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To "brand" means to distinguish; to impress indelibly.

A brand is an identity...

Walmart NASCAR Apple

A brand should be memorable.









If you can't communicate what makes you different, you've got a big problem.

To stand out in today's competitive marketplace, your brand needs to be consistent— in person, online, everywhere!











Brands have unique value. Consider the possibility that you are no longer defined by just your degree or job description.

Consider the possibility that <u>you are a</u> <u>brand</u> – where the promise of hiring you offers something as unique as McDonald's, Monster, Apple or Amazon.

Just as companies brand themselves for consumers, you can brand yourself to show why YOU offer a point of difference versus the competition. Marketers call this "product positioning."

When you have the opportunity to communicate your value, what will <u>you</u> be remembered for?





#### **Strengths**

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#### Weaknesses

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#### **Opportunities**

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#### **Threats**

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### **Building Brand You**



#### **Step 1: Get to Know Your Prospect**

Candidates who demonstrate knowledge of a company and the specific position being offered, in resumes, cover letters and interviews tend to get noticed. A recent CareerBuilder.com survey found 71 percent of hiring managers pay more attention to resumes and cover letters that are customized to their open positions.

#### Step 2: Get Your Prospect to Know YOU

The second step in making yourself relevant is creating an advertising campaign for your brand. Ask yourself how your product – skills, experience and education – enables you to serve your targeted audience better than the competition and convey that through any advertising, resume, cover letter, etc.

#### **Step 3: Apply your Brand**

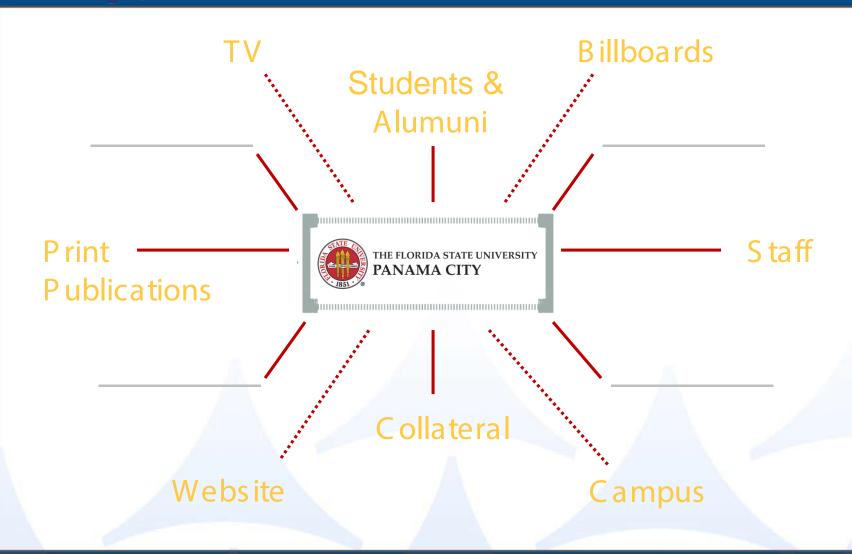
Every encounter that your prospect has with your brand affects your image---either positively or negatively; never neutrally.

Where does your brand get recognized?

#### The Communications Brief

- 1. Why are we communicating?
- 2. Who are we trying to reach?
- 3. What do they currently think?
- 4. What would we like them to think?
- 5. What is the single most persuasive idea we can convey?
- 6. Why should they believe it?

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