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TOTAL VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

\$6,430,690.40

ADVERTISING DETAILS \$98,000 VALUE

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS \$125,000 VALUE

EMAIL MARKETING \$44,880 VALUE

GRAPHIC DESIGN \$443,406.25 VALUE The Division of University Marketing Communications proudly presents an overview of our contributions to Stephen F. Austin State University.

The value we offer is twofold: **substantial cost savings** and the **incalculable impact** of a team fully devoted to SFA's success.

Our dedicated team's work across various domains reflects a substantial financial benefit and is represented in the blocks on this page. The amounts are based on rates published by known external vendors, using the

NEW INITIATIVES \$80,000 VALUE

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO \$2,975,638.75 VALUE

SAWDUST ALUMNI MAGAZINE \$67,980 VALUE

SOCIAL MEDIA \$156,835.40 VALUE conservative to mid-range estimations of that work and here represented as the value of cost savings achieved by our in-house efforts.

While these figures are significant, they only begin to encapsulate the true worth of our UMC team. The expertise, creativity, strategic insight and institutional knowledge of our staff contributes something not captured in financial metrics alone. Our team's deep understanding of SFA's ethos, goals and the communities we serve ensures each initiative is not only cost-effective but also culturally resonant and mission-aligned.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS \$631,950 VALUE

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT \$798,000 VALUE

2022-23 NATIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION OF EAST TEXAS



SILVER

2022-23 Theatre and Dance Season Brochure Category: Brochure

COLLEGIATE ADVERTISING AWARDS



GOLD

I Love Nacogdoches Series Category: Social Media Marketing



SILVER

2022 Lumberjack Orientation Booklet Category: Handbook



SILVER

2022-23 Theatre and Dance Season Brochure Category: Brochure: Folded/Panels

COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION



BEST OF CASE DISTRICT IV

Fall 2022 Sawdust Magazine Feature "An Anthropologist and an Archivist Study Enslavement Histories"

Category: Writing — Research, Medicine and Science News

EDUCATIONAL ADVERTISING AWARDS



GOLD

International Programs T-shirt Design Category: Imprinted Materials



GOLD

2022 Lumberjack Orientation Booklet Category: Online Publications



GOLD

I Love Nacogdoches Series Category: Social Media Content



GOLD

Fall 2022 Sawdust Magazine Category: Publication/External



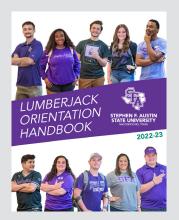
MERIT

2022-23 Theatre and Dance Season Brochure Category: Brochure









NEW INITIATIVES

AMONG THE PINES \$20,000 Value



Creating a sense of place was key to marketing SFA to our diverse groups of prospective students. Our "Among the Pines" campaign reenforces through

reiterative imagery and language the comfort of the pine sanctuary our university calls home.

BRAND ARCHITECTURE \$10,000 Value

Establishing rules bolsters brand strength, yet brands are also expected to pivot with the times. So, we developed breathable brand architecture that strengthens the brand while allowing for brand playfulness at specific levels.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Centennial Turning a century old is a big deal, which is why UMC completed more than 300 projects related to SFA's fourday Centennial Celebration and birthday bash.

CERTIFIED COMMUNICATOR PROGRAM

All Lumberjacks can be brand ambassadors. That was our thought when we developed the CC Program, which offers 10 brand and marketing modules to equip Lumberjacks with essential marcomm resources and tools.

INTERACTIVE ONLINE CAMPUS MAP



This user-friendly virtual experience modernizes the way visitors, students and employees can explore and navigate our campus. It also works with any smartphone map app for real-time GPS directions.

LUMBERJACK FAMILY CAMPAIGN \$10,000 Value

Families and guardians hold significant sway in the college selection process, so keeping them informed became a crucial marketing step. This campaign funnels interested family members to a newsletter signup form where they'll receive monthly emails with relevant college information.

NAMING CONVENTIONS \$5,000 Value



Consistency is the heart of branding, so to build brand trust and reduce confusion — and honor our institution's supporters — we

developed standardized rules for how we refer to named entities.

UNIVERSITYWIDE CALENDAR \$25,000 Value

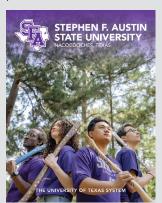
People have great expectations about how calendars should function, and our new universitywide calendar centralizes and modernizes how departments manage and share their events.

UT SYSTEM BRANDING/TRANSITION \$10,000 VALUE

To honor SFA joining The University of Texas System, we made a comprehensive update of SFA's wordmarks to include the UT System mark and ensure our brand remained strong through this new partnership.

VIEWBOOK AND ROAD PIECE

UMC took on the responsibility of producing two of the university's most significant recruitment pieces — the Viewbook and Road Piece. Working closely with admissions, we overhauled the process to streamline and modernize both.





Viewbook

Road Piece

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

\$125,000 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

CYBERSECURITY ATTACK

Working heavily with other SFA departments, UMC's main objective was to provide steady and relevant updates to all Lumberjack audiences through social, email, text and web updates. Transparency was prioritized, and UMC processes had to adapt on a dime as most modes of communication went offline.

CHIEF CADDO

Media monitoring, both news and social, took center stage as two universities grappled with how to handle a fraught cultural symbol.

FORMER BOWLING COACH

Due to a swift and appropriate response by SFA Athletics, UMC's management of the former bowling coach incident required primarily steady monitoring and restrained media response, despite the national attention the story received.

WEATHER

In incidents of weather emergencies, like the extreme flooding experienced in May 2023, UMC prioritizes social and email communications to affected populations — primarily employees and students. Graphics are created and content written with regular updates, and social media is heavily monitored.

FORMER SOCCER COACH

UMC handled media inquiries from multiple local, state and national news outlets as news of complaints against the former coach arose. Athletics is to be commended on their handling of the incident, working collaboratively and openly with UMC to stay on top of the story.

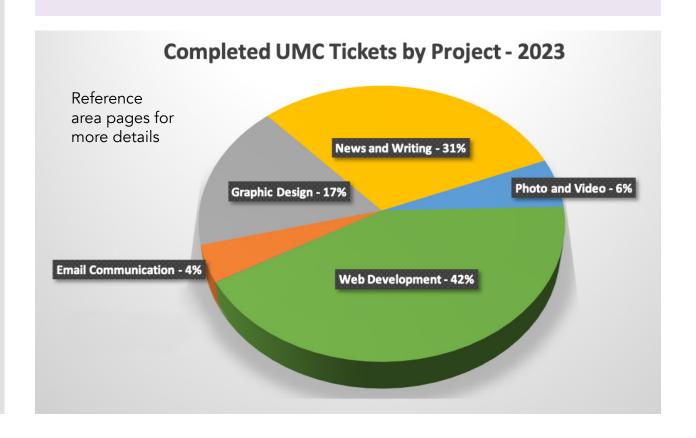
UMC WORK TICKETS

8,051 TICKETS
COMPLETED

8.19 HOURS

AVERAGE COMPLETION TIME

36,221.57 HOURS
TOTAL TIME SPENT ON ALL
COMPLETED TICKETS



DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

WEB TRAFFIC SOURCES DEFINED

Display: Advertising on network sites outside of search engines, typically involves banners or other ad formats made of text, images, flash, video and audio.

Organic Search: Visits coming from search engines based on unpaid, organic rankings.

Paid Search: Traffic from search engines where visits are generated through paid ads.

Social: Traffic from social media platforms, either through organic posts or paid advertisements.

Direct: Visits from users entering the website URL directly into their browser or through bookmarked links.

Referral: Traffic that arrives at the website from another source, such as a link on another website.

Other: This category can include traffic not categorized by the above terms, potentially including email marketing or undefined sources.

DIGITAL ADVERTISING TERMS

CTR (Click-Through Rate): The percentage of viewers who click on an ad after seeing it, indicating the ad's effectiveness in prompting immediate action.

CPA (Cost Per Acquisition): The average cost to acquire a conversion, such as a sale or lead, which helps in evaluating the financial efficiency of advertising efforts.

Impressions: The total count of times an advertisement is displayed, regardless of clicks or engagement, indicating the reach of the campaign.

Conversions: Actions taken by users in response to an ad that align with campaign goals, such as filling out a form or applying to a program.

Display Ads: Visual advertisements that appear on network websites outside of search engines, often including images, video or interactive content.

Social Media Ads: Advertisements placed on social media platforms, tailored to the interests and behaviors of targeted user demographics.

Retargeting: A technique that targets users who have previously interacted with a brand or website, encouraging them to complete a conversion.

ADVERTISING DETAILS

\$78,800 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

PRIORITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AS PROPOSED BY THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Aviation*
- Computer Science
- Construction Management
- Electrical Engineering*
- Forestry
- Mechanical Engineering*
- Nursing*
- Social Work

*Areas UMC was able to focus on in digital advertising due to current budget.

ADVERTISING IMPRESSIONS, VIEWS AND REACH

TEXAS MONTHLY COLLEGE GUIDE

• 30,000 guides printed and distributed to high school counselors for free

BILLBOARDS

- Tyler: 2,072,651 impressions (Ran Oct. 10, 2023 through Feb. 18, 2024)
- Nacogdoches: 15,171,936 impressions per year

TEXAS MONTHLY MAGAZINE ▼

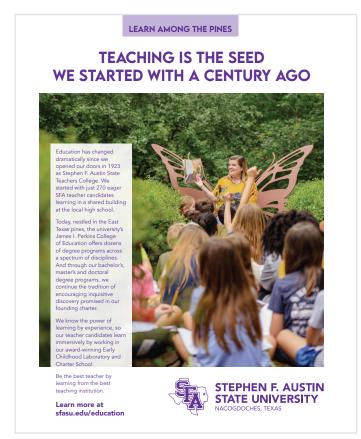
- 6 ads per calendar year
- 7.43 million impressions total
- 2+ million Texans reached per issue

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY CHAMBER DIRECTORY AND MAP

- 10,000 maps and 5,000 directories printed
- These could be utilized by more than one user and are also available online.
- Digital access: 206,201 web views with 30,985 unique users
- Downloads: 4,613 directories; 3,884 maps

THE WOODLANDS MALL KIOSK ▼

• 1.5 million views per month on a year flight





BILLBOARD DETAILS

TYLER LOCATIONS

- U.S. 69 S 0.3 miles S/O Heritage Dr.
- Loop 323 W 200' S/O Townpark Dr. F/N
- Loop 323 W/S 0.25 miles W/O Hwy 155 F/S
- Loop 323 E/S 300' S/O Spur 248
- Loop 323 W/S 0.1 miles N/O Spur 124
- Front St. 500' W/O Beckham Ave.

BILLBOARD RUN DATES

- 10/02/23-02/18/24
- 19 weeks

BILLBOARD CONTENT

- Accounting
- Computer Science
- Forestry
- Social Work
- General SFA

MARKET IMPACT

- 47 new inquiry or applicant records since October for the four academic programs featured
- 975 new inquiry or applicant records since October for all academic programs/terms in the Tyler area





ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDING PARTNER SPONSOR \$75,000 TOTAL PACKAGE

May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025

ADVERTISING AREAS

- 1. Eagle stadium
 - 280,000+ consumer reach per year
 - Home to Allen High School's football and soccer teams, graduation ceremony, area band competitions, high school playoff games, and the Tom Landry Classic
- 2. Gymnasium
 - Home to volleyball and basketball games, pep rallies, and wrestling matches

ADVERTISING PACKAGE

- 1. Permanent signage on the stadium's high-definition scoreboard and concourse level
- 2. Two sideline signs at each AHS varsity football game, including playoffs
- 3. Half-page ad in the Allen Eagle football program
- 4. One scoreboard 30-second video spot during game and one scoreboard video spot in pre- or post-game at all AHS varsity football and playoff games
- 5. Ability to have a promotional presence onsite at any or all AHS varsity football games, near the student section
- 6. One public announcement at each AHS varsity football game, including playoffs
- 7. One "feature" at each AHS varsity football game
- 8. Permanent signage in the AHS gymnasium for basketball and volleyball games, pep rallies and wrestling
- 9. Tom Landry Classic program ad worth \$10,000 for free
- 10. Four tickets to every game and a VIP suite game invite
- 11. Rivalry Denton Gyer or Prosper game

LOVE ADVERTISING PARTNERSHIP

\$20,000 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

(2022 VS. 2023)

Primary CPA refers to the cost associated with direct actions leading to application submissions through various channels, including ad clicks to ApplyTexas and Common App sites as well as phone calls.

- Display Advertising: Decreased from \$61.05 to \$59.92, marking a 2% improvement.
- **Social Media Advertising:** Experienced a significant reduction from \$804 to \$731.82, a 9% improvement.
- **Search Advertising:** Saw a minor decrease in CPA from \$34.99 to \$34.39, a 2% improvement.
- Overall: Despite improvements in specific channels, the aggregate CPA across all primary channels rose by 5%, from \$60.92 to \$63.95. Despite channel-specific efficiencies, broader market dynamics, including increased competition and audience saturation, contributed to a higher cost in 2023 compared to 2022 for acquiring applications, rather than indicating poor campaign performance or management.

PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW

In 2021, SFA embarked on a strategic partnership with Love Advertising, focusing on enhancing digital advertising to attract prospective students and their support networks. With an annual budget of \$250,000, the initiative aimed to leverage various digital platforms to maximize visibility, engagement and conversions. Through innovative approaches and meticulous execution, SFA continues to enhance its presence and appeal to prospective students and their networks.

PARTNERSHIP DETAILS:

Start Date: Sept. 10, 2021 **Contract Length:** Five years

Annual Renewals: The contract renews every year on

the anniversary of the start date.

End Date: Assuming uninterrupted renewals, the

contract will end on Sept. 9, 2026.

PRIMARY CPA PERFORMANCE SECONDARY CPA PERFORMANCE (2022 VS. 2023)

Secondary CPA tracks the cost associated with preliminary expressions of interest that may not immediately result in an application but indicate potential future actions, including use of the website's "Contact Us" and "Request Information" features.

- Display Advertising: Decreased from \$30.70 to \$28.64, a 7% improvement. Half of all secondary actions are attributed to display.
- Social Media Advertising: Soft leads nearly tripled year over year, leading to a notable improvement of 65% (\$218.56 vs. \$75.89). The volume of tracked secondary conversions was 1.4 times higher in 2023.
- Search Advertising: Continued to target "hand raisers" actively searching relevant keywords. Saw 26% improvement, comparing \$88.40 and \$65.30.
- Overall: Secondary conversions, representing valuable actions that indicate a user's intent or interest once visiting the SFA website, saw a 40% increase in volume. Performance across all three channels improved by an average of 29% year over year, from \$69.48 to \$49.56.

Note: The campaign was launched in March 2022, and secondary conversions began tracking in May following initial discussions about the value of these soft leads.

COMBINED CPA PERFORMANCE (2022 VS. 2023)

- **Display Advertising:** Improved from \$20.43 to \$19.38, a 5% reduction in cost per action.
- **Social Media Advertising:** Showed a dramatic improvement, with CPA reducing 60% from \$172 to \$68.76.
- **Search Advertising:** Saw a reduction from \$25.07 to \$22.53, marking a 10% improvement.
- **Overall:** The combined CPA across all channels exhibited a significant decrease of 14%, from \$32.46 to \$27.92.

KEY EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Budget Management: Utilized a \$250,000 budget effectively, dedicating \$222,517 to the base campaign and additional funds for short-term campaigns.
- Impressive Reach: Achieved over 30 million impressions, driving significant visibility across digital platforms.
- **Conversions:** Secured 7,000 conversions attributed to paid media, indicating strong campaign performance in encouraging desired actions.
- **Short-term Campaigns:** Executed five short-term campaigns, strategically addressing various objectives throughout the year.
- **CPA Trends:** Notable improvements in Cost Per Acquisition with reductions in key areas such as display and social, reflecting efficient spending and targeting.
- Website Traffic: Increased website sessions to 144,000, marking a 14% increase from the previous year, thus enhancing online engagement.
- Call Tracking: Generated 868 calls totaling over 80 hours, highlighting successful engagement through the digital campaign.

SHORT-TERM CAMPAIGNS

- Spring Showcase: Jan. 1 to Feb. 24 Aimed to kickstart the enrollment period with vibrant, engaging content.
- **Purple Promise:** April 28 to May 31 Focused on financial aid and scholarship opportunities to attract prospective students.
- Summer Showcase: May 22 to June 11 Targeted at students considering summer enrollment or early preparation for fall.
- **UT System:** Sept. 4 to Oct. 29 Promoted SFA's affiliation with the UT System to leverage brand strength and attract more students.
- Fall Showcase: Oct. 13 to Nov. 10 Aimed to capture the attention of students finalizing their college decisions for the next academic year.

Strategy: Utilized a mix of search, display, social media and retargeting to engage with prospective students and their support networks continually.

Outcomes: Delivered over 30 million impressions, leading to 7,000 conversions and significant increases in website traffic and engagement.

SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEO CAMPAIGN FOR COLLEGES

The "Social Video CTR" performance section of the report, Page 14, provides insights into the effectiveness of video content used in social media advertising campaigns on Facebook and Instagram. **Industry CTR Benchmark: 0.73%**

Colleges are listed in rank order.



NELSON RUSCHE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Monthly CTR Range: 0.90% to 5.27% Average CTR: Approximately 2.76%



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND APPLIED ARTS

Monthly CTR Range: 1.17% to 2.02% Average CTR: Approximately 1.52%



MICKY ELLIOTT COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Monthly CTR Range: 0.36% to 1.80% Average CTR: Approximately 0.73%



COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Monthly CTR Range: 0.36% to 1.07% Average CTR: Approximately 0.62%



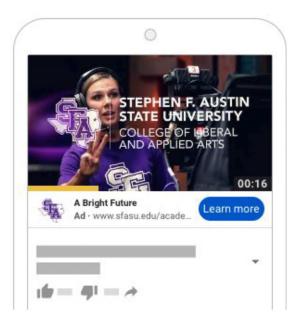
JAMES I. PERKINS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

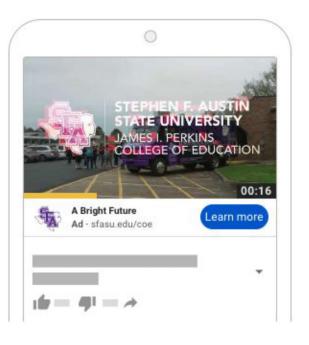
Monthly CTR Range: 0.19% to 1.19% Average CTR: Approximately 0.60%



ARTHUR TEMPLE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE

Monthly CTR Range: 0.16% to 1.24% Average CTR: Approximately 0.54%





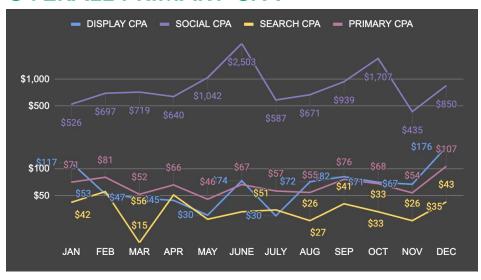
LOVE ADVERTISING ANNUAL RECAP

BASE CAMPAIGN BUDGET: \$222,517 / OVER 30 MILLION IMPRESSIONS DELIVERED / 7,000 CONVERSIONS ATTRIBUTED TO PAID MEDIA

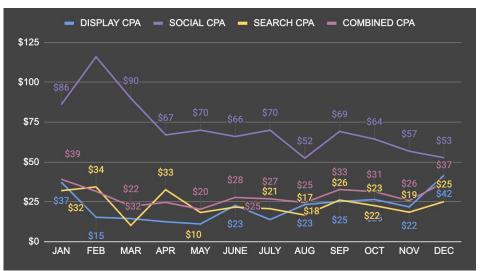
OVERALL COST PER ACQUISITION

1% increase in total combined conversion volume year-over-year

OVERALL PRIMARY CPA



OVERALL COMBINED CPA



2022 vs 2023

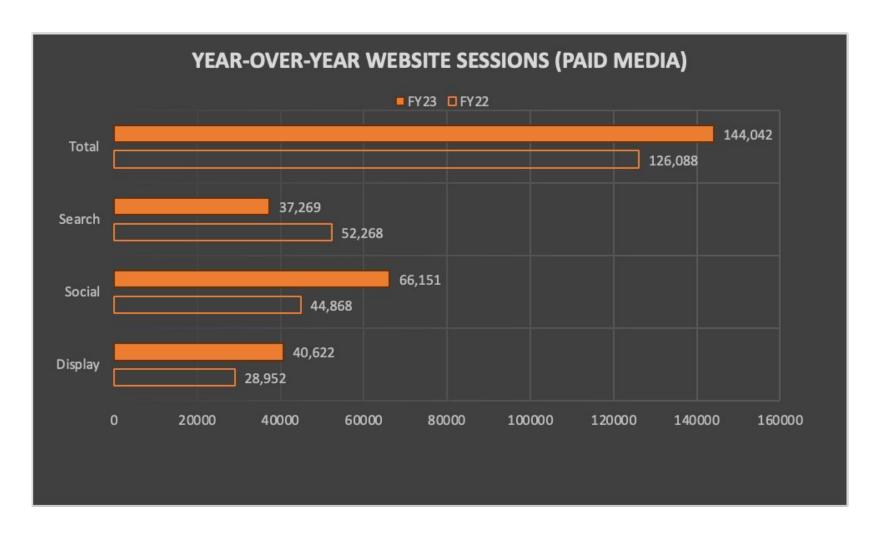
Overall	\$60.92	\$63.95	+5%
Search	\$34.99	\$34.39	-2%
Social	\$804	\$731.82	-9%
Display	\$61.05	\$59.92	-2%

2022 vs 2023

Overall	\$32.46	\$27.92	-14%
Search	\$25.07	\$22.53	-10%
Social	\$172	\$68.76	-60%
Display	\$20.43	\$19.38	-5%

WEBSITE VISITS ATTRIBUTED TO PAID MEDIA

144,042 website sessions were attributed to the digital campaign, an uptick of 14% compared to 2022



SOCIAL VIDEO CLICK-THROUGH RATE

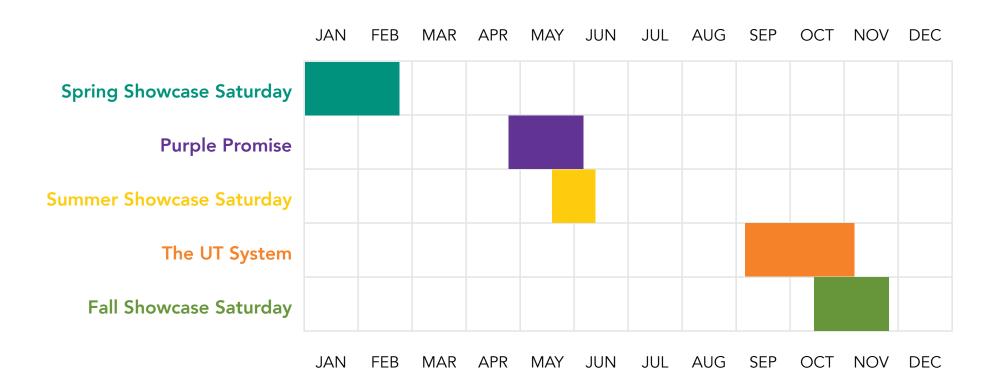
College Videos went live Feb. 17, 2023 / Social Benchmark CTR: 0.73%

	College of Liberal and Applied Arts	James I. Perkins College of Education	Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture	Nelson Rusche College of Business	Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts	College of Sciences and Mathematics
February	1.67%	0.60%	1.01%	1.35%	0.71%	0.91%
March	1.17%	0.89%	0.75%	2.05%	0.77%	0.80%
April	1.17%	0.87%	0.64%	0.90%	0.75%	0.54%
May	1.17%	0.87%	0.54%	0.97%	0.51%	0.36%
June	1.24%	0.48%	0.36%	0.69%	0.43%	0.38%
July	1.66%	0.33%	0.49%	0.96%	0.28%	0.47%
August	1.57%	0.19%	0.50%	1.16%	0.16%	0.39%
September	1.40%	0.31%	0.57%	2.42%	0.34%	0.41%
October	2.02%	0.99%	0.42%	3.16%	0.68%	0.64%
November	1.41%	0.59%	1.10%	4.82%	1.24%	0.87%
December	1.37%	1.19%	1.80%	5.27%	0.30%	1.07%

This chart illustrates the monthly click-through rate (CTR) percentages for each college's social media video ad over the course of the year. Utilizing a green-to-red gradiated color code, the intensity of the colors reflects the CTR range for that month — darker shades of green denote the highest CTRs and darker shades of red indicate lower performance.

SHORT-TERM CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

\$27,483 allocated budget / \$2,483 additional dollars from the June pause credits



SPRING SHOWCASE SATURDAY

Targeted to promote a key recruitment event which brings prospective students and their families to visit campus and get to know people and programs.

PURPLE PROMISE

Raises awareness of SFA's financial aid program supporting students from families with an adjusted gross income of up to \$80,000 and applies to tuition and mandatory fees not covered by other aid for eligible Texas residents who are incoming first-time, first-year students.

SUMMER SHOWCASE SATURDAY

Targeted to promote a key recruitment event which brings prospective students and their families to visit campus and get to know people and programs.

UT SYSTEM AWARENESS

Designed to enhance broad awareness and understanding of SFA"s new affiliation with The University of Texas System.

FALL SHOWCASE SATURDAY

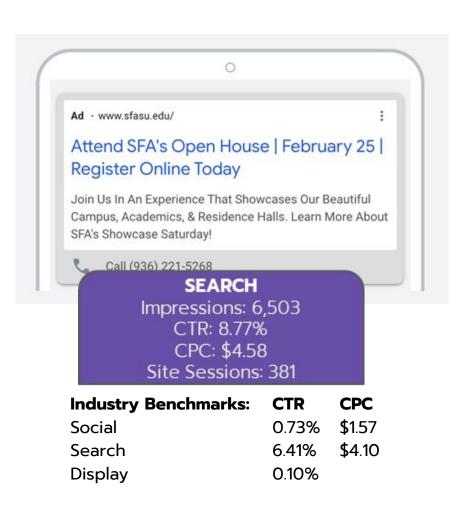
Targeted to promote a key recruitment event which brings prospective students and their families to visit campus and get to know people and programs.

SPRING SHOWCASE SATURDAY: Jan. 9 to Feb. 24

721,956 impressions / 0.13% CTR / 3,538 website sessions / 430 outbound clicks

sfasu.edu/visit#showcase





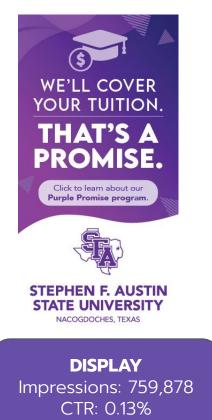


PURPLE PROMISE: April 26 to May 31

1,001,613 impressions / 0.30% CTR / 6,212 website sessions

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Spend:\$2,500

WEB TRAFFIC TO TARGET URL

Channel	Site Sessions	% of Total
Display	1,368	22.02%
Organic Search	873	14.05%
Paid Search	8	0.13%
Social	2,023	32.57%
Direct	1704	27.43%
Referral	231	3.72%
Other	5	0.08%
Total	6,212	100%

Industry Benchmarks: CTR CPC Social 0.73% \$1.57 0.10% Display

SUMMER SHOWCASE SATURDAY: May 22 to June 13

304,508 impressions / 0.50% CTR / 2,385 website sessions / 326 outbound clicks

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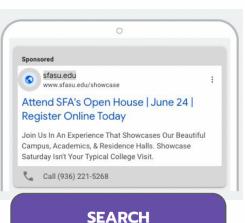


CTR: 0.51%

CPC: \$1.24







Impressions: 1,653 CTR: 5.63%

WEB TRAFFIC TO TARGET URL

Channel	Site Sessions	% of Total
Display	293	12.29%
Organic Search	439	18.41%
Paid Search	167	7.00%
Social	1,215	50.94%
Direct	204	8.55%
Referral	65	2.73%
Other	2	0.08%
Total	2,385	100%

Industry Benchmarks:	CTR CPC
Social	0.73% \$1.57
Search	6.41% \$4.10
Display	0.10%

UT SYSTEM AWARENESS: Sept. 6 to Oct. 31

2,683,660 impressions / 0.09% CTR / 2,632 website sessions sfasu.edu/ut-perks

Goal of the campaign was awareness and impressions delivered was the KPI



SOCIAL

Family Tree: 972,242 Impressions | 0.09% CTR Bolder: 821,863 Impressions | 0.08% CTR



DISPLAY

Family Tree: 384,030 Impressions | 0.11% CTR Bolder 286,965 Impressions | 0.09% CTR

Industry Benchmarks:CTR CPCSocial0.73% \$1.57Search6.41% \$4.10Display0.10%

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SFA joins UT System

UT invests millions into Stephen
F. Austin State University, which could mean free tuition for thousands of students

NATIVE

218,560 Impressions 0.07% CTR

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FALL SHOWCASE SATURDAY: Oct. 13 to Nov. 10

1,181,480 impressions / 0.39% CTA / 7,969 website sessions / 389 outbound clicks to website

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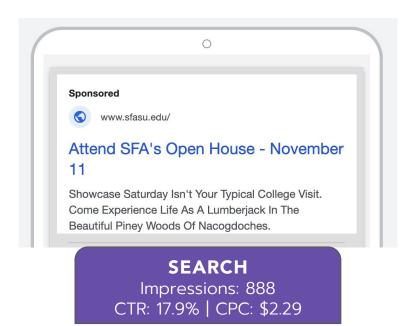


Impressions: 632,827

CTR: 0.05%



Industry Benchmarks:CTR CPCSocial0.73% \$1.57Search6.41% \$4.10Display0.10%



PARENT AND GUARDIAN CTR

Speaks to students' support networks, including parents and other family members, who play a vital role in influencing and guiding prospective students' college search.

7,761,687 million impressions 0.33% CTA

7,922 website sessions

sfasu.edu/lumberjackfamily

- Stopped "Community" creative in August due to low numbers
- New ads rotated in Oct. 23, 2023

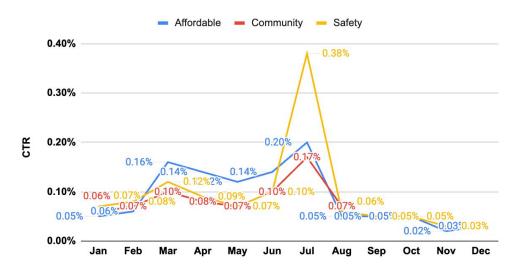
Affordable



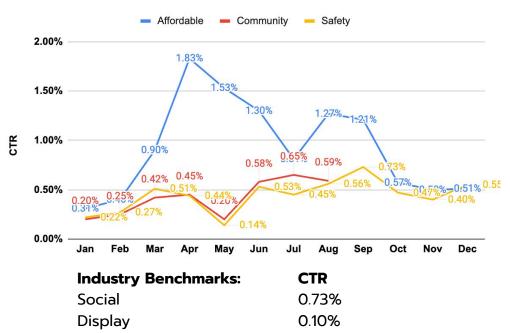
Safety



DISPLAY CLICK-THROUGH RATE



SOCIAL CLICK-THROUGH RATE



BRAND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

CAMPUS LIFE CTR

Brand awareness campaign, featuring some elements of student life at SFA, such as housing and extracurricular activities.

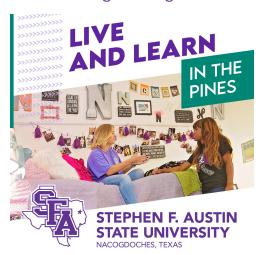
6,178,219 million impressions 0.22% CTA

53,351 website sessions

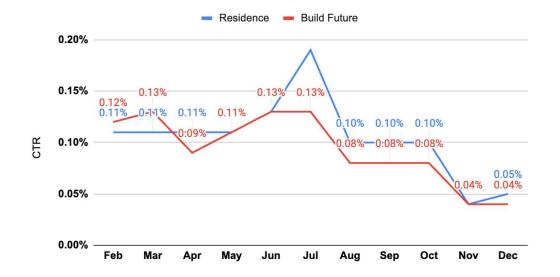
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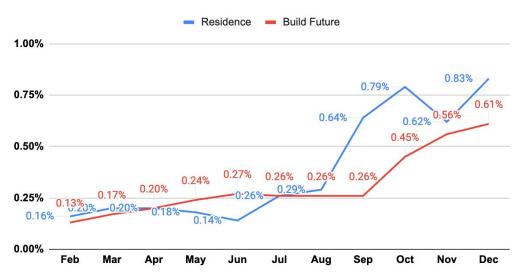
sfasu.edu/life-at-sfa/housing-dining/housing



DISPLAY CLICK-THROUGH RATE



SOCIAL CLICK-THROUGH RATE



Industry Benchmarks:CTRSocial0.73%Display0.10%

New

TRANSFER STUDENTS CTR

Aimed at students who are potential candidates to consider transferring to SFA.

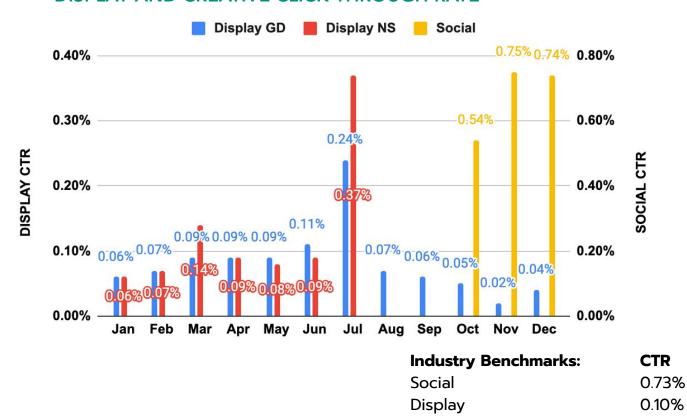
3,812,825 million impressions

0.08% CTA

10,532 website sessions

https://www.sfasu.edu/transfer

DISPLAY AND CREATIVE CLICK-THROUGH RATE





Old





ACADEMIC CAMPAIGN

ENGINEERING CTR

Specific to these fields of study, seeks to connect with prospective students who fit a profile of interest for these priority academic programs.

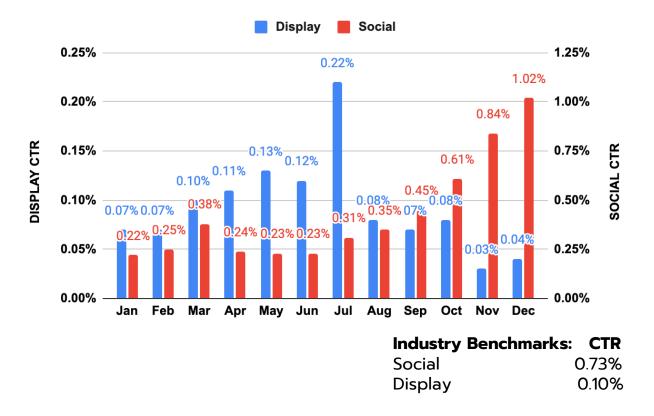
4,027,620 impressions

0.33% CTR

21,336 website sessions

sfasu.edu/academics/colleges/sciences-math/physics-engineering-astronomy

DISPLAY AND SOCIAL CLICK-THROUGH RATE





ACADEMIC CAMPAIGN

NURSING (BSN) CTR

Specific to these fields of study, seeks to connect with prospective students who fit a profile of interest for these priority academic programs.

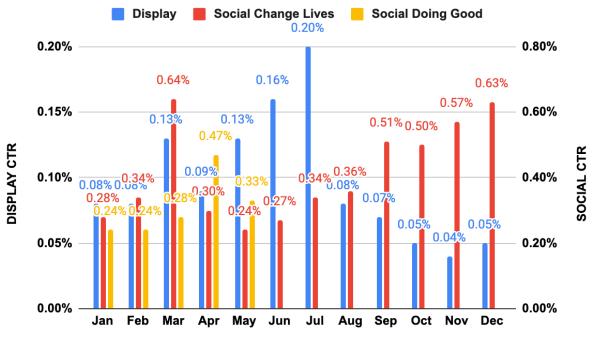
3,701,183 impressions

0.38% CTR

44,359 website sessions

sfasu.edu/academics/colleges/sciences-math/nursing

DISPLAY AND SOCIAL CLICK-THROUGH RATE



Industry Benchmarks: CTR Social 0.73% Display 0.10% Never question whether you're making a difference.

Be a nurse.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

GRAPHIC DESIGN PROJECTS

\$443,406.25 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

ANNUAL TRADEMARK LICENSING REPORT FROM CLC BY LEARFIELD

• INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REQUESTS

Licensee requests 180 2,177 Artwork submissions Apparel business 44% Nonapparel business

56%

LOGO OR ART TYPE	% OF SALES
Primary	52%
Institution (internal orders)	32%
Tertiary	7%
Secondary	3%
Athletics (internal Athletics orders)	2%
Lumberjack	2%
Centennial	1%
Wordmarks	1%
Star Seal	<1%
Student Org	<1%
SFA Wordmark	<1%
Axe 'em Acres	<1%
Stacked SFA	<1%
Alumni T Lumberjack	<1%
Football Helmet	<1%

DESIGN PROJECT TYPE	TOTAL	FREELANCE COSTS
Flyers, posters, postcards and rack cards	509	\$190,875
Social or web graphics	213	\$26,625
Ads (digital and print)	130	\$32,500
Swag, promotional item setup and T-shirts	129	\$24,187.50
Simple graphics, vectors	127	\$15,875
Electronic letterhead and university wordmark requests	123	\$3,843.75
Brochures (simple one-pagers)	38	\$28,500
Logo creation (outside of typical wordmark template)	36	\$9,000
Multiple-page brochures (booklets, programs, newsletters)	33	\$41,250
Approvals	20	\$2,500
Invitations and save the dates	18	\$4,500
Marq templates	11	\$1,375
Billboards or scoreboard graphics	10	\$2,500
Special projects	3	\$1,875
TOTALS	1,400	\$385,406.25

TOTAL ROYALTY REVENUE JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023 \$240,360

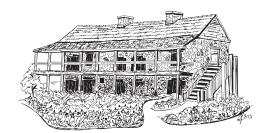
Revenue from licensing and royalties is disbursed completely and directly to Athletics.



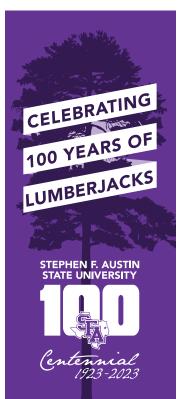
GRAPHIC DESIGN TICKETS BY AREAS

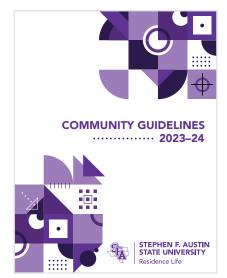
DIVISION OR COLLEGE	%
University Marketing Communications	17.25
James I. Perkins College of Education	12.31
Student Affairs	9.70
Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts	9.33
College of Sciences and Mathematics	7.82
Enrollment Management/Admissions	7.02
Nelson Rusche College of Business	5.79
Provost/Academic Affairs	5.43
Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture	5.28
Advancement	4.71
Finance and Administration	4.71
Other	4.20
President's Office	3.69
College of Liberal and Applied Arts	2.82





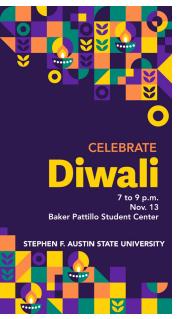












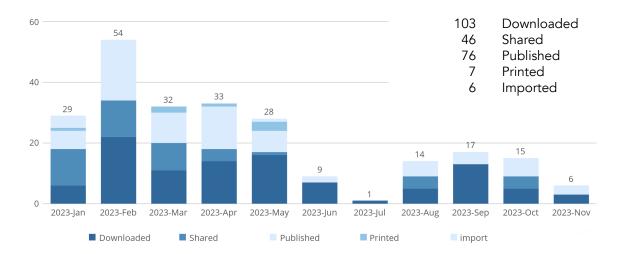


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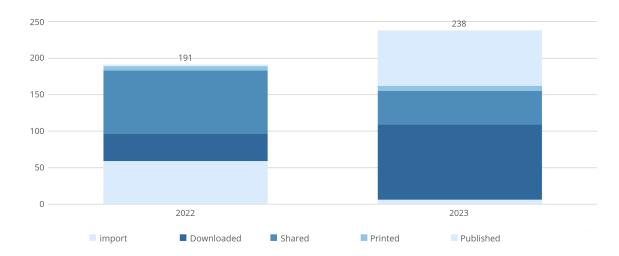
98 Total Number of Templates Available

Marq is a brand templating platform that UMC adopted in 2022. It enables SFA employees to deliver relevant content to their audience faster by empowering them to build on-brand content using templates created by UMC.

2023 BY THE NUMBERS / \$58,000 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY



PROJECT ACTIVITY FROM 2022-23

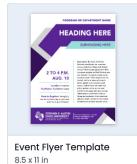




Chemistry Flyer 8.5 x 11 in



Flyer Template 8.5 x 11 in









Library's Dual-Credit Flyer 8.5 x 11 in



Public History Minor Flyer 8.5 x 11 in



STEM Academy Scholars... 8.5 x 11 in



Cooking Matters Flyer 8.5 x 11 in



JacksTeach JTCH 1101 St... 8.5 x 11 in







SAWDUST ALUMNI MAGAZINE

\$67,980 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY









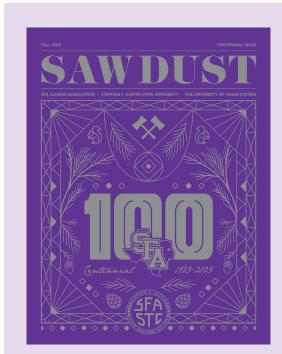
SPRING 2023

101,104 DISTRIBUTED

COST IF OUTSOURCED \$29,040

100 design hours = \$12,500 10 level I copywriting projects = \$1,000 4 level II copywriting projects = \$700 8 level III copywriting projects = \$4,000 12 photography projects = \$4,200 55 copyediting hours = \$2,640 40 website hours = \$4,000

Class notes submitted: 30



FALL 2023

101,000 DISTRIBUTED

COST IF OUTSOURCED \$38,940

150 design hours = \$18,750

16 level I copywriting projects = \$1,600 4 level II copywriting projects = \$700 5 level III copywriting projects = \$2,500 9 photography projects = \$3,150 55 copyediting hours = \$2,640 56 website hours = \$5,600

Class notes submitted: 36

2023 WEBSITE TRAFFIC TO SAWDUST

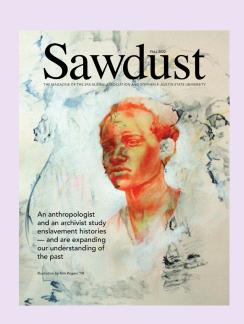
TOP 10 ONLINE 2023 SAWDUST STORIES STORIES PUBLISHED PRIOR TO 2023

STORY PAGE	VIEWS
SFA's Construction Boom	604
<u>University Historical Timeline</u>	374
Elevate SFA	198
Axe Handles	189
A History of SFA in 23 Objects	187
The Big Dip	138
Traditions 'Neath the Purple and White	136
<u>In Memoriam</u>	130
Read Between the Lines	129
Athletics Launches NIL Exchange Website	129

WEBPAGE	VIEWS
Jamal Allen '16: Football Standout to Texas Game Warden - Spring 2022	667
Mission Control: Commanding the CRONUS Console - Fall 2022	261
Oh, Thank Heaven! Featuring Jodie Thompson '92 - Winter 2021	204
T.J. Maple '08, '21: SFA Spirit Teams and Backyard Aviary - Spring 2022	182
Ashley Wahlberg: Doctoral Student, The Spider Lady - Spring 2022	181

MOST VIEWED NAVIGATIONAL PAGES

WEBPAGE	VIEWS
View All Issues	557
Sawdust Magazine Fall 2023: Centennial Issue Landing Page	437
Sawdust Magazine Spring 2023 Issue Landing Page	402
About Us	287
Sawdust Magazine Fall 2022 Issue Landing Page	245
Sawdust Magazine Spring 2022 Issue Landing Page	133



SAWDUST AWARDS

Council for Advancement and Support of Education

Best of CASE District IV Fall 2022 Sawdust Magazine Feature "An Anthropologist and an Archivist Study Enslavement Histories" Category: Writing — Research,

Medicine and Science News

Educational Advertising Awards

Gold

Fall 2022 Sawdust Magazine Category: Publication/External

"(Jeffrey Williams and I) could actually trace a timeline for where they should have been at certain times and where they were when they got caught. He could also tell me it was a full moon on Oct. 16, 1804, which fit

> Dr. Rolonda Teal '18 Researcher, author and anthropologist

the descriptions of that day that I found in

African Diaspora in the South

primary documents."





"A complicated narrative reflects a complicated story. We know our present-day lives are complex knots of knowing and unknowing The same was true for people in the past."

Dr. Court Carney

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The Project of a Lifetime

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EMAIL MARKETING

TOOLS WE USE

- Bee Free, 10 licenses
- Slate, university CRM
- Web/Dev email system

\$44,880 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY



OVERALL

This includes all emails sent by UMC on behalf of the university for various offices and academic departments, including, but not limited to:

- Division of Advancement
- Orientation and Transition Programs
- Office of the Registrar
- Division of Enrollment Management
- Office of the President
- SFA Gardens
- The University of Texas System
- and all colleges.

Emails were sent to stakeholders, including:

- prospective students
- admits
- current students
- alumni
- and faculty and staff.

	2022	2023	CHANGE
Email Projects Sent	263	374	42.2% 🛨
Delivery Rate	94.	8%	
Open Rate	42.	5%	
Click Rate	5.1	6%	

COLLEGE EMAILS: NEW IN 2023

Responding to the Office of Admissions' call for segmented communications, UMC crafted multi-touch-point email campaigns for each of SFA's six colleges to prospective and inquiring students. Building on Slate data, UMC devised general email campaigns tailored to each student's academic interest.

UMC developed five to six targeted emails per campaign covering such topics as facilities and resources as well as career opportunities in the relevant fields. This approach leverages the power of relevant information, ensuring each email resonates with the student's academic goals. This targeted outreach strengthens engagement, fostering a sense of connection with SFA.

College of and Applie		James I. P College of E	
Delivery Rate	99.2%	Delivery Rate	98.8%
Open Rate	18.1%	Open Rate	21.2%
Click Rate	0.1%	Click Rate	0.1%
Arthur Temple Forestry and A		Nelson Ru College of E	
Delivery Rate	98.5%	Delivery Rate	99.1%
Open Rate	32.7%	Open Rate	33.5%
Click Rate	0.3%	Click Rate	0.3%
Micky El College of F		College of S and Mathe	
Delivery Rate	98.7%	Delivery Rate	98.6%
Open Rate	29.8%	Open Rate	32.8%
Click Rate	0.5%	Click Rate	0.2%

DEFINITIONS AND EDUCATION INDUSTRY BENCHMARKS

The **DELIVERY RATE** is the percentage of emails successfully delivered to recipients' inboxes.

EDUCATION INDUSTRY BENCHMARK: **95% to 99%**.

The **OPEN RATE** is the percentage of recipients who open an email.

EDUCATION INDUSTRY BENCHMARK: **20% to 30%**.

The **CLICK RATE** is the percentage of recipients who click on at least one link within the email.

EDUCATION INDUSTRY BENCHMARK: **2.5% to 4%**.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

\$631,950 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

COPYWRITING

• Completed tickets: 205

• Cost to outsource: \$124,025

EDITING

• Completed tickets: 752

• Cost to outsource: \$360,960

PRESS RELEASES

• Completed tickets: 185

• Cost to outsource: \$111,925

SFA TODAY

• Completed tickets: 721

• Editions published: 73

• Cost to outsource: \$35,040

OTHER

• Merit tickets: 11

BRAND AND REPUTATION METRICS

Certified Communicator Program

APPROXIMATELY

25

TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERED ANNUALLY ACROSS 10 MODULES

UMC FACILITATORS
PER SESSION

30 PARTICIPANTS FALL 2023

Volume and tone of coverage in local, regional and national media

8.54K
MENTIONS

Sentiment

62.39% neutral 31.39% positive 6.22% negative

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS TICKETS BY AREAS

DIVISION OR COLLEGE	%
Student Affairs	15.29
Micky Eliott College of Fine Arts	12.61
James I. Perkins College of Education	12.03
University Marketing Communications	10.97
College of Sciences and Mathematics	8.02
Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture	7.34
Provost/Academic Affairs	7.04
Advancement	5.49
Finance and Administration	5.49
Nelson Rusche College of Business	4.89
College of Liberal and Applied Arts	4.35
Enrollment Management/Admissions	3.84
President's Office	1.73
Board of Regents	1.56
Other/Not Listed	1.35
Athletics	0.68
Staff Council	0.46
Faculty Senate	0.29
General Counsel	0.13
ITS	0.08
Audit	0.04

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING

\$156,835.40 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

OVERVIEW

The data presented here originates from UMC meticulously compiled through Sprinklr, a leading social media management platform. This comprehensive analysis addresses the university's performance across key social media platforms.

INDUSTRY BENCHMARKS:

Follower Growth Rate: The percentage increase or decrease in the number of followers over a specified period. 3% to 10% annual growth is healthy for educational institutions.

Engagement Rate: Measures the level of audience interaction with content. 1% to 5% (0.15% for higher ed, according to Rival IQ) per post is generally considered good.



Audience: Broader community, including current students, prospective students, alumni and local community members

FOLLOWERS		ENGAGEMENT		
2022	80,812	Impressions	11,333,671	
2023	83,291	Engagements	124,044	
3.07% INCREASE		1.09% FNGA	GEMENT RATE	

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

- Growth and Engagement: Witnessed a healthy follower growth of 3.07%. The platform's high activity, with 2,207 posts, suggests an emphasis on regular engagement.
- Content Strategy: A diverse mix of content types focused on a broader community audience comprised largely of alumni and local community members.
- Observation: Consistent growth aligns with our aim for community engagement, though the high post volume necessitates careful monitoring to avoid audience fatique.

CONTENT TYPE	TOTALS	REACH
Videos	123	280,772
Photos	1,992	8,816,898
Carousel	1	918
Links	174	691,106
Published Text	527	241,625

TOP PERFORMING **FACEBOOK 2023 POST**



The rivalry between the Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers intensified when both teams met this



Post insights

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Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 10:32 AM · 🚱









people than your typical post.

Overview

Reach	104,334
Impressions	111,925
Post reactions, comments and shares	2,496
Total clicks	3,130

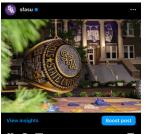


INSTAGRAM

Audience: Younger demographic, including current and prospective students

FOLLOWERS		ENGAGEMENT	
2022	27,238	Impressions	5,083,322
2023	31,102	Engagements	325,686
14.19 % increase		6.41 % ENGAG	GEMENT RATE

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW





- Growth and Engagement:
 Remarkable growth at
 14.19%, the highest
 among all platforms.
 A total of 406 posts
 indicate a strong visual
 content strategy.
- Content Strategy: Highly engaging with a focus on visually appealing content, stories and reels, such as campus life, student activities and behind-the-scenes

glimpses. One primary source used by prospective students in the college research process.

 Observation: Exceptional performance, particularly appealing to younger demographics, highlighting the effectiveness of visual storytelling.

CONTENT TYPE	TOTALS	REACH
Carousels	155	1,310,177
Videos	437	1,193,786
Photos	749	2,145,455
Links	34	34
Text	806	806
Reels	17	



Audience: Alumni, industry professionals and potential graduate students

FOLLOWERS		ENGAGE	MENT
2022	78,467	Impressions	1,506,938
2023	80,981	Engagements	36,046
3.20%	, O INCREASE	2.39% ENGA	GEMENT RATE

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



Stephen F. Austin State University 81,746 followers 4mo · ®



*C♠ 584 10 comments • 34 repos

- Growth and
 Engagement:
 Grew by 3.20%
 with a total of
 252 posts. This
 growth is significant
 given LinkedIn's
 professional
 audience.
- Content Strategy: Concentrated on professional achievements, alumni stories and

academic excellence, for an audience comprised of alumni, industry professionals and potential graduate students.

• Observation: The growth rate of 3.20% suggests a steadily interested professional audience.

CONTENT TYPE	TOTALS	REACH
Photos	229	1,351,193
Videos	5	57,768
Text	4	4
Links	18	97,977



X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

Audience: Primarily current students, faculty, and staff, along with media and industry professionals

FOLLOWERS		ENGAGEMENT		
2022	22,912	Impressions	1,252,202	
2023	23,651	Engagements	10,420	
3.23%	O INCREASE	0.83% ENGAG	SEMENT RATE	

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



- Growth and Engagement: Showed a 3.23% increase in followers. The platform's focused use, with 410 posts, aligns well with its fast-paced nature.
- Content Strategy:
 Primarily utilized for real-time updates, announcements and community interactions for current students, faculty, staff and media professionals.
- Observation: Maintains a solid presence, effective for timely communication and outreach.

CONTENT TYPE	TOTALS	REACH
Videos	24	713,010
Photos	412	21,392,431
Links	41	977,644
Text	257	5,561,153

Images shown are the top performing posts in their respective platform

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

\$2,975,638.75 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

97 VIDEOS

9.71 TB

VIDEO DRIVE SPACE

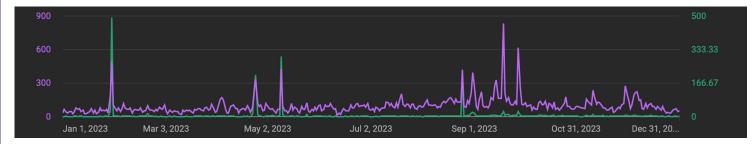
119+ HOURS OF VIDEO

VIDEO KEY HIGHLIGHTS

DIVERSE PRODUCTION: Our team produced a total of 97 videos across various departments and colleges, highlighting a wide array of subjects from academic achievements and campus events to promotional and social media content.

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT: Video content was strategically developed for the Nelson Rusche College of Business, James I. Perkins College of Education, Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts, and other key departments, ensuring targeted engagement with our students, faculty, alumni and prospective students.

YOUTUBE ANALYTICS















HIGH-QUALITY OUTPUT: The majority of videos were produced in high-definition and ultra-high-definition formats, ensuring a premium viewing experience for our audience.

VIDEO CONTRIBUTIONS

- Centennial celebrations and alumni relations were among the most featured, with 19 and 17 videos respectively, reflecting our commitment to celebrating our history and engaging with our alumni network.
- UMC commissioned 17 videos itself to promote universitywide initiatives and enhance our brand visibility.



PHOTOGRAPHY ANALYTICS

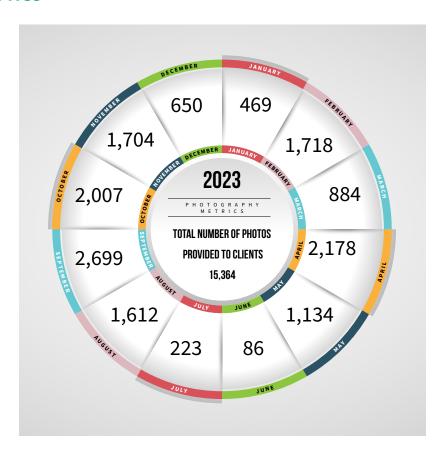
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FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT ASSISTANT HEADSHOTS

133 EVENTS

4,279
PROMOTIONAL
PHOTOS

450 BUILDING

PHOTOS



NETX STATS

Digital asset management library

32,935 Assets viewed5,271 Assets downloaded16,695 Assets uploaded

1,649 User logins



PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO TICKETS BY AREAS

DIVISION OR COLLEGE	%
University Marketing Communications	20.39
Student Affairs	12.35
Advancement	11.72
James I. Perkins College of Education	10.85
Nelson Rusche College of Business	10.21
College of Sciences and Mathematics	6.51
Provost/Academic Affairs	6.95
Enrollment Management/Admissions	3.90
Finance and Administration	3.68
Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts	3.68
President's Office	12.35
College of Liberal and Applied Arts	2.39
Other	1.30
Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture	1.08



WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

\$798,000 VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

ONLINE GIVING APPLICATION CREATED FOR ADVANCEMENT

\$162,000 value for the university

Notable: Advancement has asked UMC to continue working with them in 2024 to develop a new giving platform rather than contract with a third party.

ONLINE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Online gifts through UMC-developed applications

763 Total online donations

\$344,873 Total funds raised

GIVE TO SFA

• Donations: 461

Funds raised: \$264,651

ONLINE GIVING SINGLE CAMPAIGNS

Donations: 136

Funds raised: \$58,501

• Number of campaigns: 13

IMPACT JACKS CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGNS

Donations: 166

• Funds raised: \$21,721

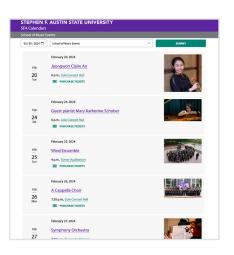
• Number of campaigns: 8

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT TICKETS BY AREAS

DIVISION OR COLLEGE	%
University Marketing Communications	6.34
James I. Perkins College of Education	10.85
Student Affairs	9.83
Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts	14.88
College of Sciences and Mathematics	5.03
Enrollment Management/Admissions	6.87
Nelson Rusche College of Business	4.92
Provost/Academic Affairs	13.63
Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture	3.03
Advancement	1.89
Finance and Administration	15.98
Other	9.76
President's Office	0.64
College of Liberal and Applied Arts	2.42
General Counsel	0.44



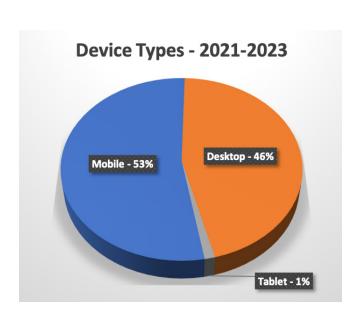




INDUSTRY BENCHMARKS*

(for institutions with 8,001-16,000 undergrads)
Based on Google Analytics benchmarks
for higher-education industry

Daily website sessions	5,000-9,999
Average pages per session	2.6
Average session duration	0:03:01
Bounce rate	49%
Percentage of new users	42%
Percentage of returning users	58%
Traffic sources	
Organic search	38%
Email	3%
Direct	25%
Referral	11%
Social	5%
Display	6%
Other	6%
Paid Search	6%



MOST PAGEVIEWS - 2022 (JAN. 1 THROUGH SEPT. 1)

Page	Pageviews	% of Total	Unique Pageviews	% of Total	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	% of Total	Bounce Rate	% Exit
/ (Home page)	598,936	14.14%	503,955	14.54%	0:02:05	472,326	26.90%	34.66%	50.34%
/academics	107,909	2.55%	88,593	2.56%	0:00:49	22,255	1.27%	35.75%	15.98%
/admissions-and-aid	86,821	2.05%	67,219	1.94%	0:00:53	20,365	1.16%	31.24%	18.87%
/life-at-sfa/housing-dining/housing/residence-halls	62,083	1.47%	41,203	1.19%	0:00:57	21,959	1.25%	34.30%	20.59%
/admissions-and-aid/admissions-process/ first-year	46,507	1.10%	37,468	1.08%	0:02:50	11,901	0.68%	59.92%	46.68%
/life-at-sfa	38,233	0.90%	26,851	0.77%	0:00:47	3,993	0.23%	47.78%	13.96%
/controller/payroll/converting-minutes.asp	36,003	0.85%	33,414	0.96%	0:06:41	33,397	1.90%	93.58%	92.59%
/acadaffairs/calendars/academic-calendars	33,514	0.79%	31,032	0.90%	0:03:43	27,426	1.56%	22.00%	73.28%
/apply	31,785	0.75%	26,438	0.76%	0:01:16	7,877	0.45%	43.20%	29.51%
/admissions-and-aid/tuition-costs/ cost-of-attendance	30,543	0.72%	26,296	0.76%	0:01:58	13,103	0.75%	52.04%	40.30%
Totals/Averages:	4,234,958	100%	3,466,580	100%	0:01:46	1,755,708	100%	51.89%	41.46%

MOST PAGEVIEWS - 2023 (JAN. 1 THROUGH DEC. 21)

Page	Pageviews	% of Total	Users	% of Total	Avg. Engagement Time	Views Per User	Event Count	Bounce Rate
/ (Home page)	960,815	16.52%	374,849	32.17%	0:02:11	2.56	2,825,340	45.32%
/academics	154,331	2.65%	93,616	8.04%	0:00:54	1.65	341,581	63.42%
/admissions-and-aid	113,377	1.95%	65,753	5.64%	0:00:42	1.72	311,492	56.41%
/life-at-sfa/housing-dining/housing/ residence-halls	96,267	1.66%	38,918	3.34%	0:00:57	2.47	268,710	50.19%
/apply	78,373	1.35%	51,825	4.45%	0:00:41	1.51	216,340	62.64%
/acadaffairs/calendars/academic-calendars	74,330	1.28%	47,342	4.06%	0:00:13	1.57	256,255	51.29%
/a-to-z	66,238	1.14%	17,811	1.53%	0:01:07	3.72	160,500	68.52%
/visit	55,601	0.96%	36,695	3.15%	0:00:26	1.52	158,262	49.98%
/info-for/faculty-staff	53,337	0.92%	16,325	1.40%	0:00:49	3.27	127,013	70.81%
/life-at-sfa	50,679	0.87%	27,497	2.36%	0:00:50	1.84	116,980	69.58%
Totals/Averages:	5,816,537	100%	1,165,048	100%	0:02:45	4.99	15,546,781	46.51%

^{*}Benchmarks according to EAB

INDUSTRY BENCHMARKS*

(for institutions with 8,001-16,000 undergrads)
Based on Google Analytics benchmarks
for higher-education industry

*Benchmarks according to EAB

Daily website sessions	5,000-9,999
Average pages per session	2.6
Average session duration	0:03:01
Bounce rate	49%
Percentage of new users	42%
Percentage of returning users	58%
Traffic sources	
Organic search	38%
Email	3%
Direct	25%
Referral	11%
Social	5%
Display	6%
Other	6%
Paid Search	6%

EXTERNAL ACQUISITION OVERVIEW - 2023 (THROUGH DEC. 22)

Default Channel Grouping	Users	% of Total	New Users	% of Total	Sessions	% of Total	Bounce Rate	Views / Session	Avg. Session Duration
Organic Search	606,063	52.02%	588,986	51.91%	1,333,168	49.65%	42.37%	2.35	0:04:19
Direct	380,428	32.65%	367,020	32.35%	1,144,830	42.64%	49.29%	2.03	0:04:30
Organic Social	98,290	8.44%	94,274	8.31%	115,356	4.30%	72.64%	1.25	0:00:47
Display	36,770	3.16%	36,218	3.19%	36,938	1.38%	91.37%	1.21	0:00:07
Paid Search	22,854	1.96%	22,775	2.01%	36,433	1.36%	42.47%	2.35	0:03:22
Referral	21,331	1.83%	21,013	1.85%	31,934	1.19%	38.08%	2.43	0:03:42
Unassigned	3,107	0.27%	3,115	0.27%	4,708	0.18%	65.19%	1.49	0:01:41
Email	1,154	0.10%	1,096	0.10%	1,706	0.06%	65.36%	1.37	0:01:58
Organic Shopping	105	0.01%	104	0.01%	120	0.00%	20.83%	0.99	0:00:10
Organic Video	81	0.01%	80	0.01%	103	0.00%	63.11%	1.61	0:01:38
Totals/Averages:	1,165,048	100%	1,134,682	100%	2,685,107	100%	46.51%	2.17	0:04:11

DAILY AVERAGE SESSIONS BY MONTH - 2021 TO 2023

Month	2021 Avg. Sessions	2022 Avg. Sessions	2023 Avg. Sessions
January	7,176	8,934	9,041
February	5,774	7,800	6,384
March	6,063	7,827	5,469
April	6,426	8,913	5,106
May	6,383	7,782	7,550
June	5,386	6,679	5,280
July	4,404	6,678	6,276
August	6,337	10,422	8,962
September	5,178	8,797	8,918
October	5,921	8,474	8,082
November	6,288	8,395	7,573
December	4,610	6,552	
Average:	5,829	8,104	7,149

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR PAGES

PAGE	2022 PAGEVIEWS	2023 PAGEVIEWS	PERCENT CHANGE
Apply	31,785	78,373	59.4%
SFA Homepage	598,936	960,815	37.7%
Residence Halls	62,083	96,267	35.5%
Academics	107,909	154,331	30.1%
Life at SFA	38,233	50,679	24.6%
Admissions and Aid	86,821	113,377	23.4%

These pages represent some of our key performance indicators regarding website traffic and the effectiveness of our efforts to positively impact website traffic.

As shown in this chart, each of these pages experienced a significant positive increase in their total pageview count for 2023 compared to the same metric from 2022.

Our ongoing work in ad campaigns, search engine optimization, on-page content improvements and user experience enhancements all contribute to these positive changes.

TOP 10 MOST VISITED ACADEMIC PROGRAM WEBPAGES FOR 2023

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	VISITS
Bachelor of Science in Nursing - BSN Degree DeWitt School of Nursing	17,705
Aviation Sciences Human Sciences	16,256
Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Human Services and Educational Leadership	12,012
Educational Diagnostician Certification Preparation (Online) Education Studies	10,982
Core Subjects EC-6 Education Education Studies	10,024
Professional Counseling Human Services and Educational Leadership	8,404
School Psychology Human Services and Educational Leadership	8,186
Applied Arts and Sciences I Multidisciplinary Programs	7,626
Master of Social Work (MSW Program) - Specialized Practice School of Social Work	6,911
Educational Leadership (Online) Human Services and Educational Leadership	5,732

The BSN program page consistently performs well. During 2023, UMC ran multiple ad campaigns intended to drive traffic to this (and other nursing program pages). We also made significant improvements to the on-page SEO which also impacted the number of views these pages received.

Being a new and exciting program, the Aviation Sciences degree page received an impressive number of visits. As the market demand for qualified pilots continues, we expect to see significant interest in this program.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

409.26 TOTAL HOURS

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

A UMC staff member served on the committee and provided resources and support for:

- Leaders of Tomorrow Crew
- NOBLE Banquet
- and Showcase Saturdays.

- 1. 5 steps to enhance your marketing campaigns
- 2. 7 Secrets for Standout Virtual Campus Visits
- 3. A Data-Driven Approach of Graduate Enrollment Success: 7 Key Findings from RNL's National Study
- 4. A Millennials Guide to Managing Generation Z
- 5. Adobe MAX Virtual Conference
- 6. AMA Digital Marketing Virtual Conference
- 7. AMA Symposium for the Marketing of Higher Education
- 8. AMA Training
- 9. AMA Virtual Conference: Digital Marketing
- 10. AMA Virtual Conference: Martech: Automation and Al
- 11. AMA: How to Write a Marketing Plan
- 12. Campus Sonar: Audience-Centric Strategies to Differentiate Your Brand
- 13. Campus Sonar: Beyond Higher Ed Trends: Prioritizing Relationships over Algorithms
- 14. Campus Sonar: Navigating Change: Social Insights for Organizational Progress
- 15. CASE Marketing Conference, Social Media and Community
- 16. CASE Marketing, Seattle
- 17. Concept 3D: Higher Ed Social in 2024: What's Next?
- 18. Coursera Informative Zoom
- 19. EAB: From Gen P to Millennials, Maximizing Your Digital Content Strategy for Recruitment Confirmation
- 20. FEMA/Emergency Management Training
- 21. HeyOrca: Canva Secrets and Pro Tips

- 22. HeyOrca: How Top Agencies Structure Social Media Teams to Drive Client Success
- 23. HeyOrca: Mental Health Within the Social Media Industry
- 24. HeyOrca: Social Media Updates and Trends for Reels and TikTok
- 25. HeyOrca: TikTok and Reels SEO: How to Craft Your Captions and Video to Rank Higher
- 26. Industry Trends
- 27. I've Never Called My Husband a Working Dad
- 28. Leadership Nacogdoches
- 29. Marq Webinars
- 30. Nacogdoches High School College Fair
- 31. Neurodiversity in a Higher Education Environment
- 32. Niche: 6 Big Ideas from the Niche Class of 2024 Fall Survey
- 33. Professional Development Seminars
- 34. RNL: Top Ways to Harness Virtual Experiences and Video Content to Attract Prospective Students
- 35. SFA Leadership Program (four members)
- 36. SimpsonScarborough: Hey ChatGPT, Where Should I Go to College?
- 37. Social Media Strategies Summit for Higher Ed, Online
- 38. Software Development Principles CSCI
- 39. Survey Insights: What Prospective Students Want
- 40. The Virtual Tour of Tomorrow: How Artificial Intelligence and Appily.com are Changing the Game