

Capitol Technology University—Branding and Marketing

Situation

Since its founding in 1927, Capitol College has thrived as the only independent institution of higher learning in Maryland dedicated exclusively to programs in engineering, computer science, information technology, and business. It is recognized for its practical, hands-on classroom instruction as well as for its online education that provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for and advance STEM careers.

Capitol needed a more impactful branding and messaging platform to reflect its unique educational programs and standing in a job market that was increasingly emphasizing technology and information science knowledge.

Solution

After being selected to lead Capitol's rebranding effort in 2009, The Design Channel embarked on a deep-dive research effort centered on interviews with Capitol administrators, staff, and students to establish a foundation for messaging and creative strategies. We also examined the marketing campaigns of competitive schools and conducted an in-depth review of Capitol's marketing materials. Our research led to a positioning and theme line that served as a campaign anchor for years to come: "Capitol College isn't for everyone. But it's perfect for me." This theme was implemented across print, digital, radio, and outdoor, with targeted messaging and media buys for undergraduate and graduate prospects. We also implemented a very successful search engine marketing campaign. All tactics were linked to a campaign microsite.

In 2014, when Capitol College made the decision to rename itself Capitol Technology University, it needed to ensure that its new name and expanded capabilities were featured in branding efforts going forward while still maintaining a familiar nod to its previous messaging. We developed a campaign theme of "The University of..." that featured a series of compelling benefits and possibilities graduates could realize through a Capitol education, as well as an evolutionary look and feel.

Result

The branding campaign centered around the "...not for everyone. But perfect for me." theme was an instant success. It was cited as a campaign that strongly resonated with students that Capitol was seeking to attract and as a key factor in raising the number of students enrolled at Capitol by 20% during the first three years of the campaign.

The latest campaign supporting the school's name change has been widely applauded by staff, students, and recent graduates. And the PPC campaign has consistently helped generate interest from undergraduate and graduate leads nationwide. Each month, it has delivered, on average, 1,000 unique IP addresses and repeat visitors on "CapTech" landing pages, 210 phone inquiries, and 34 web contact form submissions—at under \$20 per lead.

- positioning statement and tagline
- o print advertising

For goal-oriented students who want a successful career in the high-demand fields of engineering, computer science and technology, Capitol College is the perfect place to get inspired and excel. Through intimate classroom settings, state-of-the-art facilities and synchronous online learning, students get handson, real-world education from the first day of class. Capitol is no ordinary college—with its specialized focus, student-centered culture and job-offer guarantee, students realize their true potential.

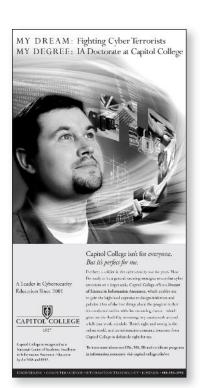
Research Modes Used:

Video interviews with undergraduate students Phone interviews with graduate students Competitive brand benchmarking Audit of existing communications material

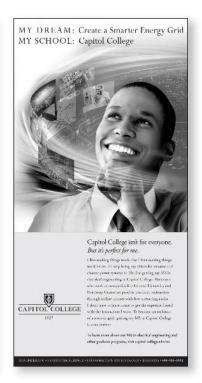
Capitol College isn't for everyone. But it's perfect for me.



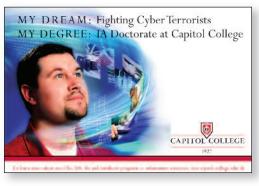
- o wall street journal advertising
- o postcards
- o metro car rails

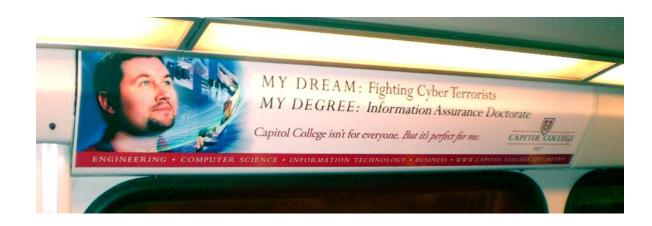






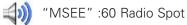






- o online banner ads undergraduate program
- o undergraduate landing page





"IA DOCTORATE" :60 Radio Spot

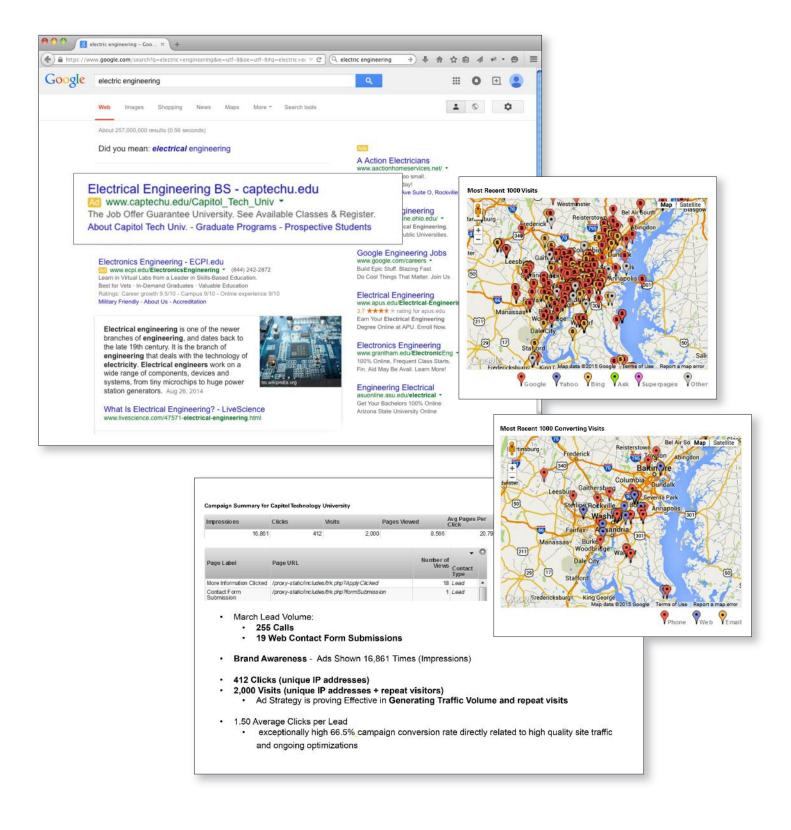


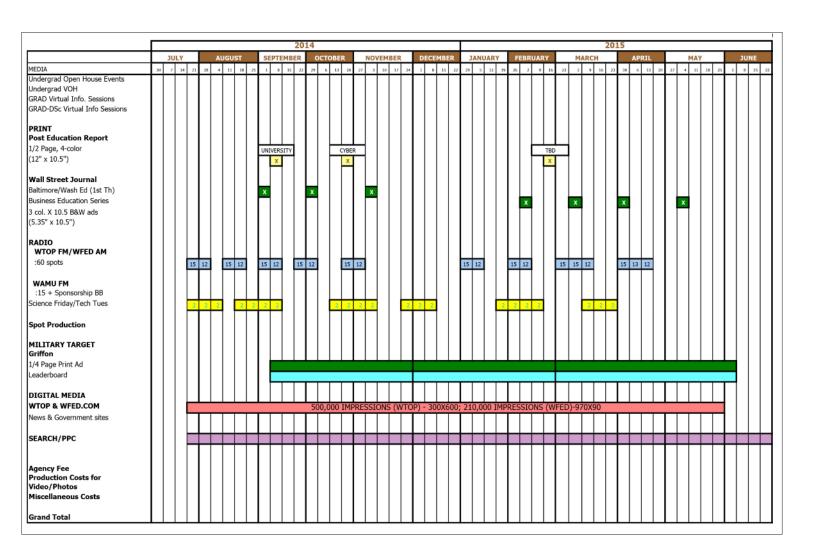
MY SCHOOL: Capitol College

Click here to see why our MBA and other graduate programs could be perfect for you.



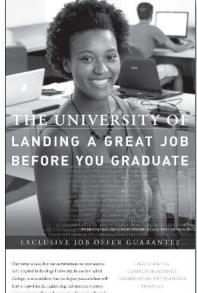






This media campaign was designed to support the overall development efforts of Capitol by creating awareness in the marketplace. Additionally, the campaigns supported recruiting by creating awareness of the University's unique brand, offerings, and open-house opportunities. The campaign supported both undergraduate and graduate programs as well as the military subset group. Each year we tweak the media strategy and tactics based on budget, target priority and continue to leverage the elements that worked best.





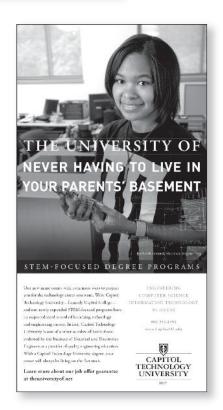
sorganica in Nachand Control of Analysis, Exclosure in Caber and Information Security by DHSS and NSA, And with our list to train leading controlled companies and organizations, you may be employed in your degree field, even before graduation. We dead just till, you we prepare you for increase—we governose in Learn more about our job offer guarantee at theuniversityof.net

or business, we offer a job guarantee. He no worder we're acception to a Nacional Center of Ausdonic Excellence in



Learn more about our military-friendly programs at the mives sity of net

0 CAPÍTOL TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY



CAPITOL TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY

- washington post education report insertion
- o wall street journal print ad



Capitol Technology University Proud to be Military Friendly







In Yemen, fears grow that rebels will attack oil region

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Big Data Gets Master Treatment

Some Business Schools Offer One-Year Analytics Programs, Catering to Shift in Students' Ambitions

Tidy Profit on Cheap Phones

B-School Candidate

Test Scores

Tilt to East











Triangly Profession to the China's Rising State of the Chi

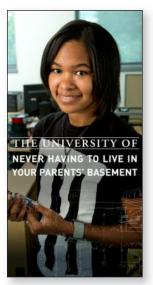
Using Data Tools to Spur Sales Staff

USINING DATES AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

THE UNIVERSITY OF

SERVING YOUR COUNTRY AS WELL AS YOUR FUTURE

- o online banner ads
- o radio
- o campaign microsite









"PROMOTION" :60 Radio Spot

"MOVING ON" :60 Radio Spot

