts through Royall marketing

 The FY17 digital display campaign has driven more than double the amount of visits to the website, despite a 23% decrease in impression volume YoY – an indication that the campaign has been very efficient in targeting qualified prospects.

Despite a decrease in spend and impressions, the FY17 campaign has resulted in a +47% YoY increase in traffic to the Radford Admissions section – an indication that the FY17 campaign has performed in driving qualified traffic to the site.

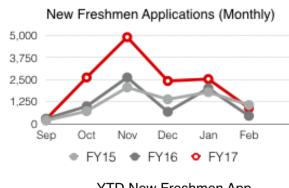
#### FY17 Campaign Analytics: Digital Performance

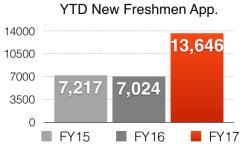


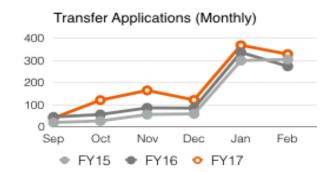
A more targeted and flexible digital display and paid search (SEM) approach in FY17 has resulted
in a stronger click rate, more efficient cost per click and a higher response rate on the landing
page — measured by click-to-inquiry rate — as compared to the benchmarks that were set in
FY16.

#### **Radford Admissions Trends**

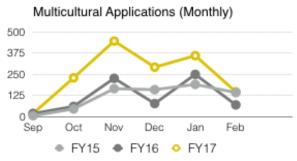
Radford's offline enrollment data shows that, through 3/1/17, New Freshman applications are up +94% YoY, Transfer applications are up +23% YoY and Multicultural applications are up +115% YoY.

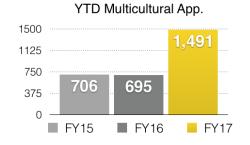












#### Additional Enrollment Support Campaigns

- Media relations outreach promoting record Fall 2017 applications
- Website and social media campaign promoting March Graduate College application
  - Unique page views 3x YOY (3,000+)
  - Increased YOY direct traffic vs. organic searches
  - Increased YOY book referrals
- Alumni Relations promotion of Graduate College & programs
- Updating in-progress of videos promoting Graduate College programs
- Facebook Live and video campaign supporting Undergraduate spring yield
  - Episodes highlighting:
    - Freshman orientation
    - Financial aid
    - Transferring
    - Housing
- Video and social campaign promoting summer school registration

#### Looking Forward - Phase 3 & FY18

#### Phase 3 (Apr-Jun) Strategy:

- Sustain market presence through the end of the "yield phase" to influence deposits for incoming Fall
   2017 class
- Begin generating awareness to next wave of prospects and applicants (high school sophomores and juniors) by integrating "inquiry pool" & historical application data
- Push Transfer message to prospective transfer students 20 mi. surrounding key community colleges in Virginia ahead of the June 1 application deadline

#### **FY18 Strategy:**

- Continue to employ a "flighted" media campaign that reflects key timeframes during the enrollment year (i.e. application admission yield)
- Continue to coordinate media strategy with enrollment management efforts by using real-time admissions data to help guide market selection
- Consider launching TV/Video earlier in the enrollment cycle to help drive increased awareness ahead of application phase, and continue to leverage digital media to capture prospects in distant or costprohibitive markets

#### Advancement/Alumni Relations Communications

- 14 alumni event promotion and initiative emails
- 21 advancement fundraising emails (including the spring solicitation/Deans Letter initiative)
- 7 for graduate and undergraduate college-based events/programs
- Proposals:
  - 4 Development officer proposals
  - 3 Presidential proposals
- Spring Solicitation Initiative: campaign focused on the 6 colleges
  - Email to introduce student
  - Mailed letter by the college dean, with a Q&A with scholarship recipient
  - Email with video of student telling their story, discussing the importance of their scholarship support and thanking donors
  - Website housing all videos that feature students
  - Social media posts featuring scholarship students, with an ask.
  - Thank you mailed postcard and social media post

# Questions

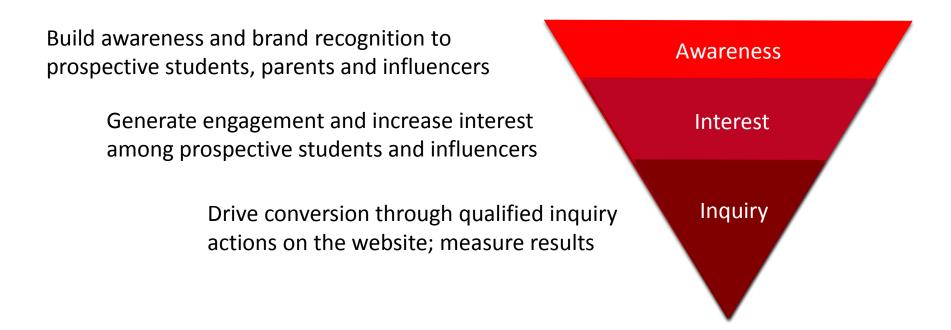
# Addendum

#### **Branding & Marketing Overview**

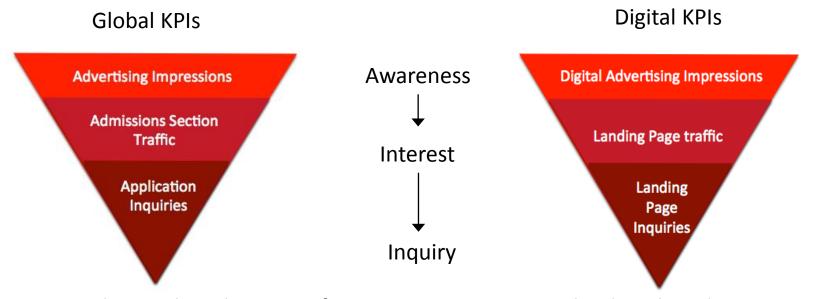
- 1. Campaign objectives and measures
- 2. Campaign strategy and evolution
- 3. Campaign tactics and plan
- 4. Campaign performance
- 5. Next steps

# Campaign Objectives

This campaign is to support enrollment management's efforts to:



# Defining Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)



Measures the reach and impact of broad media using media data and enrollment web activity.

Measures the digital media campaign's ability to generate specific actions that drive the enrollment funnel.

# **Defining Global KPIs**

Objective	КРІ	Definition
Awareness	Advertising Impressions	Measures impressions from all forms of advertising including TV, print, out of home, radio, and digital channels
Interest	Admissions Section Sessions	Measures the amount of people visiting the Undergraduate Admissions section of the radford.edu website
Inquiry	Outbound Application link Inquiry action	Measured by the number of clicks on the application link on radford.edu/apply

# **Defining Digital KPIs**

Objective	KPI	Definition
Awareness	Digital Advertising Impressions	Measures impressions from all forms of digital advertising including web banners, online video, streaming audio, paid search and paid social media
Interest	Marketing Landing Page Visits	Measures the amount of people entering the website through the exclusive marketing landing pages (separate pages for Undergraduate, Transfer & Multicultural)
Inquiry	Marketing Landing Page Inquiry Actions	Measured by the number of clicks on the inquiry buttons on the exclusive landing pages (ex. Apply Now, Request Info, Majors/Minors)

#### Campaign Strategy - Phase 2B (Feb-Apr)

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Tactics</u>
<ul> <li>Place a higher focus on fostering yield by delivering media into markets with the highest index for admitted students</li> </ul>	Use "real-time" admitted student data provided by Radford Admissions to make an informed decision about geographical penetration of advertising	Leverage video assets     (TV/Online) to     communicate Radford's     core message and develop     preference to highest     indexing audience as well as     utilize hyper-targeted digital     media to stay top-of-mind     to potential enrollees.

#### **Media Tactics - Phase 2B**

Media	Details	Properties	% Spend
TV/Onlin e Video	<ul> <li>:30 second TV spot targeting parents/influencers; A35-64 in Richmond, Norfolk, and Roanoke markets</li> <li>Online Video in the top 4 DMAs, % allocated by admissions data targeting students &amp; influencers; running :30 second General and Multicultural spots</li> </ul>	TIE DE PRICHMOND WALVY TV	70%
Print	<ul> <li>Align Radford ad with relevant content in Richmond Magazine's "Colleges &amp; Universities" Guide</li> </ul>	Richmond	4%
Web Digital Display	<ul> <li>Use digital display partners to deliver Radford's web banners efficiently across a variety of websites that are relevant to the user and the content they are consuming</li> <li>Use real-time consumer data to deliver Radford's message of the right prospects at the right time</li> <li>Serve ads to prospects in the top indexing geographies both in and out-of-state using Radford's Admissions data</li> </ul>	vashingtonpost.com  about education	20%
Paid Search	<ul> <li>Drive users who are actively searching for relevant keywords on Google's search engine to Radford's website</li> <li>Tailor ads to specific undergraduate &amp; transfer audiences actively searching for more information</li> </ul>	Google	6%

### FY17 High Level Flowchart



- The Feb-Apr "Phase 2B" plan places a higher focus on fostering yield by delivering media into markets with the highest propensity for admitted students.
- Introduction of TV and online video advertising to increase market recognition and consideration
- Budget for all media through April represents 40% of total advertising allocation for FY17.

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- Decrease in impression delivery YoY was the result of fewer out of home impressions in the market during the same timeframe in FY17, and planned distribution of resources across phases through FY17 compared to FY16.
- Despite fewer impressions, the campaign has resulted in a 47% increase in traffic to the Radford Admissions section YoY, which may be the product of increased digital marketing in FY17.

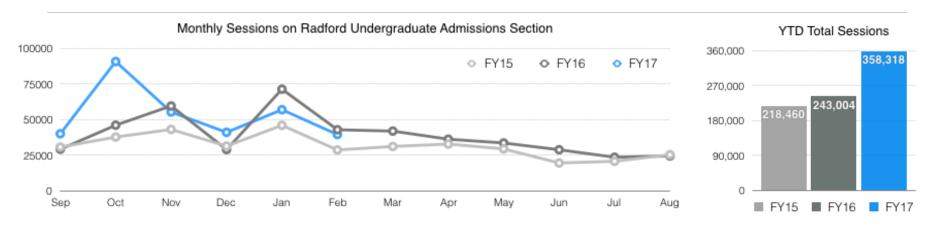
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- Heavier emphasis on digital media (web banners, streaming radio, paid social, paid search) in FY17 resulted in 23% more impressions YoY.
- The increase in digital media in FY17 was responsible for producing 143% more traffic to the exclusive marketing landing pages YoY.
- A 400% increase in landing page inquiries means the campaign has been successful in driving higher quality traffic to the site (i.e. those willing to engage with the website further).

### FY17 Campaign Analytics: Admissions Traffic



- Total sessions to the Radford Admissions section of Radford.edu during the period of September-February have increased 47% from FY16 and 64% from FY15.
- During the same period, the number of page views on the Admissions section has increased 19% from FY16 and 82% from FY15.
- The pattern of traffic to the Admissions section of the site has generally reflected the pattern of media impression delivery in the market each month with an elevated amount of sessions occurring in October when additional media was placed into the market.



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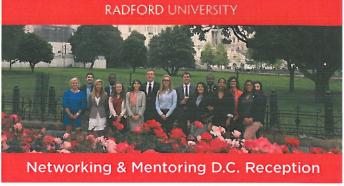
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#### Regional Alumni Chapter Events



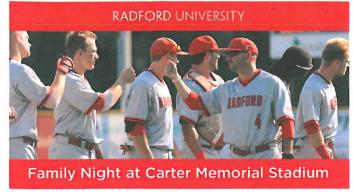
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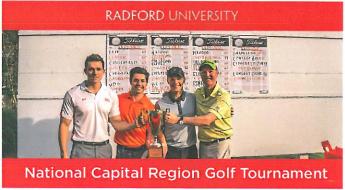
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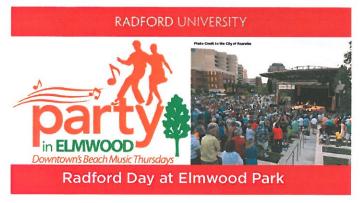
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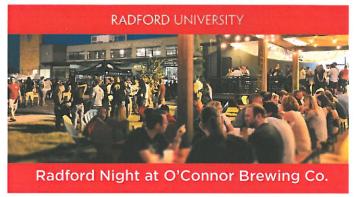
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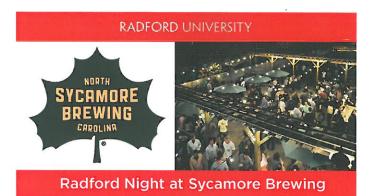
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Virginia Beach



July 15

Richmond



July 20

Charlotte, NC



August 12

Washington, DC



August 13

Richmond



August 24-25

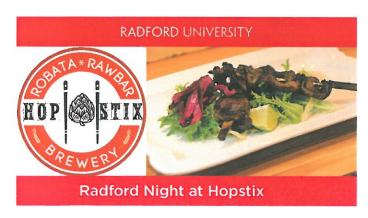
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August 26

Durham, NC



September 8

Atlanta, GA





October 20-22

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Highlander Festival

October 21

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**Attachment C** 

## **Board of Visitors**

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# Office for University Advancement and Alumni Relations



#### **Advancement Overview**

Comparative Giving Report
Comparative Donor Report
Comparative Pending Proposals
Alumni Relations
Questions

## **Comparative Giving Report**

#### Radford University - University Advancement

Comparative Giving Report by Fiscal Year

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving:

		016-2017		015-2016		014-2015
	(7/1/16	5 - 4/30/17)	(7/1/1	5 - 4/30/16)	(7/1/14	4 - 4/30/15)
New Pledge Balances	\$	7,112,896	\$	1,077,193	\$	823,770
Current-Year Pledge Payments	\$	473,330	\$	291,977	\$	289,682
New Planned Gifts	\$	1,192,050	\$	4,840,000	\$	982,000
Outright Cash Gifts	\$	1,317,022	\$	940,547	\$	1,182,210
Gifts-in-kind	\$	119,488	\$	191,698	\$	189,921
Total Giving	\$	10,214,786	\$	7,341,415	\$	3,467,583

#### Fiscal Year-End Giving:

	015-2016 Final	FY	2014-2015 Final	FY 2	.013-2014 Final
New Pledge Balances	\$ 1,160,325	\$	505,474	\$	1,100,504
Current-Year Pledge Payments	\$ 344,401	\$	793,813	\$	513,692
New Planned Gifts	\$ 5,090,000	\$	1,282,000	\$	752,500
Outright Cash Gifts	\$ 1,178,318	\$	1,336,277	\$	1,365,443
Gifts-in-kind	\$ 223,955	\$	200,775	\$	105,257
Total Giving	\$ 7,996,999	\$	4,118,339	\$	3,837,397

## **Comparative Donor Report**

#### Radford University - University Advancement

Comparative Donor Report by Fiscal Year

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving:

	FY 2016-2017	FY 2015-2016	FY 2014-2015
	(7/1/16 - 4/30/17)	(7/1/15 - 4/30/16)	(7/1/14 - 4/30/15)
Total Number of Donors	5,050	4,142	4,447

#### Fiscal Year-End Giving:

	FY 2015-2016	FY 2014-2015	FY 2013-2014
	Final	Final	Final
Total Number of Donors	4,435	4,731	5,221

## **Comparative Pending Proposals**

#### Pending proposals as of April

Fiscal-Year 2016 pending proposals:

Twenty-four proposals totaling \$1,294,500

Fiscal-Year 2017 pending proposals:

Fifty-seven proposals totaling \$16,357,450

#### **Alumni Relations**

- 1. Highlights and Updates
  - Volunteer Summit
  - Regional Outreach
  - Campus Partnerships
  - Pot of Gold

2. Upcoming Activities



#### **Advancement and Alumni Relations**

## Questions

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## Fall 2017 Enrollment Update

RADFORD UNIVERSITY

### **New Freshmen**

Residency	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Total New Freshmen	1,962	1,751	1,848
In-State	1,813	1,623	1,692
% In-State	93.4%	93.7%	91.6%
Out-of-State	149	128	156
% Out-of-State	7.6%	7.3%	8.4%

## New Freshmen Quality Indicators

Measure	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
High School GPA	3.17	3.17	3.24

## New Freshmen Quality Indicators

Measure	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
SAT Combined	1,053	1,032	1,034
ACT Composite	20.3	20.0	20.3

#### **New Transfers**

Residency	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Total New Transfers	723	719	662
In-State	694	696	636
Out-of-State	29	23	26

### First-Year Full-Time Retention

Retention	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Cohort	2,012	1,959	1,745
Retained	1,513	1,456	1,321
Retention Rate	75.2%	74.3%	75.7%

## **Overall Enrollment**

Level	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
Undergraduate	8,880	8,453	8,415
Graduate	863	948	1,000
Total Fall 2017 Headcount	9,753	9,401	9,415

## Questions

#### September 2017, Board of Visitors Fall 2018 Recruitment Activities

Submitted by Kitty McCarthy, Vice President for Enrollment Management

This report serves to highlight programs and services in place to recruit new students for fall 2018.

#### **Territory Management**

Territory management remains an important foundation for recruitment activities. We have restructured territories and replaced a Houston, TX based position with a recruiter based in the Greensboro, NC area allowing for more consistent coverage in a key market. Additional coverage is in place to support efforts in Northern Virginia. Territory managers have been provided with fall 2018 goals. Individual territory recruitment plans are currently under review.

#### **Scholarships**

Scholarship awarding criteria for fall 2018 freshmen will be the same as criteria used for fall 2017. Although we have been successful in getting awards out much earlier than in the past, we are examining ways to release scholarship awards even sooner following the offer of admission.

#### **Royall and Company**

We are in our second year of partnership with Royall and Company to support recruitment of new freshmen. The most important benefit of our ongoing relationship is the impact of earlier name purchases. In addition to working with high school seniors, high school juniors and sophomores are being engaged and their interest cultivated.

#### **Transfer**

Building the transfer inquiry pool is an important activity for the upcoming recruitment cycle. One of the primary objectives is to reach out to students who have expressed interest in Radford University in the past. For example, communicating with students who were admitted (or denied admission) as freshmen for fall 2016 and chose to enroll at a community college will result in a number of productive leads for fall 2018.

#### **Recruitment Events**

Efforts to differentiate on-campus recruitment events continue. For fall 2017 our campus visitation programs will feature a series of workshops dedicated to topics such as research, support for career related activities, and financial aid. This new approach and will help distinguish fall programming from spring events for admitted students.

#### Data

Recruitment activities have been and will continue to be informed by data analysis. *Rapid Insight*, an external resource, new to Radford University, is a predictive analytics solution, which we anticipate will be an excellent addition to recruitment activities. Based on historical information, *Rapid Insight* will assist in identifying students more likely to choose Radford University, which will allow territory managers to enhance and target outreach efforts.

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# University Relations FY18 Overview

#### **FY18 Focus & Priorities**

- Enrollment Management
  - Advertising & Marketing
- Advancement & Alumni Relations
  - Campaign launch
- Brand Image & Reputation
  - Media Pitches & Placements
  - Promote & Distinguish High Profile Programs

#### **FY18 Opportunities**

- NVCC Guaranteed Transfer Partnership Agreement signing
- Competency Based Education launch
- Annual Report (inaugural)
- Strategic Plan 2018-2023

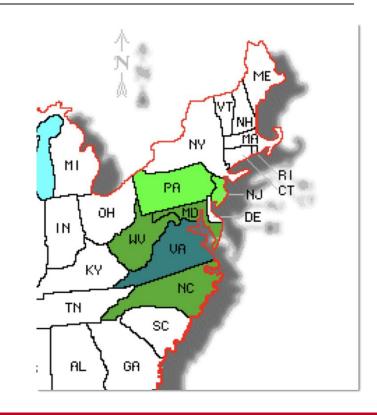
# FY18 Advertising Plan Overview

### **Strategic Changes for FY18**

- Shift the timing of media delivery to align with the undergraduate enrollment "phases" Discovery (Sept-Nov), Application (Dec-Feb), Yield (Mar-May).
- Make a stronger concentrated push for transfer-specific messaging during spring period (April-June) rather than
  spreading message throughout the enrollment cycle; transfer prospects will still be exposed to core Radford
  messaging throughout the year.
- Open up targeting to include **younger HS prospects** (freshmen/sophomores/juniors) who are beginning their college searches earlier.
- Introduce emerging out-of-state markets onto the media plan using digital media as an efficient way to gain
  exposure here while not diluting the message for core in-state markets.
- Position Out of Home media in NOVA to increase awareness and visibility in this key feeder market.
- Begin TV campaign earlier in enrollment season to influence prospects during discovery/application phase, while being keen to cost inefficiencies due to seasonal political activity; consider spring timeframe for local Roanoke market to reach potential transfer applicants.
- Increase investment in online video to push "TV"-like message in markets that are unable to be reached using traditional TV due to cost.
- Emphasize **paid social media** investment as a way to reach and engage with more prospects during key time periods throughout the enrollment year.

### **Geographic Marketing Approach**

- Priority (Core): In-state VA markets including Roanoke, Richmond, Tidewater & Northern Virginia (NOVA)
- Secondary (Emerging): Out-of-state markets including Washington DC, MD, WV & NC
- Tertiary (Growth): Distant out-of-state market including NJ & PA
- Traditional media will primarily be focused in priority markets while digital media will allow the opportunity for targeting both in-state and out-of-state markets, with delivery allocation as follows:
  - Priority 70%
  - Secondary 20%
  - Tertiary 10%



### **Key Performance Indicators (Y/Y)**

Global KPI	FY16 YTD	FY17 YTD	FY18 Goal	
Advertising Impressions	97,174,262	86,617,778	86,600,000	
Admissions Section Sessions	413,933	489,610	500,000	
Application Link Inquiries*	60,415	50,267	51,275	

Digital KPI	FY16 YTD	FY17 YTD	FY18 Goal	
Digital Impressions	43,273,499	47,075,875	48,000,000	
Marketing Landing Page Sessions	57,525	184,627	188,000	
Marketing Landing Page Inquiries	1,079	10,623	10,800	

- Seek to maintain a level delivery of advertising impressions utilizing a strategic and efficient marketing plan
- Specific goal is to achieve a 2% increase in web visits and inquiry actions despite a 2% decrease in spend.
- Starting in FY18, Royall portal inquiry data will be tracked in addition to Radford University web data to provide a comprehensive picture of enrollment marketing activity and performance.

<sup>\*</sup>Data does not include inquiry links from direct marketing efforts through Royall marketing

## Marketing Approach - Enrollment Phases

Phase	Timeframe	Strategy
Phase 1	Sep-Nov	Launch with awareness and interest building tactics during <b>discovery</b> phase for HS seniors/influencers & deliver Open House messaging to drive visitation to the university
Phase 2	Dec-Feb	Elevate and sustain ad presence during key <b>application</b> period (12/1, 2/1)
Phase 3A	Mar-Jun	Shift focus to fostering <b>conversion/yield</b> of senior applicants by targeting markets with higher indices for admissions
Phase 3B	Apr-Jun	Continue momentum from Spring and begin to lay the foundation for rising class of applicant prospects; sustain <b>Transfer</b> messaging through June application deadline

### **Executive Summary of Media Tactics**

- Build high-level visibility and generate brand awareness through TV and out of home.
- Amplify reach and frequency and communicate time-sensitive Open House messaging through terrestrial and streaming radio.
- Hyper-target the most relevant prospects online through digital display.
- Complement the reach/frequency of the TV campaign and target prospects in additional markets using pre-roll video.
- Engage and interact with a younger generation through paid social media.
- Influence active searchers to visit the website and take action through paid search.

FY18 MEDIA CAMPAIGNS	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Mav	Jun
UNDERGRADUATE	Phase 1		Dec	Phase 2		Phase 3			Juli	
Print										
ΤV										
Out of Home										
Radio										
Streaming Audio										
Digital Display										
Online Video										
Paid Social										
Paid Search										
TRANSFER		Phase 1			Phase 2		Phase 3			
Digital Display										
Paid Search										
MULTICULTURAL		Phase 1		Phase 2		Phase 3				
Streaming Audio										
Digital Display										
Online Video										
Paid Social										
COBE	Phase 1		Phase 2		Phase 3					
Online Video										
Paid Social										Ь——
Fees										
DISC. PRINT										
Print										
<u>AdServing</u>										
ALLTACTICS										

## Questions?

#### RADFORD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS

#### University Advancement, University Relations and Enrollment Management Committee September 14, 2017

#### **University Relations**

Information Update

University Relations has continued its focus on supporting institutional strategic priorities, including recruiting and advancement initiatives, presidential communications and high-profile initiatives.

#### **Creative & Marketing Services**

Instrumental to University Relations' successful support of many of the university's communications and graphic design needs have been the creativity, project management and quality assurance provided by University Relations' small staff of graphic and creative design, editing, photography and videography professionals.

In addition to unique high profile events and initiatives, such as the presidential inauguration, Budget Summit, Strategic Plan, and launch of IMPACT, the past academic year also saw the transfer to University Relations of more Enrollment Management and recruiting focused projects.

For AY2016-17 project management statistics (current production is as of August 9, 2017):

- 308 Print projects completed 25 Enrollment Management and recruiting related
  - o 136 on current production list 37 Enrollment Management and recruiting related
- 259 Photo projects/requests completed
  - o 43 on current production list
- 90 Video/Radio productions completed
  - o 60 on current production list
  - o 120+ Web/Social Media tasks completed
  - o 5 on current production list
- 100 Brand Compliance approvals (principally via branding@radford.edu submission)
- 30 Advancement (presidential or major gift officer) proposals & Special Reports
- 2 Magazines of Radford University

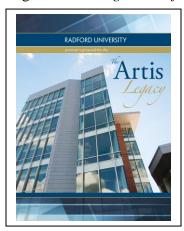
In total: 807 tasks were completed during this period, with 244 currently in production.

#### **Advancement Communications**

AY2016-17 was a productive year for Advancement Communications. Beginning with the development and implementation of the president's statewide alumni orientation tour, Advancement Communications was at the forefront developing both traditional and social media communications strategies and plans, that when combined with analytics, permitted efficient and effective targeting. This major initiative was followed by extensive planning and development of products, in close coordination with the Inauguration Committee, the president's office and staff, and Creative and Marketing Services, to support the presidential inauguration.

In addition to providing project management and editorial oversight of two Magazines of

Radford University and communications support to homecoming, alumni relations events, annual fund and planned giving, Advancement Communications quickly adopted and developed the process to write, edit, proofread and provide overall management of production and staffing for presidential and major gift officer proposals – a new advancement strategy for Radford University. The success of that effort – more than 30 unique and designed proposals – made a significant contribution to the university's fundraising success in FY2016-17: presidential proposals accounted for more 60% of funds raised in the most recent fiscal year, including the establishment of the Artis Endowed Scholarship Fund, the largest donation by an alumnus in the history of Radford University.



#### Web Communications and Strategy

Several new key webpages were developed and activated during the past quarter, including:

- Competency Based Education's Innovative Mobile Personalized Accelerated Competency Training (IMPACT): <a href="www.radford.edu/impact">www.radford.edu/impact</a>
- o Student Affairs Housing and Residential Life: www.radford.edu/housing
- o Summer 2017 Magazine online: <a href="https://www.radford.edu/content/radford-magazine/home/summer-2017.html">https://www.radford.edu/content/radford-magazine/home/summer-2017.html</a>
- o Graduate College and Professional Studies' website is progressing through a complete redesign. Master of Criminal Justice was the first to go live within the Graduate College website: www.radford.edu/criminal-justice-grad

In coordination with Enrollment Management and New Student Programs, University Relations hosted a series of seven Facebook Live sessions throughout the spring and summer seasons in support of undergraduate admissions yield for fall 2017. Topics included

- Admissions "What's Next; What You Can Expect" (the most viewed episode: 4,338 video views)
- Financial Aid "Paying for College; Understanding Your Financial Aid Award"
- Transfer Admissions "Transferring to Radford University"
- New Student Programs "Quest Orientation"
- Housing & Residential Life "Housing Options"
- Post Quest "What's Next?"
- Move-in "What to expect, ask your questions, find out what to bring and how to contact your roommate"



This social media platform is relatively new and effective in augmenting communications to target audiences of prospective and admitted students and their families. As University



Relations gained more experience with Facebook Live over the course of this initiative and analyzed viewership analytics after each episode, subsequent episodes' content, schedule and locations were adjusted to maximize viewership and impact. For example, one location included a live broadcast from a residence hall to help give new students and families a better sense of the residential life environment. Based on the success of this initiative, University Relations will examine with Enrollment Management strategies and possible opportunities for AY2017-18.

#### Media Services

Focus areas in AY2016-17 included expanded efforts to promote the university among regional, statewide and national media. In addition to actively marketing and pitching student and faculty accomplishments, a specific effort was made to market faculty subject matter experts on a diverse range of topics, often in conjunction with news-sensitive issues. This allowed the university to expand its brand recognition.

Internal communications was also the beneficiary of a renewed focus given the presidential transition and the subsequent necessity to inform internal audiences – students, faculty, staff, retirees and alumni – of new initiatives as well as facilitate leadership's commitment to transparency.

Products included introduction of designed presidential electronic communications, as well as revised content and distribution strategies to the campus e-newsletter "Radford University CONNECTED," which is sent to an average of 70,000 recipients with each edition.

The industry standard open rate for this type of newsletter is estimated at 12.55%. By these standards, "Radford University CONNECT" has historically had an above average open rate. For example, during the January 2015-February 2016 timeframe, the average open rate was 16%, with a 1.22% click through rate. March-December 2016 averaged a 25% open rate and an average 1.9% click through rate, while January-June 2017 averaged a 25% open rate and a 1.5% click through rate.



#### FY2016-17 Advertising Campaign

The most recent fiscal year advertising campaign concluded with substantial positive results in four of six Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). The FY2016-17 plan included substantial alignment with Enrollment Management with regard to timing, message sequencing, market identification and segmentation; expanded use of geo-targeted social and digital media; distinct phases to support topline awareness, applications and yield; as well as a transfer student sub-campaign. Full details are available in the attached appendix to this report.



# FY17 CAMPAIGN REVIEW

# RADFORD UNIVERSITY

## FY17 CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

- Despite a 33% decrease in advertising budget Y/Y, the FY17 campaign was able to deliver an +18% increase in session traffic to the Admissions Section of the Radford.edu website and +14% increase in sessions against the FY17 goal
- A more targeted and nimble digital media approach resulted in marked increases for all digital KPIs vs. FY16, including a +9% increase in impressions, +206% increase in landing page visits and +832% increase in landing page inquiry actions
- ▶ As of June 1, 2017, there was a 96% increase in New Freshmen applications Y/Y, a +23% increase in Transfer applications Y/Y and a +111% increase in Hispanic applications



# FY17 CAMPAIGN REVIEW



## FY17 CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

Build awareness and recognition of Radford University as a quality institution to prospective students, parents, influencers and community members

Generate interest with the most qualified users by driving them to learn more and engage with the university website

Drive conversion through qualified inquiry actions on the website and measure results

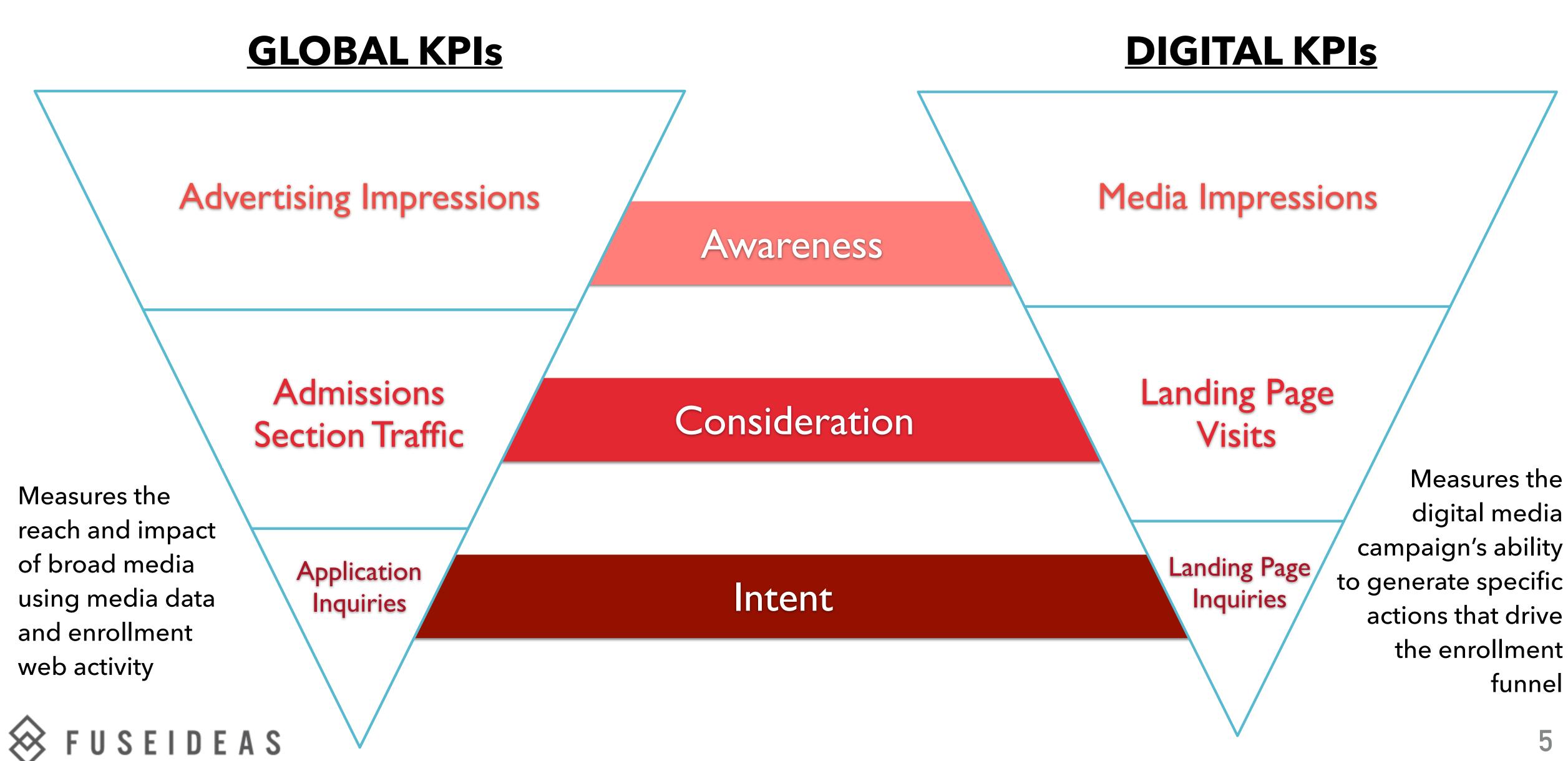
**Awareness** 

Consideration

Intent



## DEFINING FY17 KPIS



# FY17 MEDIA STRATEGY OVERVIEW

KPI	Timeframe	Strategy	Targeting
Phase 1	Sep-Oct	Launch with awareness and interest building tactics during discovery phase for HS seniors/influencers	Historical admissions data
Phase 2A	Nov-Jan	Elevate and sustain ad presence during key application/conversion period	High opportunity applicant markets based on prospect lists gathered by Enrollment/Royall
Phase 2B	Feb-Apr	Shift focus to fostering yield by targeting markets with higher indices for completed applicants	Real-time admissions data
Phase 3	May-Jun	Continue momentum from Spring and begin to lay the foundation for rising class of applicant prospects	Real-time admissions data; geotargeted feeder colleges to drive Transfer applicants



## FY17 MEDIA STRATEGY REFRESH

- Continue to leverage OOH in areas where Radford will benefit from additional visibility; focus less on trying to cover all markets with OOH given budget restrictions
- Diminish focus on print media in FY17 given it's limitations in reaching a younger target audience, with the exception of specialized and highly-relevant ad hoc opportunities
- Continue to leverage terrestrial radio in Roanoke market to communicate message during key Open House periods; utilize streaming audio in further-reaching markets to hyper-target prospects in a more personalized manner
- Introduce new TV spot in high potential markets (Roanoke, Richmond, Norfolk) to elevate brand awareness and recognition to a broader audience; leverage spot on digital channels to extend reach/frequency and target high indexing prospects on a 1:1 basis
- Continue to use digital display banners to target the most relevant audience in the right place at the right time; activate targeted programmatic buying solutions as a cost-efficient way of targeting impressions at scale, and use data technology to hone in on niche market segments such as transfer and multicultural prospects
- Introduce paid social media as a tactic during the Fall phase to encourage engagement and promote Open House events
- Refresh paid search (SEM) keywords and text ads in an effort to increase quality score/page rank and decrease cost-perclick; create site link extensions to create a better user experience and help drive increased visits/inquiries



# FY17 MEDIA FLOWCHART

			Rac	ford FY 20	16-2017	Media Flo	wchart						
		Pho	rse 1		Phase 2A			Phase 2B			Phase 3		
CAMPAIGN/MEDIA	IMP.	Sept	October	November	Dec	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Actual Co
UNDERGRADUATE	63,960,176												\$404,878
Print	570,000					\$8,000				\$2,808.00			\$26,6
Out of Home	12,358,013			\$16,120	\$13,260	\$7,752							\$39,9
TV	15,302,220						\$8,932	\$67,731	\$26,886				\$116,9
Radio	918,000												\$15,0
Streaming Audio	1,634,319												\$9,5
Digital Display	28,439,299			\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$5,000		\$128,5
Online Video	3,181,468						\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$6,667	\$3,333		\$33,5
Paid Social	762,949												\$4,4
SEM	793,908			\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000.00	\$2,000		\$30,1
TRANSFER	4,701,241												\$36,8
Digital Display	4,523,577								\$5,000	\$5,000			\$22,3
SEM	177,664					\$3,000			\$3,000	\$3,000			\$14,5
MULTICULTURAL	7,583,409												\$49,1
Digital Display	5,615,324							\$5,000	\$5,000	3,333	\$1,667		\$27,9
Online Video	1,138,184						\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,333	\$1,667		\$16,7
Paid Social	829,901												\$4,4
DIGITAL ADSERVING	44,532,171												\$11,377
FY17 CORE CAMPAIGN TOTAL	76,244,826												\$502,3
RADFORD COBE	4,430,376												\$30,1
Online Video	169,576												\$7,8
Paid Social	4,260,800												\$22,3
COBE CAMPAIGN TOTAL	4,430,376												\$30,:
CLIENT DIRECT BUYS	5,773,000												\$22,
Print	5,773,000												\$22,
CLIENT DIRECT TOTAL	5,773,000												\$22,
TOTAL RADFORD	86,448,202												\$555,



# FY17 ADVERTISING SUMMARY BY MEDIA

Madia Channal		Media Spend			Media Impressions	
Media Channel	FY17	FY16	+/- YTD%	FY17	FY16	+/- YTD%
Digital Display	\$178,824	\$184,258	-3%	38,578,200	36,268,597	+6%
Print	\$49,588	\$195,683	-75%	6,343,000	4,174,813	+52%
TV	\$116,985	\$153,692	-24%	15,302,220	17,921,158	-15%
Out of Home	\$39,970	\$94,932	-58%	12,358,013	26,670,764	-54%
Radio	\$15,091	\$64,068	-76%	918,000	5,134,028	-82%
Paid Search	\$44,706	\$40,906	+9%	971,572	751,128	+29%
Online Video	\$58,118	\$44,705	+30%	4,489,228	3,478,212	+29%
Streaming Audio	\$9,500	\$41,985	-77%	1,634,319	2,775,562	-41%
Paid Social	\$31,309	\$0	N/A	5,853,650	N/A	N/A
AdServing	\$11,377	\$8,800	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	\$555,468	\$829,029	-33%	86,448,202	97,174,262	-11%



<sup>\*</sup>Summary includes Spring '17 COBE campaign and client-direct print buys

<sup>\*\*</sup>Data pulled Sept 1, 2016 - June 15, 2017

## FY17 GLOBAL KPI PERFORMANCE

KPI	FY17 Result	FY16 Result	% Y/Y	FY17 Goal*	% vs Goal
Advertising Impressions**	86,448,202	97,174,262	-15%	92M - 102M	-6%
Admissions Section Visits	489,610	413,933	+18%	435,000	+13%
Application Inquiry Actions***	50,267	60,415	-17%	63,500	-21%

<sup>\*</sup>Goals based on FY17 Media Strategy deck presented on 8/9/16

Data pulled for Sept 1 2016 - June 15, 2017

<sup>\*\*</sup>Decrease in advertising impressions is a direct correlation of decreased advertising spend

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>App inquiry data was not being captured for entirety of FY17, including inquiries driven directly from Royall efforts; the missing inquiry data contributed to a lower percentage.

## FY17 DIGITAL KPI PERFORMANCE VS. FY17 GOALS

DIGITAL KPI*	Campaign	FY17 Result	FY17 Goal	+/-% vs Goal
	Undergraduate	34,791,225	30,000,000	+16%
Digital Media Impressions	Transfer	4,701,241	4,000,000	+18%
	Multicultural	7,583,409	7,000,000	+8%
IMPRESSION TOTAL	ALL CAMPAIGNS	47,075,875	41,000,000	+15%
	Undergraduate	159,020	41,400	+284%
Landing Page Visits	Transfer	8,761	8,200	+7%
	Multicultural	16,846	10,800	+56%
VISIT TOTAL	ALL CAMPAIGNS	184,627	60,400	+206%
	Undergraduate	9,430	770	+1,125%
Landing Page Inquiry Actions	Transfer	658	200	+229%
	Multicultural	535	170	+215%
INQUIRY TOTAL	ALL CAMPAIGNS	10,623	1,140	+832%

<sup>\*</sup> These digital KPI metrics are wholly attributable to the paid Radford media advertising placed by Fuseideas, and do not include activity from the Royall campaign.

Data pulled for Sept 1 2016 - May 31, 2017



# FY17 DIGITAL KPI PERFORMANCE VS. HISTORICAL (FY16)

DIGITAL KPI*	Campaign	FY17 Result	FY16 Result	Y/Y %
	Undergraduate	34,791,225	28,749,192	+21%
Digital Media Impressions	Transfer	4,701,241	7,253,282	-35%
	Multicultural	7,583,409	7,271,025	+4%
IMPRESSION TOTAL	ALL CAMPAIGNS	47,075,875	43,273,499	+9%
	Undergraduate	159,020	39,408	+304%
Landing Page Visits	Transfer	8,761	7,888	+11%
	Multicultural	16,846	10,229	+65%
VISIT TOTAL	ALL CAMPAIGNS	184,627	57,525	+221%
Landing Dago Inquiry	Undergraduate	9,430	733	+1,186%
Landing Page Inquiry Actions	Transfer	658	183	+260%
	Multicultural	535	163	+228%
INQUIRY TOTAL	ALL CAMPAIGNS	10,623	1,079	+885%

<sup>\*</sup>Digital KPI data showing metrics taken from digital media purchased by Fuseideas on behalf of Radford University as well as visitor data occurring on exclusive marketing landing pages, which are completely attributable to Fuseideas/Radford paid media efforts

Data pulled for Sept 1 2016 - May 31, 2017



# FY17 ADMISSIONS RESULTS VS. HISTORICAL

Category	Enrollment Class	Applied	Completed	Admitted	Deposits
	Fall 2017	14,394	11,652	10,758	1,985
	Fall 2016	7,340	6,666	5,971	1,837
New Freshmen	YTD '16	+96%	+75%	+80%	+8%
	Fall 2015	7,527	6,977	6,262	2,066
	YTD '15	+91%	+67%	+72%	-4%
	Fall 2017	1,815	1,253	1,089	551
	Fall 2016	1,472	1,070	964	577
Transfer	YTD '16	+23%	+17%	+13%	-5%
	Fall 2015	1,373	1,080	967	586
	YTD '15	+32%	+16%	+13%	-6%
	Fall 2017	1,630	1,251	1,145	196
	Fall 2016	762	622	574	180
Hispanic (NF + TR)	Y/Y '16	+114%	+101%	+99%	+9%
	Fall 2015	774	681	591	193
	Y/Y '15	+111%	+84%	+94%	+2%



# FY17 MEDIA REVIEW

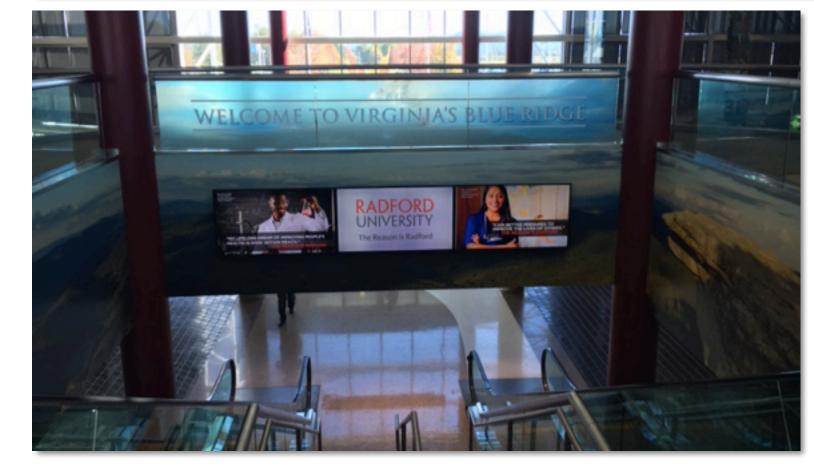


# FY17 OUT OF HOME SUMMARY

Strategy	<ul> <li>Digital signage located in the Roanoke airport targeting incoming and outbound travelers</li> <li>Static and digital billboards on key highway locations in Richmond market during Phase 2A to support concentrated market push</li> <li>Bus king units on key routes within the Richmond metro (GRTC)</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>Total estimated exposure of over 12M impressions</li> <li>3% lift in organic search traffic to website from Richmond market from previous period</li> </ul>
Insights	<ul> <li>Airport signage is a good way of establishing market presence to a contingency of out-of-town visitors</li> <li>Richmond OOH was used as more of a complementary form of advertising to the advertising push in that market thru TV/Video &amp; Digital, but showed some value in driving incremental market visibility and organic visitation</li> <li>A comprehensive and sustained multi-market OOH campaign is difficult with a limited budget</li> </ul>
FY18 Recommendations	<ul> <li>Continue to consider OOH boards to complement market push during periods with heightened interest (i.e. Open House), especially digital units that allow for multiple simultaneous creatives</li> <li>Seek out potential perm boards on key inbound highways such as I-81 &amp; I-77, pending board quality and location (client feedback may be necessary)</li> </ul>







# FY17 TV SUMMARY

Strategy	<ul> <li>:30 second TV spot to run during Phase 2B to influence yield in key markets of Roanoke, Richmond and Norfolk</li> <li>News programming selected to reach a broader audience of influencers and community members</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>More than 930 spots delivered, resulting in over 15.3M impressions</li> <li>Organic traffic increases during Phase 2B including: +12% Y/Y increase in from Roanoke, +12% increase from Richmond &amp; +8% increase from Norfolk</li> </ul>
Insights	TV remains a great channel for elevating brand awareness and recognition and making an emotional connection with a broader audience
FY18 Recommendations	Pending budget limitation and political season, consider running TV earlier in the enrollment year (Phase 1) to push awareness during pre-application/ discovery period





# FY17 ONLINE VIDEO SUMMARY

Strategy	<ul> <li>Leverage :30 sec video used for TV as online pre-roll to brand-safe content, targeted to college prospects in all key markets including Roanoke, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington DC</li> <li>Use Hispanic version of the spot to target Multicultural prospects consuming content online</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>4.3M video impressions with 2.9M completed video views; overall completion rate of 66% which is within 8% of industry benchmark (72%)</li> <li>0.57% CTR was +14% above industry benchmark for pre-roll (0.50%)</li> </ul>
Insights	<ul> <li>Online video not only extends reach/frequency of TV campaign, but can also reach a separate (younger) audience of prospects that continue to shift their video content viewing to digital channels</li> <li>Successful tactic for executing multicultural message to this niche segment, especially given video's ability to run cross-device (desktop &amp; mobile)</li> </ul>
FY18 Recommendations	<ul> <li>Continue using video to push brand awareness and recognition in an emotionally connected way, keeping in mind that additional spend would decrease overall impression output (higher CPM than standard banners)</li> <li>Consider leveraging video through additional channels to reach prospect target audience, including brand-safe YouTube pre-roll (less expensive) or OTT/VOD like Hulu (more expensive)</li> </ul>

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The Motherhood Corner: Set Up Your Support System

Susie Carder, Motivating the Masses president and life coach, is back with tips to make your life easier by creating a support system of friends and family.

#### EYES Y PROHIBICIONES

Avanza en Georgia la propuesta de ley que castigaría a universidades que no cumplan con leyes de inmigración



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El primer comité en la cámara del senado aprobó la iniciativa HB 37, que sancionaría a las universidades que no cumplan con las leyes de inmigración federales y locales.

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# FY17 TERRESTRIAL RADIO SUMMARY

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Strategy	<ul> <li>Use:30 spots to deliver Radford's undergrad message and promote Fall Open House event dates</li> <li>Focus on local Roanoke market in FY17 and selected stations that indexed high for parents 35+ with teenagers in HH; including WJJS, WROV, WSLC, WXLK</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>296 spots delivered with over 918K gross impressions</li> <li>+10% more organic users visiting the site Y/Y during the month of October</li> </ul>
Insights	Radio is a beneficial tactic for building reach and frequency in the market, but is difficult to measure direct action or response
FY18 Recommendations	<ul> <li>With a decrease in ad budget next year, terrestrial radio may not be considered for inclusion in the FY18 media mix</li> <li>Recommendation to shift radio budget to streaming audio to reach a more targeted audience and additional markets</li> </ul>



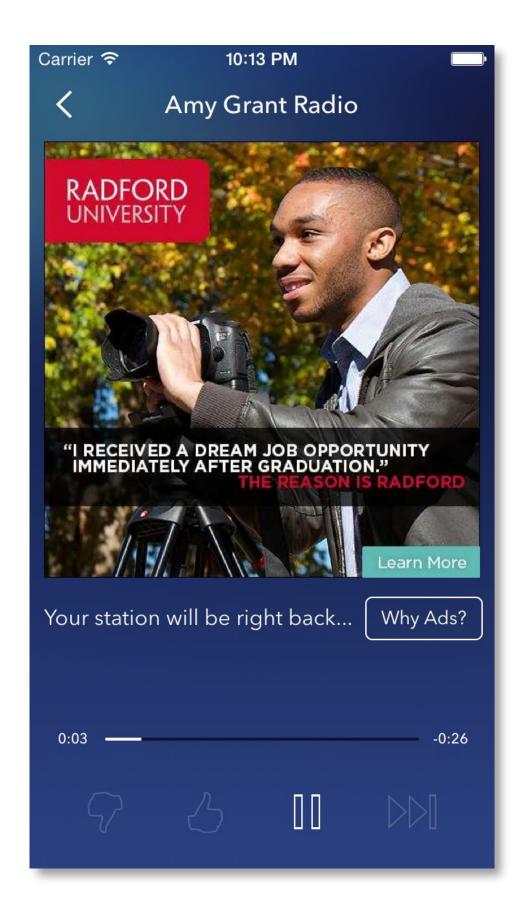


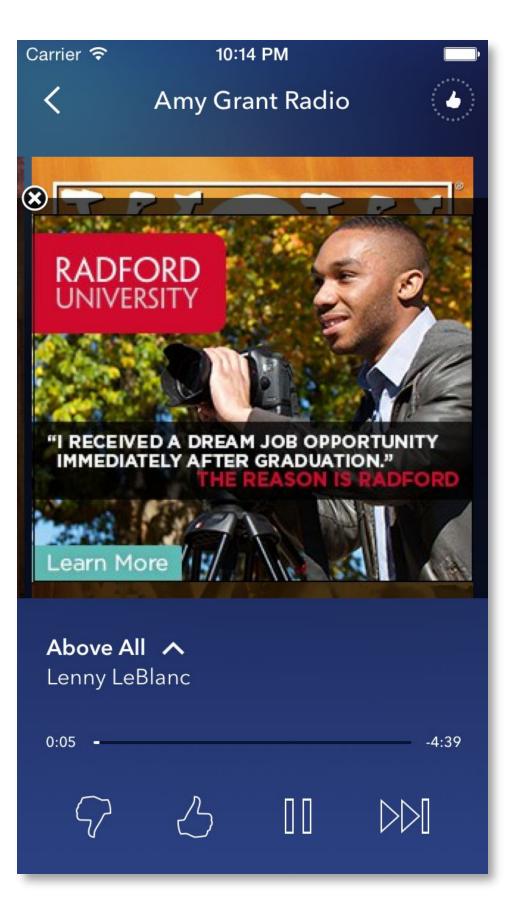




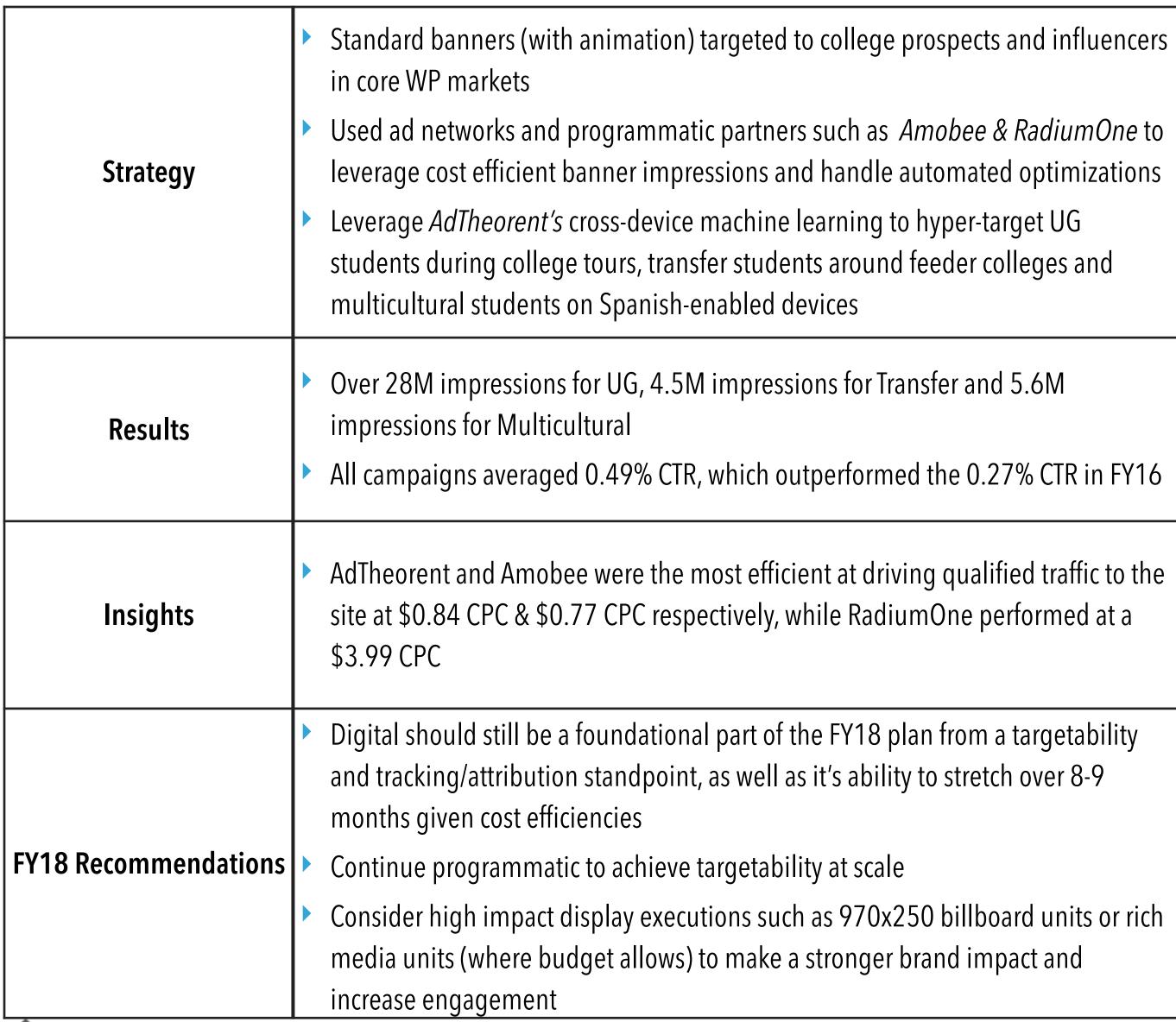
# FY17 STREAMING AUDIO SUMMARY

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Strategy	<ul> <li>Use Pandora's streaming audio service to push the open house message to target audience of college prospects 3 weeks leading into the event date</li> <li>Audio Everywhere package allowed for spots to run on desktop, mobile and connected devices with accompanying banners where applicable</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>Over 1.6M impressions, including 800K audio spots served</li> <li>7,254 clicks to the site with a 0.82% CTR overall – +58% above Pandora's CTR benchmark</li> </ul>
Insights	<ul> <li>A \$1.17 CPC was very efficient and helped drive down the overall CPC for the digital campaign</li> <li>Streaming audio remains an effective and efficient alternative for delivering a 1:1 audio message across multiple markets</li> </ul>
FY18 Recommendations	<ul> <li>Continue to consider streaming audio as a tactic for delivering Open House message, if budget allows</li> <li>Consider new "responsive display" option which has been performing at +50% higher CTRs (according to Pandora)</li> <li>Leverage Pandora's unique and proprietary "Multicultural" targeting segments</li> </ul>

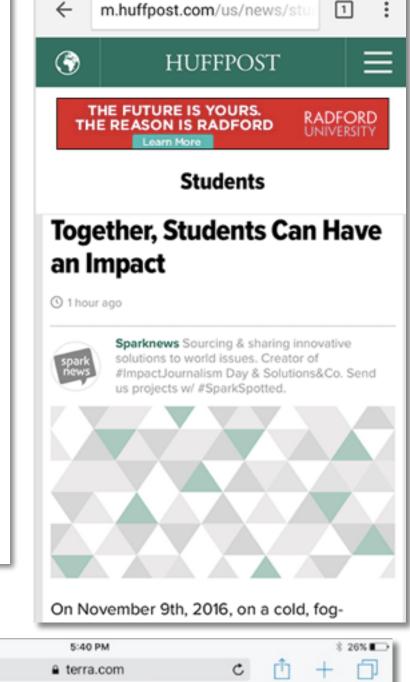


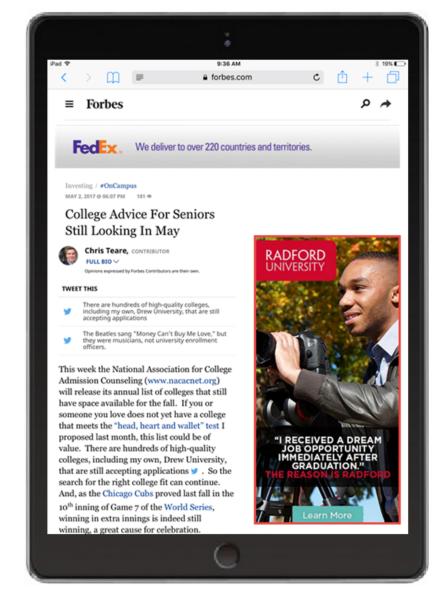


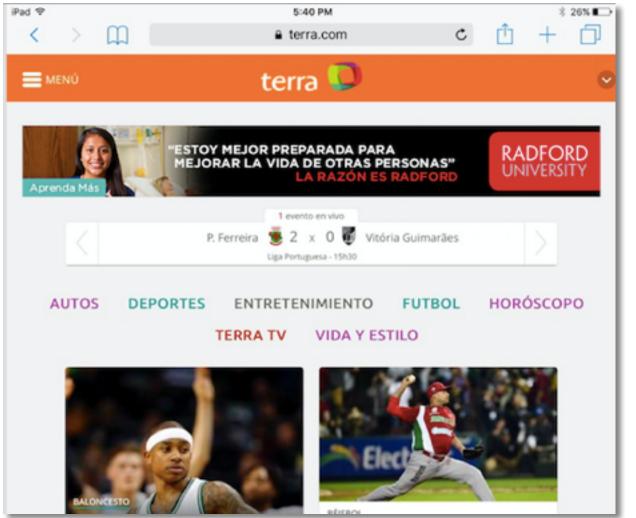
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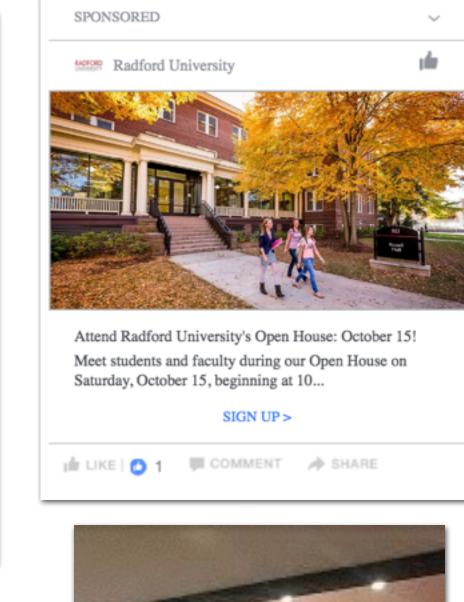


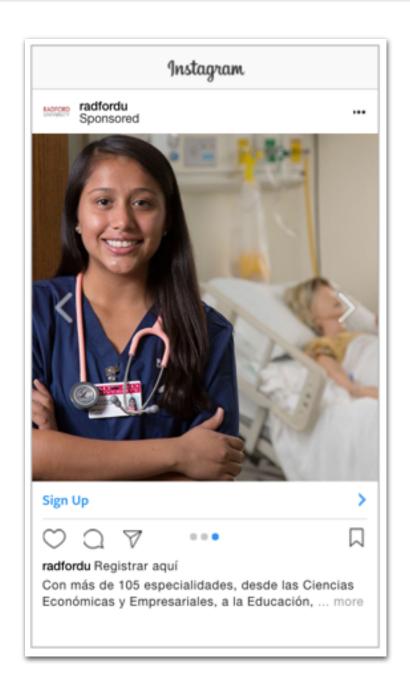


# FY17 PAID SOCIAL SUMMARY

Strategy	<ul> <li>Extend reach of social audience beyond organic efforts by using a combination of video, carousel, and static ads targeted to college prospects in core Radford markets on Facebook and Instagram's social networks</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Use Facebook's proprietary data to reach undergraduate, multicultural and College of Business &amp; Economics ("COBE") prospects based on their social media profile, interests and behaviors</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Apply Snap geofilters to the Open House events to expand the reach of Radford's brand through current and prospective students' stories, along with their followers</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>Open House and COBE campaigns drove 83.9K visits to the website, garnered 5.8 million impressions (including Snap, Inc.) and received 20K total engagements (e.g. post reactions, comments, shares and page Likes)</li> </ul>
Insights	FB static and carousel ad types were the top performers in generating clicks to the website; most people took action on video ads
	Majority of the campaigns' total post reactions were from Instagram's network
FY18 Recommendations	<ul> <li>Continue paid social as a component of the FY18 plan as a way of generating increased visibility and engagement among key target audiences</li> </ul>
	Continue using Snap as a social network to apply geofilters during important events like Open House, Commencement, Transfer Day, etc.
	Given its success in driving qualified traffic in a cost efficient manner, recommend launching other ad objectives such as a Page Like acquisition, a Split Test to test ad set strategies or a template for Snap Stories, etc.



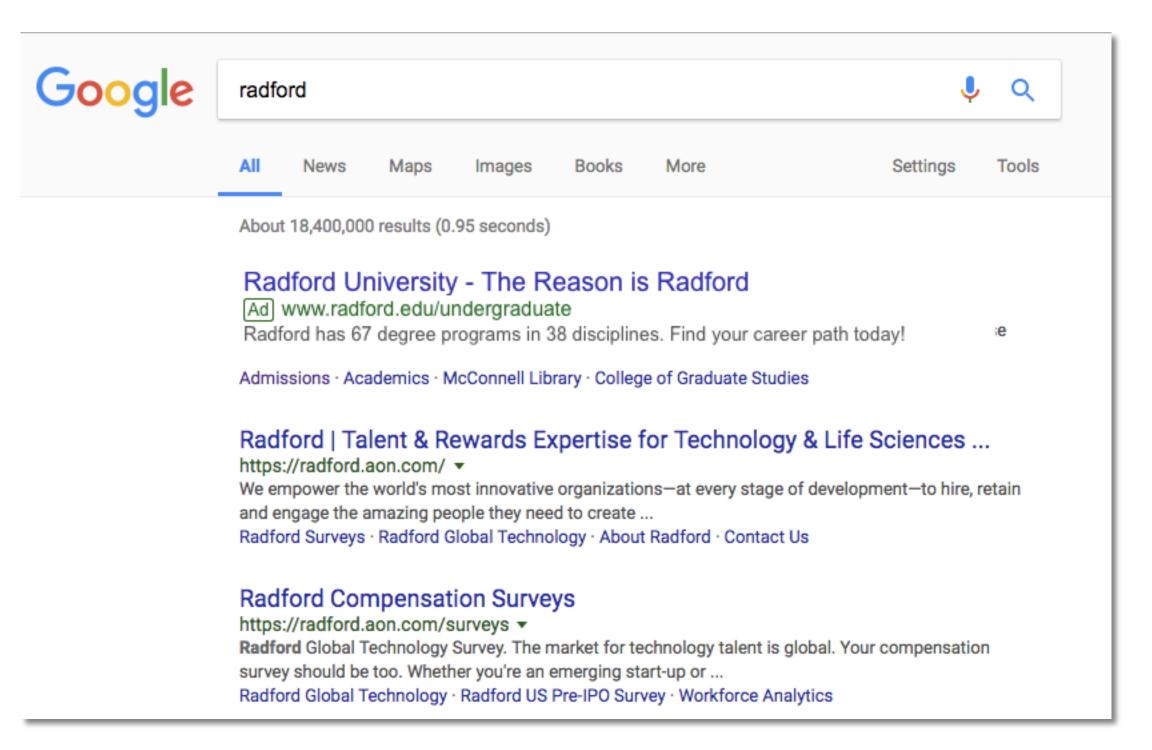






## FY17 PAID SEARCH SUMMARY

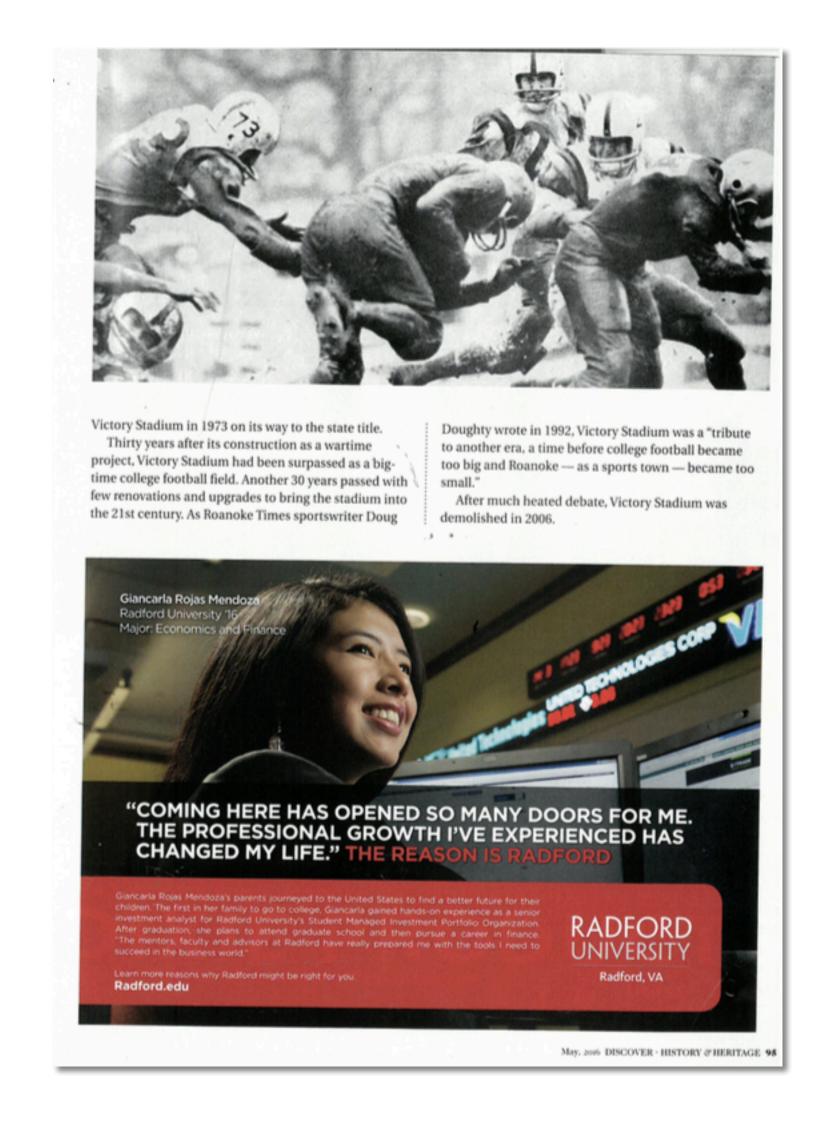
Strategy	<ul> <li>Consolidate campaign into two distinct umbrella campaigns – Undergrad &amp; Transfer – while shifting a heavier budget focus on branded keywords</li> <li>Take advantage of expanded ads and sitelink extensions for time-sensitive events such as UG Open Houses &amp; Transfer Deadlines</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>Total of 90,395 clicks to the site from 971K keyword searches, resulting in a 9.30% avg. CTR (+98% Y/Y)</li> <li>87,939 clicks from UG keywords (+128% Y/Y) and 2,456 clicks from Transfer keywords (+121% Y/Y)</li> <li>Avg. CPC decreased from \$1.10 in FY16 to \$0.44 in FY17 (+60%)</li> </ul>
Insights	<ul> <li>Full refresh of keywords and ads at the start of FY17 really benefitted SEM, especially for the Undergrad campaign</li> <li>While not a particularly great branding tactic, SEM is vital for driving direct traffic and site actions, and was a large contributor to a +885% increase in landing page inquiry action clicks</li> </ul>
FY18 Recommendations	<ul> <li>Take advantage of extensions such as callout extensions, structured snippets, sitelink extensions, etc. to enhance ads and increase quality score</li> <li>Consider testing competitive keywords, noting that this would naturally bring quality score down but may help steal impression share</li> </ul>



\*Mockup of paid search ad

# FY17 PRINT SUMMARY

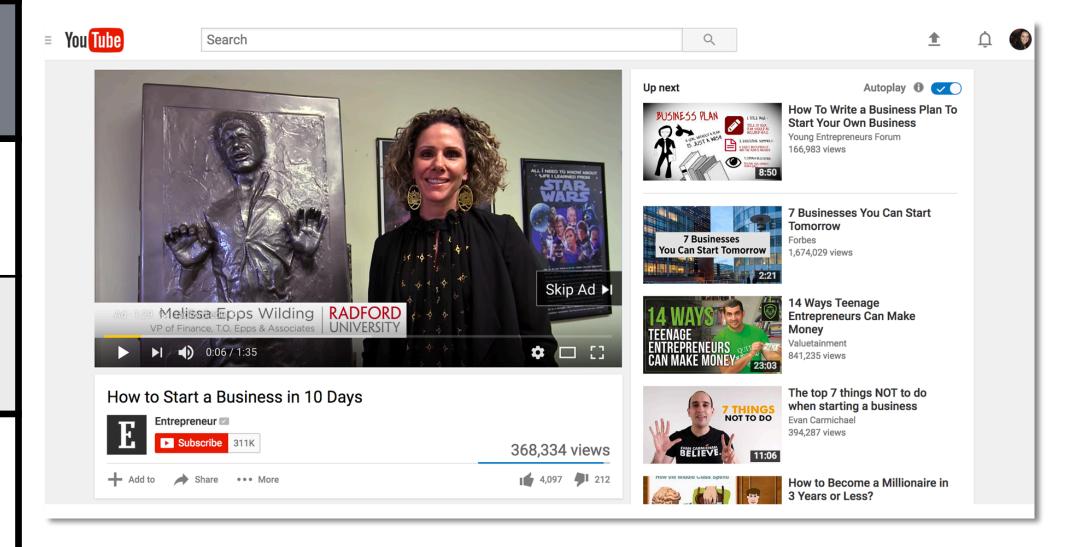
Strategy	<ul> <li>Decrease focus on print media in FY17, with exception of highly relevant publications and/or editorial content</li> <li>Radford used incremental funds to purchase ad hoc insertions in various relevant publications such as <i>Roanoke Business, Washington Monthly &amp; Delta Magazine</i></li> </ul>
Results	Over 6.3M impressions served, with Delta Magazine having the largest distribution at 5.4M impressions
Insights	<ul> <li>Benefit of print is strength in contextually relevant placements</li> <li>Print is a tactile media form that allows for enough space to include extended/ detailed messaging, however there are limitations to reach. It can also be difficult to measure action and is costly compared to other forms of media</li> </ul>
FY18 Recommendations	Increase in print budget is not recommended for FY18, with the exception of special ad hoc opportunities



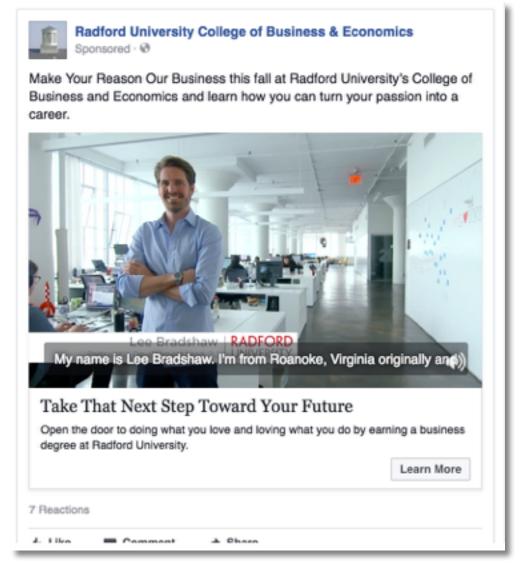


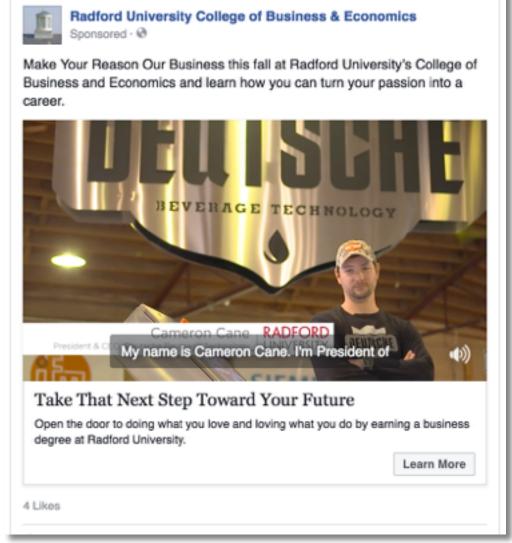
## RADFORD COBE CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

Tactic	Imp.	Clicks	CTR%	Cost	CPC
Online Video	169,576	330	0.19%	\$7,000	\$21.21
Paid Social	4,257,922	31,791	0.75%	\$19,913	\$0.63
TOTAL	4,427,498	32,121	0.73%	\$26,913	\$0.84



- Campaign performance was above-average for both YouTube video and paid social channels in terms of CTR (0.15% & 0.73%, respectively)
- Online video campaign delivered a 28.6% view-through rate (VTR), outperforming YT benchmark by +90%
- 19% of users completed video, which was +4% above benchmark for similar lengthen videos (long form 1:00+)
- Whereas the video campaign was more focused on awareness and recognition, the paid social campaign excelled in driving engagement and site visits in an efficient manner







## FY17 TAKEAWAYS & FY18 HIGH LEVEL STRATEGY

- DOH remains a positive tactic for generating brand awareness and visibility, but can be an expensive tactic for a multi-market approach; consider opportunities similar to the Roanoke airport placement that offers sustained presence in a relevant environment
- Video is also an important media channel for conveying the brand message and connecting with the audience personally; continue considering TV in local market (pending political activity) while leveraging shorter-form spot (:15/:30) for pre-roll ad units
- Longer-form videos (~1:00), such as the COBE videos, can continue to be used for social, native and/or TrueView YouTube ads
- Mobile is still on the rise and not going anywhere anytime soon; according to Google Analytics, Radford.edu experienced 18% less traffic from desktop and 26% more traffic from mobile devices Y/Y continue to leverage mobile as digital tactic
- Display banners are still great at achieving targetability at scale, but KPIs are changing (less about CTR, more about CVR) and shouldn't be relied on for driving direct inquiries; recommend possibly looking into trade desks/DSPs that can run cross-screen and consolidate display with video and/or native
- Paid social is working well to encourage engagement and bring qualified traffic to the site and should be continued/increased in FY18
- Consider introducing native advertising as a media tactic, but *only* if there is engaging content available of which to drive users
- > Paid search drives the most sessions and direct inquiries and should be kept on the plan for FY18 as a lower-funnel tactic



# NEXT STEPS

Action Item	Important Dates
Media Strategy	w/o 7/17
Media Buy Development	7/17-8/7
Media Buy Presentation	w/o 8/7
Digital Assets to Vendors	w/o 8/28
Campaign Launch	w/o 9/4



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## **Board of Visitors**

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### 2018 - 2023 Radford University Strategic Plan

#### Philanthropic Giving and Alumni Engagement

Goal 1: Broaden Engagement for all Constituents

Goal 2: Increase Giving and Engagement

Goal 3: Inform Constituents and Highlight Success and Impact

### **Comparative Giving Report**

#### Radford University - University Advancement

Comparative Giving Report by Fiscal Year

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date Giving:

3	FY 20	17-2018	FY 201	6-2017	FY 201	5-2016	FY 201	4-2015
	(7/1/17	- 8/21/17)*	(7/1/16 -	8/31/16)	(7/1/15 -	8/31/15)	(7/1/14 -	8/31/14)
New Pledge Balances	\$	627,676	\$	8,497	\$	49,451	\$	14,113
Current-Year Pledge Payments	\$	6,139	\$	85	\$	150	\$	7,297
New Planned Gifts	\$	1,028,821	\$	-	\$	210,000	\$	13,000
Outright Cash Gifts	\$	166,769	\$	73,519	\$	58,158	\$	207,953
Gifts-in-kind	\$	15,636	\$	-	\$	4,950	\$	-
Total Giving	\$	1,845,041	\$	82,101	\$	322,709	\$	242,363
Total Number of Donors		425	2	57	29	96	31	12

#### Fiscal Year-End Giving:

	FY 2016-2017 Final	FY 2015-2016 Final	FY 2014-2015 Final	FY 2013-2014 Final
New Pledge Balances	\$ 7,311,589	\$ 1,160,325	\$ 505,474	\$ 1,100,504
Current-Year Pledge Payments	\$ 544,121	\$ 344,401	\$ 793,813	\$ 513,692
New Planned Gifts	\$ 1,192,050	\$ 5,090,000	\$ 1,282,000	\$ 752,500
Outright Cash Gifts	\$ 1,563,936	\$ 1,178,318	\$ 1,336,277	\$ 1,365,443
Gifts-in-kind	\$ 128,299	\$ 223,955	\$ 200,775	\$ 105,257
Total Giving	\$ 10,739,995	\$ 7,996,999	\$ 4,118,339	\$ 3,837,397
Total Number of Donors	5,253	4,435	4,731	5,221

<sup>\*</sup>FY18 Year-to-date for August is not final

### Capital Campaign Preview

- Advancement Infrastructure
- Life Cycle Goal
- > Theme Pillars of Support
- Steering Committee
- > Campaign Collateral

#### Advancement Infrastructure

>Staff

>Portfolios

>MOVES Management

## Life Cycle - Goal

**≻Silent Phase & Public Phase** 

>Goal

## Theme - Pillars of Support

- > Academic Excellence and Discovery
- > Student Success and Engagement
- > Capital Infrastructure and Improvements
- > Experiential Learning and Innovation

## **Steering Committee**

- > Training
- > Commitment of Support
- > Service

> Network

## Campaign Collateral

> Volunteer Guide

- **>** Guide to Giving
- > Case for Support

#### **Advancement and Alumni Relations**

## Questions

#### RADFORD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS

### University Advancement, University Relations and Enrollment Management Committee September 14, 2017

#### **University Advancement**

Information Update – AY2016-17

Through fundraising, alumni relations, donor-centered customer service and communications, the Office of University Advancement continued its focus of garnering support for the important mission of Radford University.

#### **Major Gifts**

This was a historic year for major gifts at Radford University. Many dedicated supporters for athletics and academics generously gave to the programs that meant the most to them and were recognized for their generosity throughout campus.

- The Artis College of Science and Technology
- The baseball facilities were named in honor and recognition of dedicated supporters: Sherman Carter Memorial Stadium, Williams Field and Sioros Center (indoor practice facility)
- Dr. Joseph P. Scartelli Atrium in the Covington Center, nearly \$150,000 in gifts and commitments given by friends and alumni in Dr. Scartelli's honor to the Dr. Joseph P. Scartelli Scholarship in Visual and Performing Arts

Major gifts staff members are focused on securing support through planned gifts, athletics and academic initiatives. Highlights of the team's accomplishments include:

- Successful completion of the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation challenge grant of \$350,000 for the Artis College of Science and Technology
- Commitments of more than \$50,000 to fully endow a SMIPO scholarship to support business students in SMIPO with a goal of building that fund to provide scholarships for each student in the club
- For the second consecutive year, Radford Athletics Highlander Club achieved a record-breaking fund drive with 1,069 members and \$934,354
- Planned giving area completed the documentation and restructuring of the Dorothy Strader Moore Scholarship in Physical Education with a total value of \$400,000
- Established the Pamela Cowan Sowder Endowed Scholarship with a gift of \$105,000

#### <u>Annual Fund</u>

The Annual Fund team incorporated new technology and the latest annual fund practices to make an impact in the number of dollars raised for academic programs, scholarships, student programming and athletics.

 Secured a crowdfunding platform and launched the first-ever "week of giving" at Radford University with Spring Fever, which raised nearly \$46,000 from 230 gifts (acquiring 64 new

donors). The initiative brought together alumni, parents, faculty and staff, students and other supporters. We have since hosted other crowdfunding projects such as the Bridgette J. Oliver Memorial Scholarship (the initiative raised a total of \$25,000 in two months) and the Men's Club Rugby Scholarship (raising over \$5,000 from 36 supporters in two months)



- We saw a 30 percent increase in the number of graduating seniors who made a senior gift from FY16 to FY17
- Revenue from the phone program increased by 62 percent from FY16 to FY17

#### **Advancement Services**

The Advancement Services team is on the front line processing and acknowledging the gifts their colleagues secure through major gifts and annual fund initiatives. During the previous academic year, Advancement Services:

- Processed approximately 10,300 gift/pledge transactions
- Acknowledged approximately 5,000 new gifts
- Created 36 new funds in Raiser's Edge
- Supported four successful donor stewardship events Partners in Excellence, Friends of Selu, President's Stewardship Event and the Radford Society event
- Completed close to 300 data reports in support of advancement, alumni relations and advancement communications initiatives
- To support major gift officers and the President's Office, the team researched and created close to 250 constituent profile and/or wealth reports

#### **Alumni Relations**

The Alumni Relations team was very productive during the last year building and enhancing the University's relationships with and among alumni across the region, nation and across the globe.

- Planned and executed the very successful Presidential Tour which included nine city events and launched regional chapters in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia
- Convened inaugural Alumni Executive Board, secured regional chapter leadership, identified other volunteers (admissions, career, reunion, affinity), implemented new legacy initiatives, and revitalized the alumni awards program



- Hosted the inaugural Volunteer Summit, Homecoming and Winter Celebration
- Secured the Nationwide Affinity Partnership and opened the new Alumni Center in Russell Hall.

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