# Developing Scalable In-House Marketing/Recruitment That's Both Automated & Personalized





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**Metropolitan College** 





# **Session Topics**

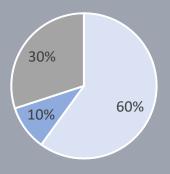
- Automation / Personalization mix
- Maximizing 'people power' with technology
- Use of recruitment & communication tools
- Communication plan development
- BU MET OPM to Insourcing transition
- Opportunities for growth
- Poll questions throughout!
- Discussion at the end





# **Metropolitan College**

- Mission of Access
- 1st Online division at BU (2002)
- Flexibility (modality, pace, program)
- Largest & most diverse graduate school

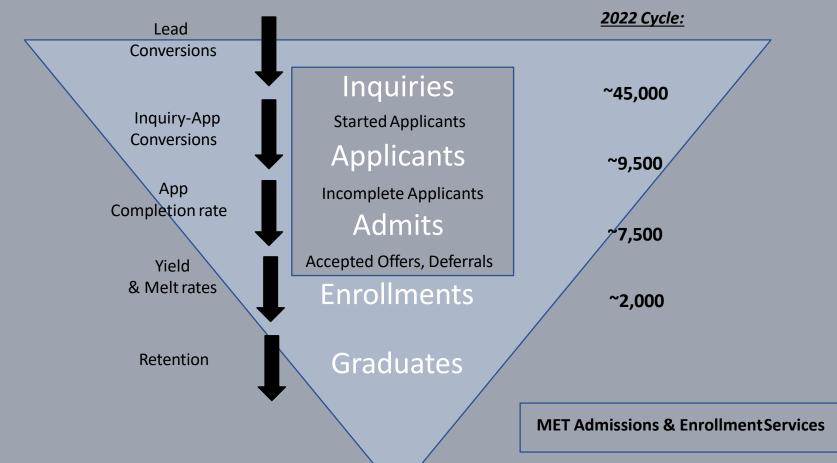


# **Insourcing Transition**

- Ended OPM in 2017
- Insourced digital marketing
- Created a centralized admissions team
  - 10 Graduate Admissions Advisors
- Merger of online and on campus recruitment and admissions
- Created a Data & Analytics Team
  - PowerBI Dashboards for conversion analysis
  - CRM (EMP)
  - Applicant Portal (WebAdmit)
  - SIS (BU University Information System) transitioning to Campus Solutions ('23-24)



### **The Graduate Admissions Funnel:**



### **Graduate Admissions Advisors**

- Specialized from point of hire and throughout onboarding process
- Specialization → Expertise → Efficacy



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- Virtual & in-person events
- Faculty-vetted student & alumni admissions ambassadors
- Enrollment & Marketing Meetings
- Open channels of communication for faculty to field prospective student questions



Faculty / Admin Collaboration











# **Tools for Communicating**



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Ask a Question

Connect with a Student / Alum

Connect with an Admissions Advisor



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> Schedule a Phone or Zoom Call





### Hello, Andrew

# Welcome to your BU MET personal page.

This site offers you direct access to information about Boston University Metropolitan College, your academic program of choice, upcoming events and other information you may need to help you learn more about the unique benefits of a BU Education.

Metropolitan College is one of Boston University's 17 schools and colleges. Our more than 70 programs are designed to accommodate a diverse group of students including working professionals, career changers, and recent graduates motivated to advance their careers through higher education.

We encourage you to peruse your personal page and contact the Enrollment team (met@bu.edu or 617.353.6000) to ask any questions you may have as you discover more about Boston University Metropolitan College.



### **Personal URL**



### **Example:** *Inquiry Stage*

- A dynamic resource through the admissions process
- Easy ways to connect with their Graduate Admissions Advisor
- Can share and update information about themselves

### Personal URL



**Example: Applicant Stage** 

- Application Requirements
- Link to Application

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### How Do I Apply?

Applicants to master's degree and graduate certificate programs must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to enrollment. Graduate Admissions Committees meet on an ongoing basis. Admission is normally granted for September, January, and May of each year, with additional starts in October, March, and July for most online programs.

Click here to watch a recording of our "Application Inside Scoop" Webinar.

#### A complete application for admission must include:

- Transcript(s) from each college and graduate school attended.
  - Unofficial transcripts can be submitted with your application for the admissions process.
  - Official transcripts conferring your degree(s) will be required prior to enrollment, sent electronically to BU MET via a vendor such as Parchment or in an email to metadmit@bu.edu.
  - International students should review the <u>transcripts section</u> of our international student application page. It is recommended that official evaluations be provided for international transcripts.
- · Two letters of recommendation.
  - For applicants who graduated within the last 3 years, one letter must come from an academic reference.
  - Please supply the contact information for recommenders within your application. Recommendations may be submitted after you submit your application.
- A personal statement (200-500 word essay) discussing your motivation for study
- A current résumé/CV
- English Proficiency Exam (for international students): International students should review the <u>English Proficiency section</u> of our international application page.
- A non-refundable application fee (\$85 for master's degree application, \$25 for graduate certificate application).

GRE/GMAT exams are not required for admission to graduate programs at Metropolitan College.

Please be aware that transcripts and letters of recommendation can be added to your file after submission.

International students should refer to the international student application page to learn more about transcript evaluations and English Proficiency requirements.

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Next Steps for Admitted Students

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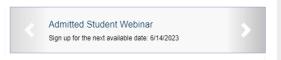
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#### Congratulations on your acceptance to MET, Andrew!

Once you accept our offer of admission, you will officially become part of Boston University Metropolitan College— a vibrant and engaged community of students, faculty, and alumni. As a research university, we embrace our history, fearless innovation, and progressive diversity of thought to keep education on the leading edge. You'll find that the integration of scholarly work and educational technologies makes for a challenging and unique experience. Click here to view your admissions packet. If you need additional information before making your admissions decision, please contact your academic department.

Please respond to our offer of admission using the form below. Congratulations again, Andrew, and welcome to MET.







### **Personal URL**



### **Example: Admitted Stage**

- Welcome video
- · Can respond to offer
- Next Steps



### **Automated Emails**





- Out of CRM (EMP)
- Welcome Email from GAA
- Nurture Campaigns
  - Prospect Purchased Lists
  - Inquiry
  - Admitted Students
- Blast campaigns
  - Admissions Communication / Deadlines
- Replies sent directly to Graduate Admissions Advisor
- Can view open rates, click-through rates

Hello from Boston University's MET College! I'm Dana, your Grad Admissions Advisor followingup on your interest in the Supply Chain Management Graduate Certificate program. Click here to schedule a phone appointment with me: met.bu.edu/{Unique PURL}

# **Text Messaging**





# Calling



- First Call
- Follow Up
- Call Projects
- Calendly Appointments



# **Consultative Advising**

Applicant auto-assigned to GAA at point of inquiry

#### Listen

- What do they hope to accomplish by earning their degree?
- On-campus or online learning?
- How do they plan to finance their education?

#### Counsel

- Recap what they shared
- Transition to discussing MET as a solution

#### Sell

- MET-specific talking points
- Next steps to apply



Customized Introduction



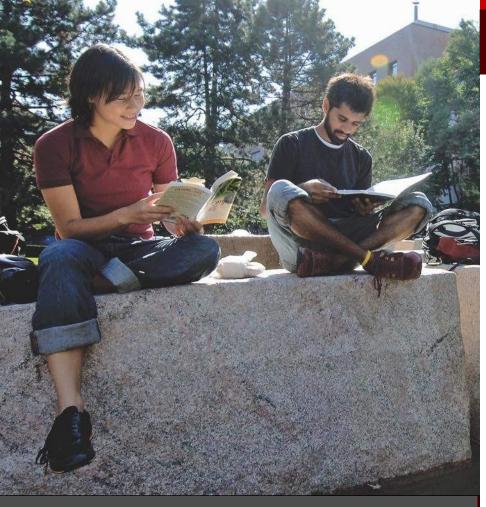
Student Discovery



Personalized "MET"
Discussion



**Next Steps** 



# **Customizing Communication**

#### Start Date

Entry Term

What semester would you like to begin classes?

Entry Year \*

What year would you like to begin classes?

#### Communication

Preferred Method of Contact

How can our admissions team best reach you?

Primary Phone \* +1: Canada; United States c 

Primary Phone

I'd like to receive text and voice messages to this number and I have read the opt-in policy.





### **Events**

### **Types**

- General Admissions, Financing, Program-Specific
- Webinars & On-Campus Info Sessions
- Department events

### Communication

- Event Nurture Campaign
- Targeted email invitations
- PURL
- MET Event Calendar

# **CRM Group Builds**



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Field	Measure	Value  Started Application - Close to Submission, Started Application - Not Submitted				
Stage	In the set					
Entry Year	Equals	2023				
Grad Program of Interest	Does not equal					
Location of Study	Equals	Online				
Entry Term	Equals	Spring				
Type of Program Interest	In the set	Master's Degree, Graduate Certificate				



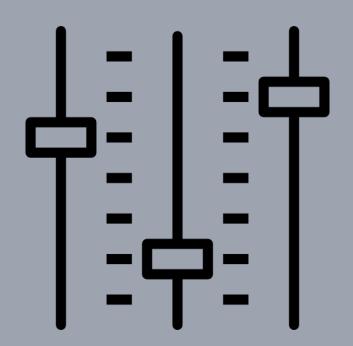


# Putting it all together...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Inquiry Form		Calendly		BU Intro			
	WhatsApp				Dept Welcome	Event Drip	
	Program Intro						
		App Details					
			Format	Webinar			

# **Measuring Success**

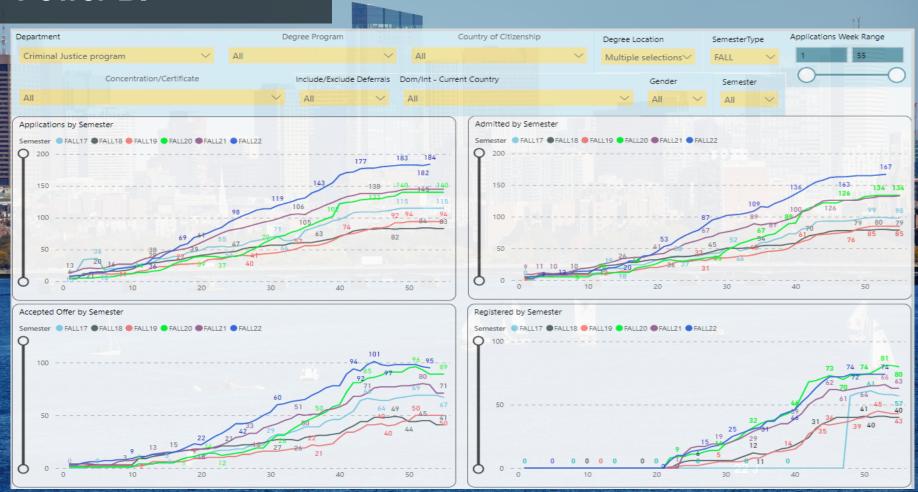
- Evaluate performance in the context of factors within our control
- Frame monthly numbers as a strategic tool
  - What is and is not effective about our outreach approach? What can we change?
  - Adjusting daily practices according to patterns
- Develop targeted outreach projects to meet goals in our priority demographics



### **Power BI**



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## **Opportunities for Improvement**

- Communication Plan
  - Drip campaign content & timing
  - Volume of outreach in first 30 days
- PURL content and design audit
- Workload equity across advising team
- Video content (short and long)
- Print expansion
- Unibuddy student connection platform expansion
- On-Demand webinar downloads



