University Leans on Insights for Stand-Out Recruitment Campaign

A state university sought to understand its unique selling proposition in a crowded field of competing local college options. They turned to KNow to uncover what makes the school stand out.



How can the university create recruitment campaigns to stand out in a crowded field?

In a major US city, college students have a wide range of options to choose from when selecting a college. Other than specific program offerings or rankings, it can be hard for a school to stand out.

Our client wanted to break out from the pack to develop a message that they could own. What is the unique experience they offer?



Used

A multi-phase series of stakeholder interviews and team workshops

KNow conducted a series of interviews with stakeholders: students. parents, college counselors and internal teams.

In between phases, the KNow team lead insights workshops to iterate on next steps and collaborate with a branding design team.

The final phase of research tested the branding concepts before the designs were finalized.



Insights revealed the university enjoys a strong brand identity ready for a fresh campaign

Before the research, the university only had a vague grasp on what set them apart. Now, the university can definitively say, "this is what we are about and this is the experience of being a student at our school."

The university created a recruitment campaign that stands out from other schools, and better understands the brand identity for use across all marketing efforts.



Case Study