

# Scaling the power of communities across the student journey

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# Let's set the scene

69% of recruitment professionals feel more stretched than at any other time in their careers



### So - what's causing this?



47% of students want every single piece of their outreach personalized



68% of professionals say their tech stack offers limited or no insight into how prospective students are feeling or what they're thinking



# So, what's the way forward?

Fireside chat with Andy Jackson

# A Unibuddy Assistant

An Assistant which helps you immediately engage and convert students visiting your website by quickly identifying their needs and auto-magically matching them with the resources or people who can help.

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#### Student guestions answered FAST



#### Human connection championed

An assistant that **already knows** enough information about your institution to answer top-level, factual prospect questions; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

An assistant that **connects students to the** <u>**right</u> human**\* as soon as they need subjective, more nuanced information and guidance.</u>

\* ambassador, staff, or webpage, resource, ambassador content, event listing etc...

# How Assistant compliments Unibuddy Chat



## A better prospective student experience

- Students are drawn in from the moment they land on your website
- Quicker answers to basic questions
- Redirected immediately for more nuanced questions
- Automatically matched with an ambassador

#### Less work (and money)

- Basic and repeat questions are automatically answered
- Save money pay ambassadors for higher quality conversations

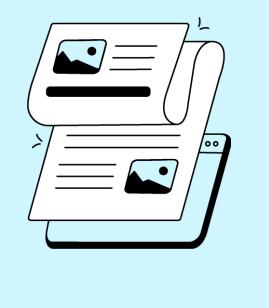


#### More ROI

- More leads captured thanks to immediate engagement
- Higher quality insights in real time
- Recommendations on next best steps for students to take on their journey

Thank you!

# Appendix



# Communicate what matters

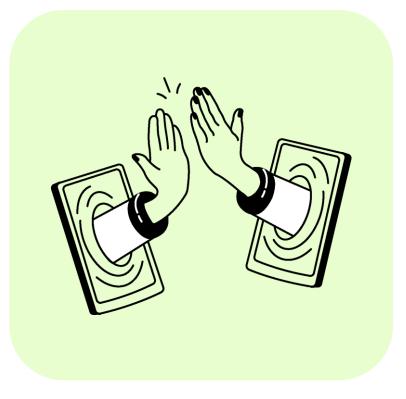
- Focus your messaging on the things that matter most to students: outcomes.
- Don't just sell the value of your college; sell the value of a degree altogether.
- Don't just compare yourself to other institutions; show how you compare to other pathways.

### Use fewer, better tech tools

- Focus investment in tech products that offer insight into what your students are thinking, and opportunities to connect directly with them.
- Focus your marketing efforts on the digital channels that matter most to your student demographic.







# Use the power of connection

- Incorporate human-to-human connection, and look at solutions that let you do this at scale, potentially powered by AI.
- Remember a real human voice is a far more valuable resource than the posed photos in brochures.
- Bring the most trustworthy voices into your marketing.