The Many Journeys to Law School Enrollment

Every student's path is different—are you prepared to respond?

Attracting and enrolling best-fit students for your law school is challenging in part because every prospective student has unique motivations and timelines. While all prospects share the goal of attaining a law degree, their concerns and career paths differ, and outreach that one student appreciates might be regarded by another student as irrelevant. To recruit target students in a highly competitive market, law schools need to be hyperresponsive to engagement cues and signals, which requires advanced analytics and the ability to personalize communication at scale.

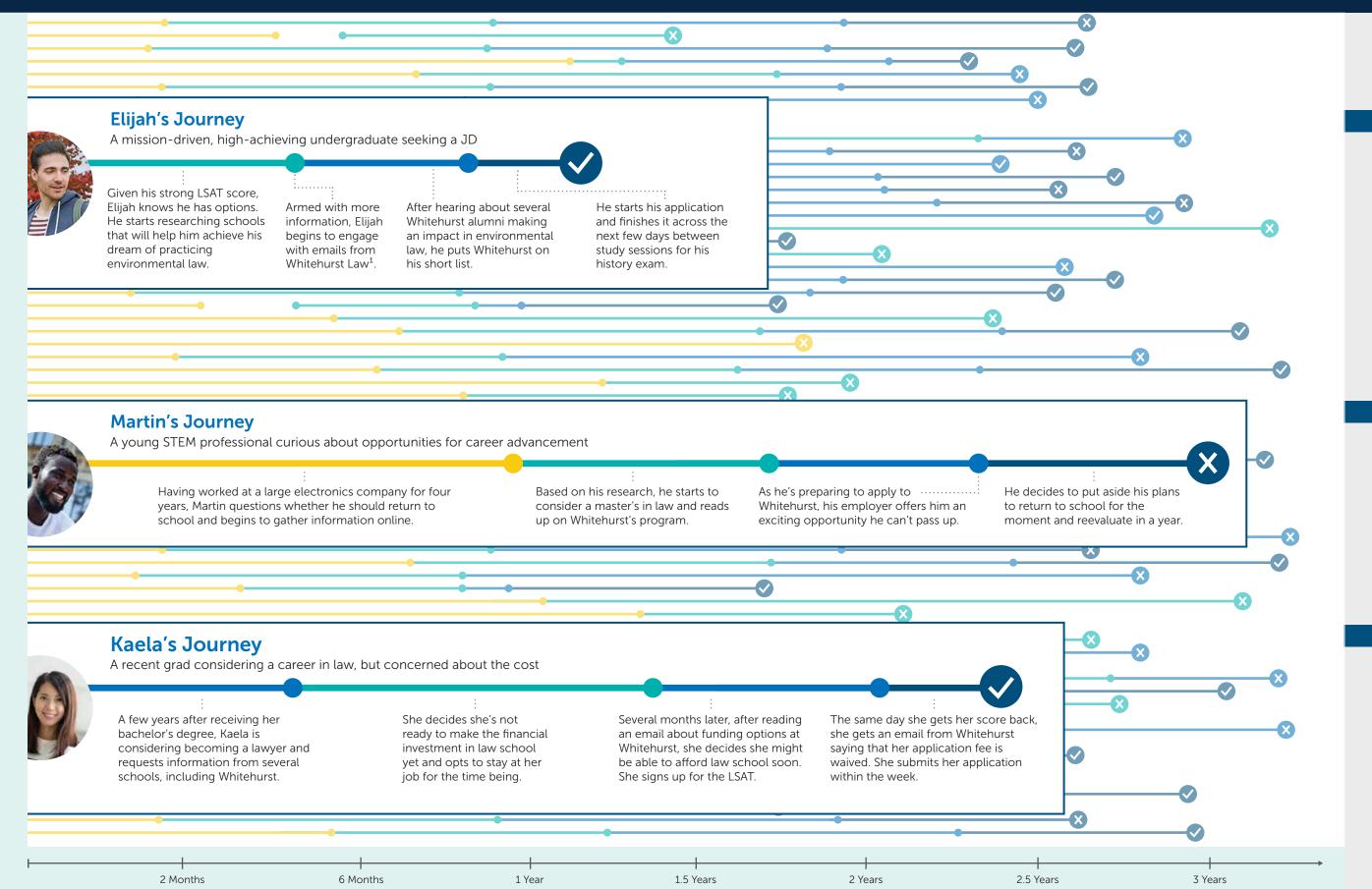
KEY: UNDERSTANDING THE STAGES OF THE STUDENT JOURNEY

Awareness Consideration

Decision to Apply Application Completion

Enrolled

X Did not enroll



Data-Driven Marketing for Each Student Journey

Marketing to Elijah

- Based on his high LSAT score, Whitehurst targets Elijah with display ads and emails highlighting their JD programs.
- Whitehurst emails him a **micro-survey**. He completes it on his smartphone, indicating his primary motivation for pursuing a JD is to change the world.
- Elijah receives a customized email from Whitehurst profiling several alumni making an impact in mission-driven careers, which he clicks on.
- Whitehurst emails him a helpful PDF guide about the application process, which he downloads.
- Given his level of interest, Elijah receives deadline-focused emails driving urgency and action. He starts his Whitehurst application.
- In response to his incomplete application, he receives text messages nudging him to complete by the deadline.

Marketing to Martin

- Leveraging consumer data, Whitehurst targets Martin with display ads featuring their MSL program. While on LinkedIn he downloads an e-book from Whitehurst titled "Five Reasons to Earn a Master's in Law."
- Martin receives a nurturing email series from Whitehurst, and he engages.
- Martin opens a deadline reminder email and replies that he has decided to apply in a future term.
- He is placed in Whitehurst's **newsletter stream**, thus respecting his intent but keeping him informed

Marketing to Kaela

- Based on her inquiry, Whitehurst sends Kaela emails and targets her with display ads.
- In response to an email, Kaela indicates that she is not interested in applying until next year and is placed in Whitehurst's JD email newsletter stream.
- She responds to a **micro-survey** in the newsletter, sharing her concerns about the cost of a JD.
- Kaela gets a **personalized email** focused on scholarships at Whitehurst and digital ads highlighting the ROI of a JD. She engages.
- Based on her level of engagement with Whitehurst, she receives an email with an application fee waiver.

1. Whitehurst Law is a fictional university

