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

A brand is an identity...

Red Bull

Disney

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 recognizable and consistent— in person, online, everywhere!











Brands have unique value. Consider the possibility that you are no longer defined by just your GPA or ACT.

Consider the possibility that <u>you are a</u> <u>brand</u> – where the promise of selecting you offers a promise 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 your competitors. 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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- 2. _____
- **3.**

Weaknesses

- 1.____
- 2.
- 3.



Opportunities

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- 2.
- **3.**

Threats

- 1. _____
- 2.
- 3.



Step 1: Get to Know Your Prospect

Candidates who demonstrate knowledge of a company, and the specific position being offered, then tailor their resumes, cover letters and interviews accordingly tend to stand out.

Step 2: Get Your Prospect to Know YOU

The second step in making yourself relevant is by creating a compelling campaign for your brand.

Show how your skills, education and experiences make you a better choice than those you are competing with through your applications, essays and cover letters.

Step 3: Apply your Brand

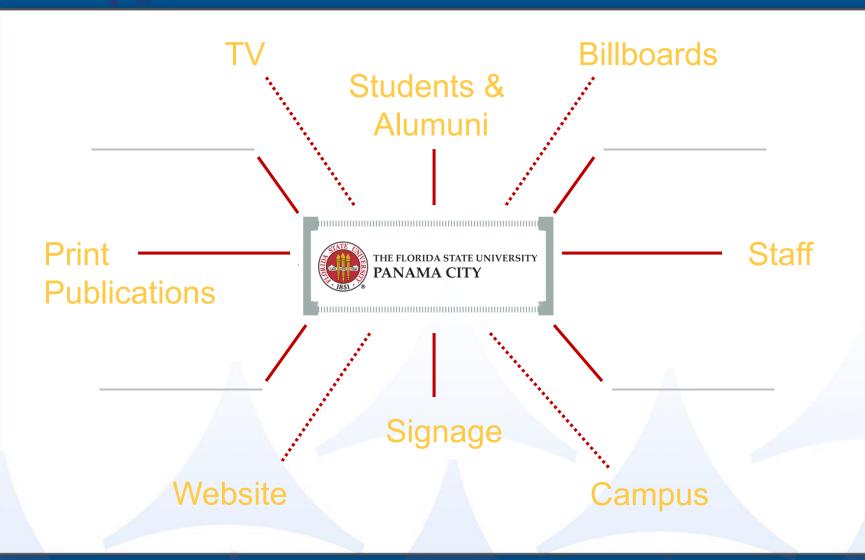
Every encounter that your prospect has with your brand affects your image---either positively or negatively; never neutrally.

Where does your brand get recognized? By teachers and leaders? In the community? Social media?

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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