

Building a Brand that Builds Character

The Challenge

As one of the most competitive and globally recognized schools of science, engineering and technology, NYU-Poly needed to address the shortage of STEM professionals in America. To do this, the institution needed a way to activate domestic students to consider careers in those fields.

The Solution

The college-bound Millennial generation was eager "to change the world and make a difference." We reframed this as a challenge, tapping into the aspirations of STEM-focused and general students alike by asking, "What will YOU do?"

This campaign, through powerful messaging across a full suite of print, interactive, and out-of-home channels, made the school and its prestigious programs more attractive to those who may not have previously considered a career in STEM.



The Outcome

Through our campaign, the institution reported a significant spike in campus visits and campus tours in 2012. Applicants for this year also hailed from more



diverse academic backgrounds than in previous years, which were predominantly composed of students with a hard science and mathematics focus. The school also experienced a surge in domestic applicants, increasing diversity of enrollment. Additionally, this effort won the title of Best Total Recruitment Package of the Year at the 2012 HEMR awards show, the top honor in higher education marketing, among others.







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