Market-Winning Transfer Portal Promotion Ideas

POSITION



= Transfer Prospects (Low to medium commitment)

= Transfer Leads (Medium to high commitment)



-- = Cost neutral/low cost

\$ = <\$500 \$\$ = \$500-\$2500 \$\$\$ = >\$2500



O = Owned

E = Earned

S = SharedP = Paid

AWARENESS

CONSIDERATION Go-to-Market Essentials

INFLUENCE

-- I O **Portal Identity**

Enfranchise staff in selecting a name and logo/icon to visually identify portal

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Partner Portal Placement

Locate portal icon in key transfer areas of 2-yr partner websites to guide referral traffic

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= Internal / External Influencers

Website Portal Placement

Locate portal prominently throughout institution on transfer-centric webpages

Recruitment Marketing

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Incorporate portal into transfer admissions materials and highlight benefits and URL

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Campus Communication

Build communication plan to create broad awareness, excitement, and portal support

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Public Relations Plan

Faculty/Staff Messaging

Create portal messaging for use by faculty and staff in support of prospect, student, and constituent interactions

Jump-Start Early Impact

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On-Hold Messaging

Include reference to portal in student and prospect facing on-hold messaging

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YouTube/Facebook

Build profiles and provide portal use and benefit focused content for social sharing

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Branded Swag

Support recruitment events with portal branded free stuff that transfers love (e.g. pens, highlighters, thumb drives: stress balls)

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Co-Branded Material

Develop marketing piece that highlights portal benefits; cobrand with 2-yr partners

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Print Advertising

Co-brand print ads in 2-vr partner publications to promote portal & transfer program

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Partner Recruitment Events

Use transfer events hosted at 2-vr partners as "demo days" to highlight portal and transfer program

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Direct Mail Campaign

Collect graduation lists from 2-year partners and send targeted messages to encourage portal use

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Digital Ads

Position portal in on-line ads to promote portal in channels that best reach targeted prospects

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SEO Strategy

Create portal content around keywords that matter most to transfers (e.g. transfer, credit, time to degree, cost, career, academic programs)

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Outreach Materials

Target non-portal inquiries with timely testimonials to reinforce use and nurture relationships.

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Campus Tour

Include references to and resources around portal throughout transfer campus visit

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Infographic

Create a portal-centric illustration featuring transfer, time, and cost benefits of portal for transfer prospects in graphic format and place on website

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2-Yr Advisor Training

Provide portal training to 2-vr partner advisors; support with portal reference material and a central contact for questions

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Portal Training

Provide portal training to faculty and staff and reinforce with selfpaced portal webinars

and bring attention to the portal among the institutions external constituents

Implement PR plan to position

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Portal Champions

Create ambassador program that recognizes 2-year partners that encourage high portal use

We love best practice sharing!

Do you know of other high-impact campaigns that effectively support transfer student enrollment? Simply email TransformTransfer@eab.com to share **your** top transfer-friendly innovations and insights

Enduring Strategies for Sustained Growth

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Club Presentations

Referral Program

Visit 2-yr partner student clubs to promote portal

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Target portal users that apply and enroll and solicit referrals for outreach

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Sponsorships

Include Portal Identity as a sponsor at 2-yr partner (extra)curricular events

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Outdoor Boards

Deliver compelling portal calls-to-action via billboards co-branded with 2-yr partners and placed near college entrances

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Vehicle Graphics

Promote portal by wrapping admissions counselor vehicles on and around 2-yr campuses

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Cinema Advertising

Leverage precision targeting of cinema advertising to promote the portal and transfer at theatres in 2-yr partner markets

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TV/Radio Ad Sponsorship Include Portal Identity as a

sponsor in news, sports, traffic or weather in media outlets with coverage in 2-yr partner markets

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Social PR

Encourage accepted students to share portal testimonials and distribute across channels to reinforce portal impact

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Transfer Prospect Blog

Develop a series of transfer blog posts that highlight the portal as a helpful resource for transfer planning and admissions process

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Best Practice Sharing

Share best practices around leveraging portal with prospects and influencers

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Influencer Content

Create flyers with 2-vr partner portal data for partner faculty and staff that highlight portal efficacy and build confidence in advocating for transfer

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2-Yr Faculty/Staff Dev

Identify opportunities to sponsor and present the transfer program and portal at summer faculty and staff development session

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Conference Presentations

Bring visibility to the portal's role in support of your transfer program by collaborating with 2-yr partners to present at higher education conferences

