CASE STUDY

PROVING NEWSPAPERS WORK: DELIVERING VS. FLYERS



THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA TRANSFORMS LIVES AND COMMUNITIES AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD.

IT'S HOMECOMING 2010 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA. READ TODAY'S NEWSPAPER FOR MORE STORIES ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT MADE BY MANITOBA'S PREMIER UNIVERSITY.



The Challenge

Each year, the University of Manitoba creates a Community Report to share the successes of the institution with the local community. It celebrates exceptional work and achievements of its faculty, staff and students. It wanted to continue to do this but it wanted to get its message out in a bigger and better way.

The Objective

In the prior year, the University shared its annual report by printing thousands of glossy booklets which were distributed throughout the community. The goal moving forward was to be higher profile, more environmentally friendly as well interactive.

The Plan

The local newspaper proposed an effective and compelling plan that would allow the University to expand its reach into the community by more than 6 times. It suggested the University dominate the newspaper for one day. The University would be featured on the front page in an ad that would highlight that readers would find more stories within the pages of the paper. Ads would be carefully placed within the appropriate sections of the paper based on the topic. All the ads would refer to a website which would be designed to deliver further depth and interactive features.

As newspapers are one of the most recycled products, as well as being created with recycled materials, it is environmentally friendly solution for the University. As well, the online component allows for greater detail with a reduced environmental impact.

The Creative

The newspaper ads were devised in partnership between the University and the newspaper. Eight ads were designed to highlight a different point of excellence. In addition, the frontpage, teaser ad was created to remind readers to look for stories featuring "Manitoba's Premier University."

The University's historic yellow and brown colours as well as its shield and name were effectively used to tie all the communication together.





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The Results

The University indicated that as soon as the newspaper ad campaign broke, its phone lines lit up. This communication resonated with the community! As well, visits to its site were well beyond expectations.

This outstanding newspaper campaign effectively targeted the local community. The compelling creative combined with its strategic placement on the appropriate pages in the newspaper allowed us to more than meet our objectives.

- The University of Manitoba

