

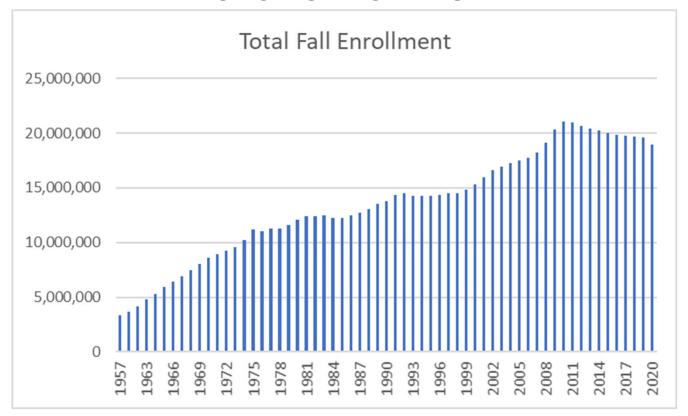
## Building a Solid Foundation that Drives Growth During Shifting Economic Realities

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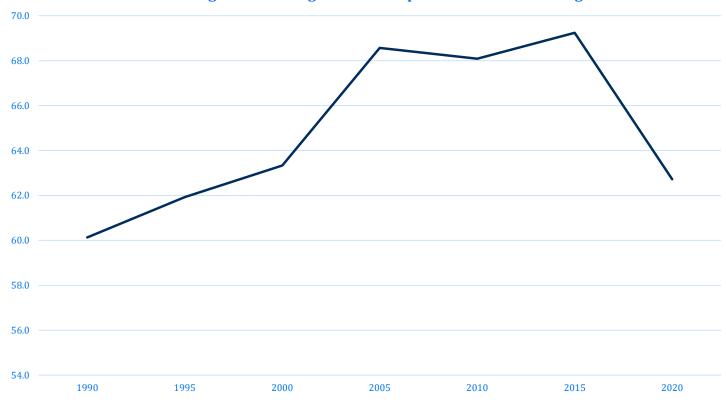
## We are in the midst of a historic contraction in total enrollment





## College participation rates had been a key growth driver

Percentage of recent high school completers enrolled in college





Source: NCES, Digest 2021 Table 302.20



# RNL Research on Student Search

## **Unparalleled Research**

- Millions of Student Search Records
- Over 3,000 Campus Partners, over 300 in Enrollment Marketing
- A Diversity of Campus Partners
- Over a Dozen Industry Benchmark Reports Each Year
- In-depth knowledge of full enrollment picture in all



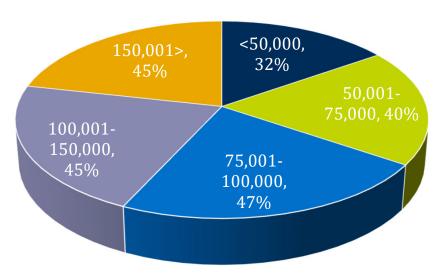


#### What works?

#### Targeting, is important, not necessarily list size







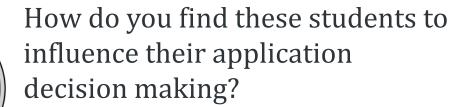


<sup>\* 2020</sup> RNL Consolidated Data for Private Colleges and Universities

### **True First Source Applications**

#### Nationally 31% of Applications are True FSA's

31% of Students Couldn't be Reached Until They Chose to Apply!



Are the old ways of acquiring names still working?

List volumes are down (I don't care what CB and ACT say)



## Segmented Outreach Plans

#### Differential Marketing and Outreach Plans

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS	YES, HAVE SPECIFIC STRATEGY	NO, NOT CURRENTLY CONSIDERING	NO, BUT CURRENTLY STUDYING STRATEGIES
Hispanic	31%	37%	32%
African American	29%	41%	29%
First-generation	34%	23%	42%

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS	YES, HAVE SPECIFIC STRATEGY	NO, NOT CURRENTLY CONSIDERING	NO, BUT CURRENTLY STUDYING STRATEGIES
Hispanic	56%	33%	10%
African American	55%	30%	15%
First-generation	26%	11%	64%



## How do students respond?

#### Hint: Web Search on their phone!

Most important factors in the students' decision to attend a particular institution



**69%** 

Availability of my desired academic program



**61%** 

Cost



**51%** 

Financial aid or scholarships I was awarded

Most commonly used search terms during the college search process



60%

College financing terms financial aid

scholarships affordable tuition cost grants



48%

Subject area or Major field of study major and location

major and location major and type of institution



24%

Name of the school



12%

Location state city

city region of the country 87% of
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2021 RNL High School E-Expectations Report

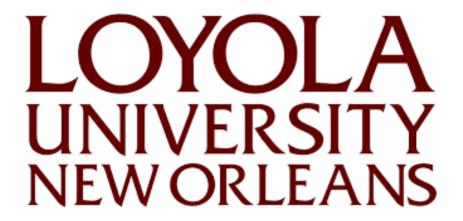


## Success Stories

## **University of Montana**







#### **Loyola New Orleans**





## **Coastal Carolina University**





## University of Nebraska Omaha





## Building a Solid Foundation Through Student Search

- Don't forget your website
- Find the right students
- A diversity of list sources
- Measuring engagement and adjusting activity
- Personalization
- All the channels!







Don't Forget Your Website!



#### Your Future Looks Bright

We have connections with many leading companies in Montana and beyond — so you can pursue the internship and full-time employment opportunities

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"What makes the College of Business a special place to go to school? I would say is hands down, the people

> - Alexa Coyle, class of 2020 and current MBA student

81%

of alumni working or in grad school within 6 months of graduation

80% of graduating seniors typically participate in at

least one internship

Our reputation for being the top business school in Montana and

one of the best in the Northwest is built by a team of expert educators determined to provide unmatched programs, support and experiences for you.

Learn From the Best





Maximize ROI, identify new markets, and travel efficiently.



### Buy names from better sources, see more results!

Maximize your ROI by analyzing your list sources and use your model to reduce your waste in the list buy.



## Identify New Market Opportunities

As the high school population flattens and competition increases in your markets, modeling will help you find new revenue pockets.



### Efficiently Plan Counselor Activity

Link advertising and marketing activity to your sales activity. Pre-expose your travel markets and focus on the right places to drive enrollment



Use a diverse set of list sources

- SEO (organic)
- Campus Website
- ACT/SAT
- RNL's Prospective Student Network
- List Aggregators/Vendors
- Paid Digital

- Digital Retargeting
- Social Media
- IP Targeting
- Geofencing
- International
- Parents

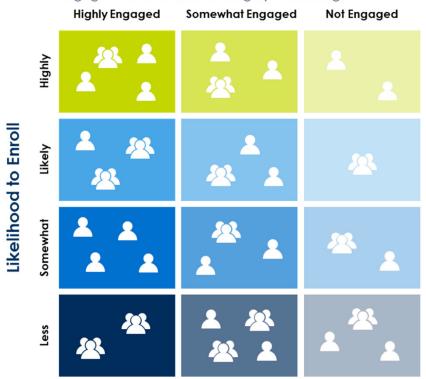






Measuring engagement and adjusting activity

Engagement scores add another layer to show current engagement level and trending by funnel stage



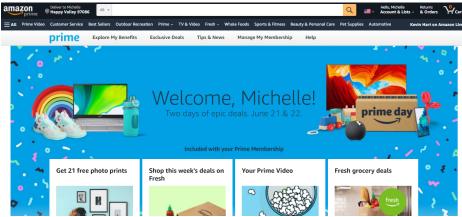






**Personalization** 











Using all the channels!

#### **Students**

average number of times a student unlocks their phone each day.

**97%** will provide an email address to a campus.

are open to receiving text messages during the enrollment process.

**68%** cite video as a key influence in their enrollment decision.

**65%** have clicked on a paid digital ad from a school.

47% have used Instagram for college planning.

#### **Parents**

99% say they are involved in the search process.









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