

Generation Z

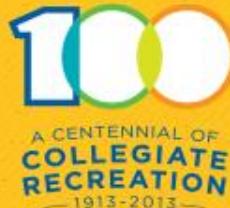
The next generation of college students



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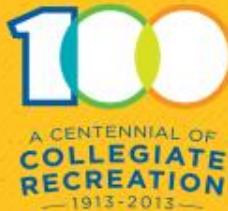
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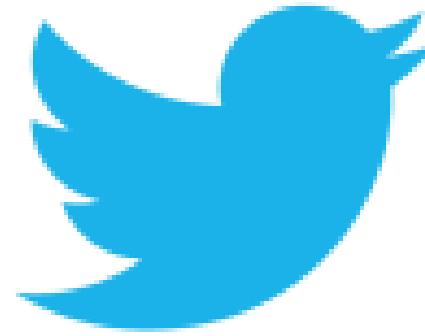
Learning Outcomes

- There are not just Millennials on campus anymore! A new generation of students are hitting our recreation centers. Learn what makes them unique and the best ways to reach and motivate them. Participants will be able to:
 - Articulate at least three characteristics of Generation Z students.
 - Describe at least two methods of educational marketing for reaching Generation Z students.
 - Articulate at least one new tactic you plan to use in the next year to motivate Generation Z students.

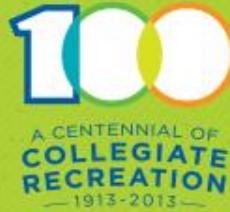


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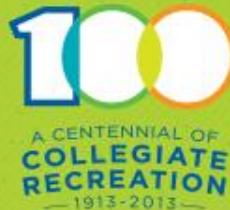


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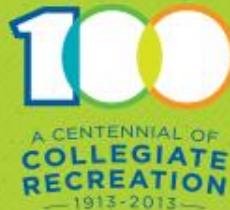
Gen Z Basics

- Generalizations
- Born in the mid-90's to 2012
- Parents are Gen Xers
- Last U.S. generation to have a Caucasian majority
- Young children during 9/11, school shootings

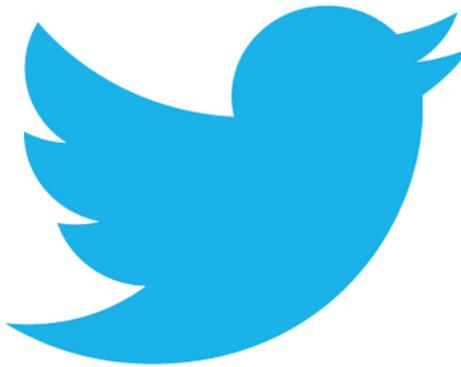


Tech Savvy

- No memories of a world without cell phones, or even smart phones
- iPods, texting, Facebook
- Coming of age publicly
- Multi-taskers

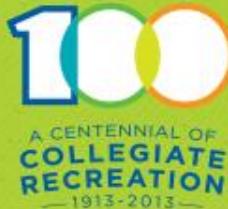


Instant Gratification



Google™

- 140 characters or less
- If you don't know something, Google it!
- Issues with complex problem solving

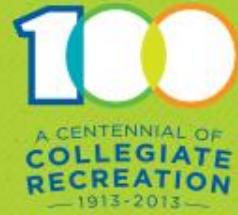


Influencers

- Rise in self-publishing tools
(Tumblr, Twitter,
Blogger, etc.)
- Trust their friends and
family's endorsement
more than advertisements



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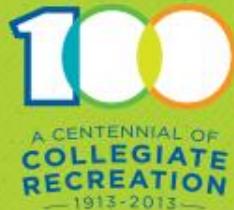
Uncertain Future

- Grown up in the worst economic environment since the Great Depression
- Headed for careers that do not exist today
- Expected to experience a lower standard of living than their parents



Physically Inactive

- Spend more time in front of TV's, computers, video games and tend to remain indoors connecting with others digitally
- About one-third are overweight and one-fifth obese
- Lower life expectancy than their parents



Application

1. The Importance of Content
2. Posting – Easy Engagement Tips
3. Rewards – Communication isn't enough
4. Special Campaigns & Applications



Application

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OR



THAT?



Application

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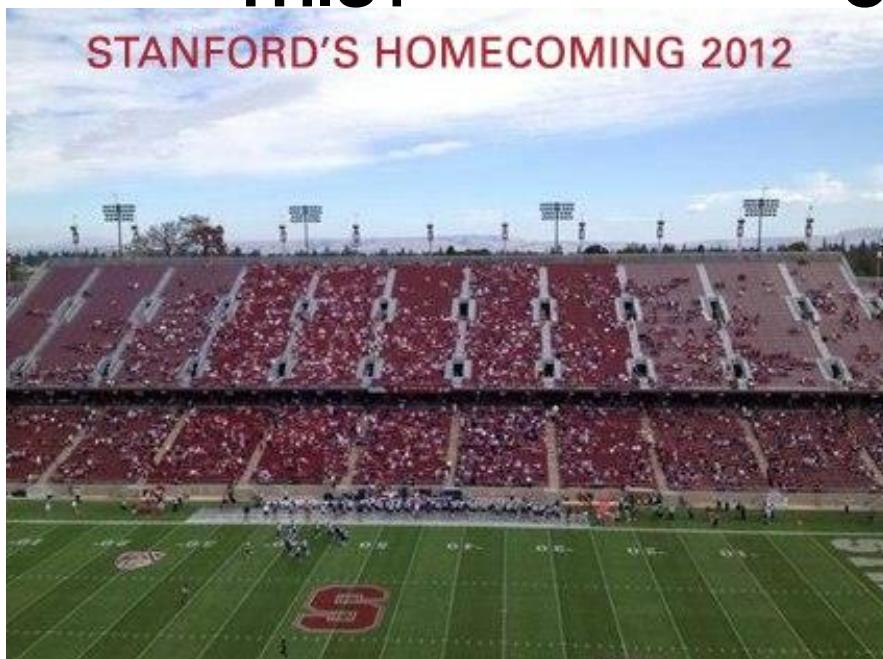
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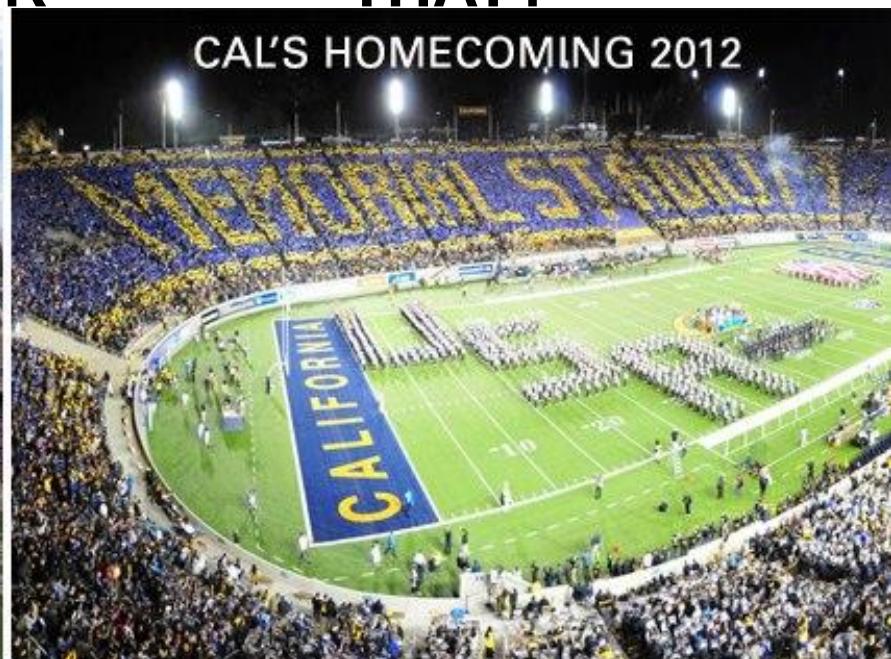
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STANFORD'S HOMECOMING 2012

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CAL'S HOMECOMING 2012



KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE



Application

BE MORE THAN CURRENT



GO OUTSIDE

Application



LIKE WHAT THEY LIKE

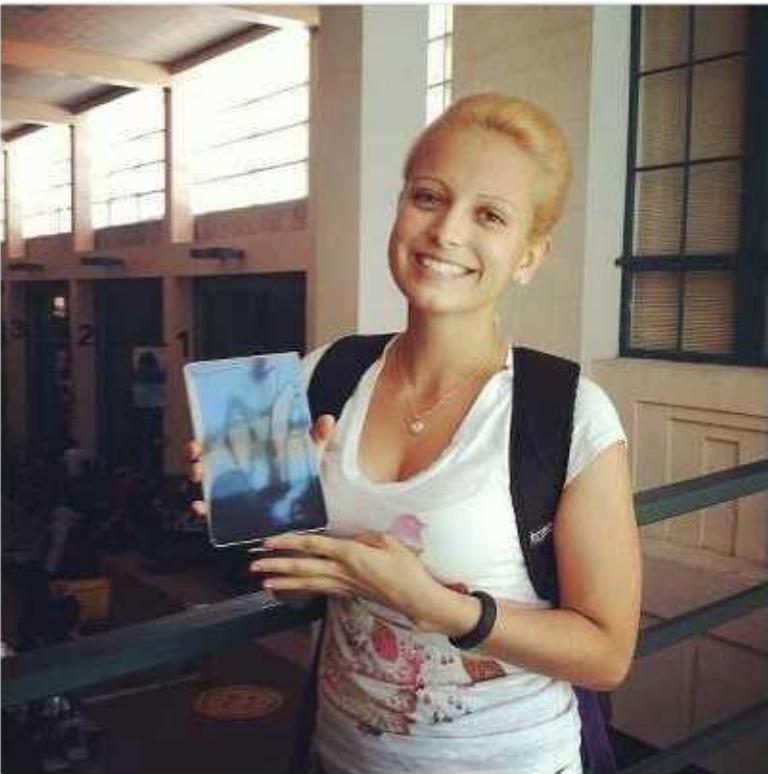


REWARD YOUR FANS



Cal Rec Sports
August 30, 2012

1 of our biggest Fans - Rebecca and her new Nexus 7 Android Tablet that she won in the Caltopia LIKE2WIN contest. Thanks Rebecca! Enjoy!



Like · Comment · Share

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GET YOUR PROGRAMS INVOLVED



August 19, 2012

Cal Rec Sports Aquatics at Caltopia X (579 photos)

Thanks for stopping by our booth at Caltopia! If you took a picture in our Cal Rec Sports Aquatics Booth at Caltopia, we posted your photos here. Tag yourself and be entered to win a \$100 gift card to Sports Basement! — at Cal Rec Sports.



Like · Comment · Share · Tag Friends

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NIRSA™ Leaders in Collegiate Recreation



Application



- Dead Week – The Comfort Zone
- Sponsor to please – The Melt
- Tell Us What Comforts You & Get a Free Breakfast
- 800 Entries Over 500 Free Breakfasts
- Only Social Promotion, Posts, & FB Ads
- Results: Happy Sponsor, Rewarded Audience, Happy Customers



Application

What they said...

"An hour or two of lifting weights is the most therapeutic experience I know. I can bundle my stress and frustrations into the explosive force needed to lift free weights. At the end of a routine, all my frustration has been spent and I'm stress-free."

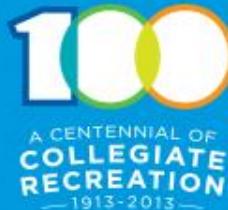
"My binkie"

"my footie pajamas!!"

"My vast collection of Ken and Barbie Dolls"

"Tumblr, writing, reading a funny book"

"Puppies! Puppies everywhere! So many puppies. I love puppies."



Application



Application

- Responsiveness
- Viral reach
- Self-serving



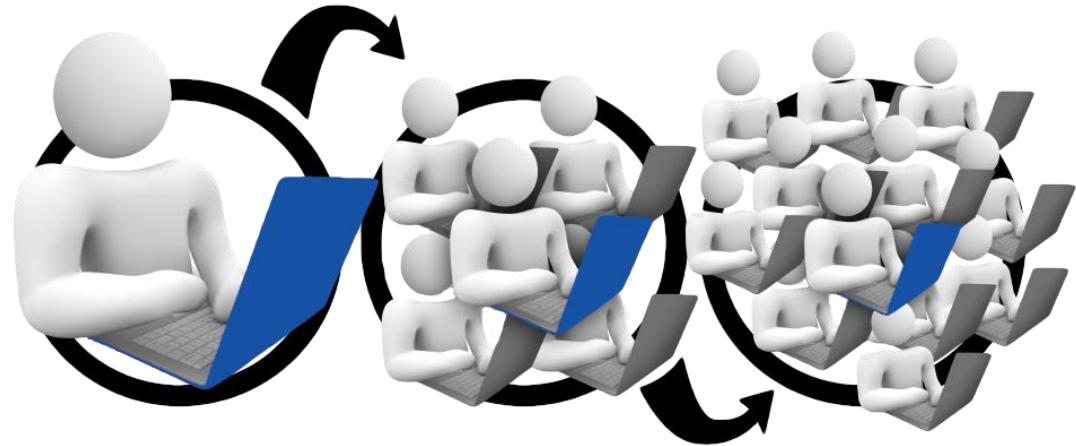
Responsiveness on Twitter

- Need to respond promptly...12 hours later is no good
- Most companies have a team dedicated to this
- Create or change an existing position
 - “Salary” based pay
 - Complimentary membership
 - Housing
 - Internship credit



Viral Reach of Twitter

- How many characters do you use?
 - What about additional hashtags and re-tweets?
- Videos and photos
- Bit.ly
- Hootsuite
 - Planned tweets
 - Metrics



How do we effectively reach them?

- Live updates from events
 - Updates
 - Promotions
- Make it easy for them
 - Strategic timing
 - Responsive websites
- Reach them early



-  **UniversityRecreation** @WAZZUREC [RETWEET](#) [FAVORITE](#) 20 Feb
Thanks to everyone who participated in today's #URECisMyHappyPlace campaign! You are the best patrons ever! #GoCoug <http://t.co/c6B8VieuI3>
-  **UniversityRecreation** @WAZZUREC [RETWEET](#) [FAVORITE](#) 20 Feb
The Spartan Games are under way on Courts 1&2! Check out one of the most grueling workouts ever. #URECisMyHappyPlace <http://t.co/0iXb6FOOr>
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@WAZZUREC loves @NIRSAlive and its NIRSA Day! #URECisMyHappyPlace
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Come on by the SRC Lobby and give slacklining a shot! You'll get a free shirt! #URECisMyHappyPlace <http://t.co/a2zsOMHYj4>
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The @ORCGnome is getting the slack line set up in the SRC Lobby. Come test your balance. #URECisMyHappyPlace <http://t.co/jdulilSEPX>
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The Zumbastrevaganza is about to start! Come join in! #URECisMyHappyPlace <http://t.co/b5QpFkCvgX>
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Meet Zack. UREC is his happy place because it helps him stay in shape. What's your reason? #URECisMyHappyPlace <http://t.co/P2fzkKfkba>
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Kettle bell is taking over Court 1! Come score your free shirt. #URECisMyHappyPlace <http://t.co/OJnXhG1i4d>
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Ladies and gents, @ButchTCougar has arrived. #URECisMyHappyPlace <http://t.co/h2YNSGWv2W>

How do we effectively reach them?

- Be responsive, you cannot let tweets hang
- We need to appeal to them directly with benefit
 - Coupon codes and discounts
 - Promotional prizes
 - Contests
 - Keeping up with the Joneses, social media style
- Use metrics: don't guess, know
- Regardless of social media outlet, your choice must be a priority



Activity

- Think of an event or program you are preparing to market
- Take 5 minutes to create a Twitter post about the event
 - Max of 140 characters
- If your department does not have a Twitter account, create a Facebook post
 - Max of 140 characters



Activity

- Get in groups of 2 or 3 and share the event you are planning for and the Twitter post you have created
- What are some key items, tools, words or ways to describe your event when you have a limited amount of characters?



Application

Tumblr



Instagram



Instagram

Yelp Check Ins

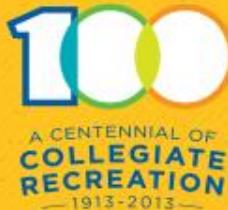


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Closing Remarks

- Aspects of Gen Z
- Deeper understanding of the utilization of Facebook and Twitter
- At least one new tactic to market your programs, events and services
- NIRSA website



Questions?



Resources

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