## Post-Covid: How to Segment Your Alumni

Using Data & Technology

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## Meet Your Session Hosts

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#### Let's discuss...

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The Bad

What negative results have been reported?

02

**The Good** 

What positive innovations came from 2020?

03

The Tech

How has data and technology helped support new efforts?



# The Bad: What negative results have been reported by your alumni relations and advancement teams?

## EAB Reports: How 104 advancement shops have weathered FY2021



1 in 4 institutions saw a 30%+ decline in fundraising revenues

#### Fundraising Results (Quick Look)



54%

54% of institutions saw dollar declines thanks to slow-downs in major gifts



9.4%

Median institution saw a 9.4% drop in the value of new gifts and pledges



49%

For 49% of institutions, the declines reached into the double digits There is a Silver Lining

#### 10% Growth

About one-third of institutions grew total dollars raised by at least 10%



#### **KPI Growth**

15 of the 104 institutions improved on every target KPI





The Good:
What positive innovations came from 2020 for your alumni relations and advancement teams?

#### There's more good news.

## "We're seeing people participate who haven't engaged with us in years.

One event had over 700 attendees. We'll certainly continue taking advantage of our new digital capabilities long after the pandemic is over."

Keith Hinkle, Senior Vice President for Advancement, Pepperdine University



#### Why?

#### **Innovation 1**

### From expensive and time-consuming to quick and low-cost

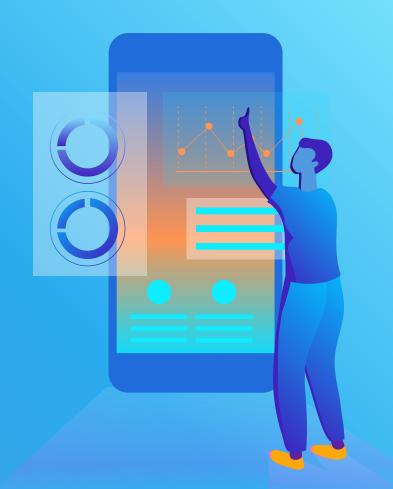
- Interactions with donors and alumni are more accessible, and therefore allow greater reach
- It's expensive to host an in-person event, but when you can save on a venue, catering and staffing, you can reinvest that budget into new campaigns



#### **Innovation 2**

### From high-level themes to highly targeted communities

- Scalability and low cost means being able to narrow themes that appeal to smaller segments of alumni
- Creating greater sense of community



## How has data and technology helped support innovation?

#### Segmentation

### How to Engage Your Alumni Using Data & Technology in 3 Steps

- Identify campaign goals by analyzing your alumni to build meaningful affinities and reveal opportunity
- 2. Tap into geographic, demographic, employment and education data that defines this population further
- 3. Understand interests and needs at the individual level to optimize campaigns down to the person



#### Segmentation

Campaign Idea: Top Females Under

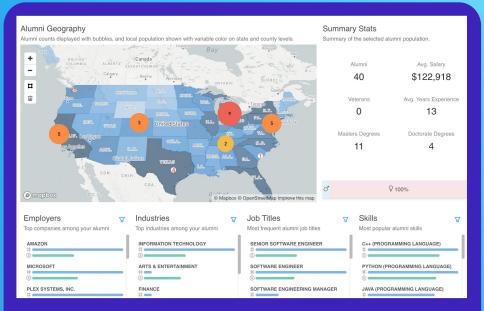
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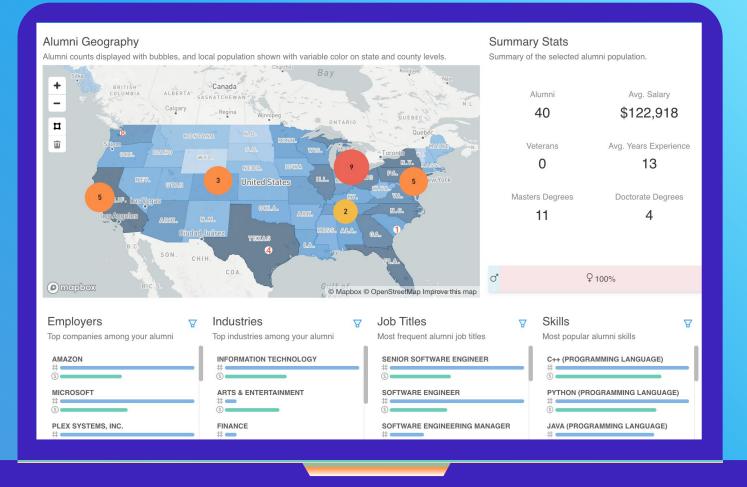
1. Gender: Female

2. Income: >\$100K

3. Age: 20-40

4. Major: Computer Science





#### **Audience Q&A**

Have any questions for the panel?

### Thanks!

Do you have any questions for us?

#### **Keep in touch!**

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