



“Using Social Media to Make the Case for the Liberal Arts”

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TO RISE, WORK LIKE
HELL AND ADVERTISE.**

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American Entrepreneur



SHSU context



Goal #1: Tell our story to multiple audiences

- **Students** (current and potential)
- **Faculty** and **staff** (current and potential)
- **Alumni**
- **Broader community** (university and beyond)
- **Advisory board members**
- **Friends** and potential friends



Goal #2: Easy, cheap, effective, and sustainable

- **Easy**
- **Cheap**
- **Effective** (measured by)
 - Likes
 - Shares
 - Content contributions
 - Mentions in SHSU electronic and print publications
 - Media coverage
- **Sustainable**
 - 2 posts per week




Social media



Multiple accounts

- **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**
 - Facebook
 - LinkedIn
- **As Dean**
 - CHSS Dean Abbey Zink (public figure/Facebook)
 - Allows me to “like” and “comment”
 - LinkedIn (primarily advocacy for liberal arts)
- **Advantages:** Easy cross-promotion and sharing of content with goal of reaching multiple audiences

CHSS Facebook




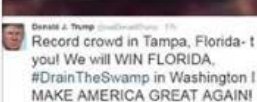
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What the candidates' style on Twitter says
At Sam Houston State University, as with most places these days, you can't walk but a few feet without seeing people on their phones.
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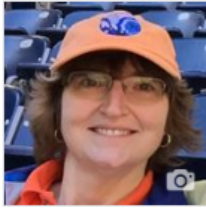
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**CHSS Dean Abbey Zink** shared **SHSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences's** post.
October 21 at 10:15am · 🌐


Sammy stopped by yesterday to help us celebrate our CHSS Dean's List students for Spring 2016. This event is among my favorites, as we have the opportunity to visit with our best students. Many thanks to the CHSS department chairs and advisory board members who joined us. We hope to see all of you again in Spring 2017!




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Abbey Zink
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1h

Dr. Heather Evans, associate professor of Political Science at Sam Houston State University, is doing interesting research related to Twitter use in the presidential campaign. The results aren't what you might predict.

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Abbey Zink likes this

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**Amber Elaine Cox**
Executive Director at Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences

Great feature on Gerry Greenberg- CCAS Board Member and Rockstar!

How?



Early results

- **Likes/followers**
 - **CHSS Facebook** – 592
 - Orientation activity
 - **CHSS LinkedIn** – 1,041 likes
- Increased “**shares**” and **cross-promotion** within CHSS and across SHSU
- Increased sharing of “**good news**” and original photos
- Increased **mentions in SHSU communications** (sliders, Facebook, campus publications)
- Increased **media coverage** of CHSS



What attracts the most interest

1. **Students** (profiles, achievements, activities)
2. **Student clubs** (activities, achievements, study away)
3. **Student contests** (photos with faculty on first day, for example)
4. **Faculty and student** collaborations
5. **Faculty** achievements
6. Shared **media mentions**
7. **CHSS events**

“Local” advertising



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Presented by:
Terri Jagers

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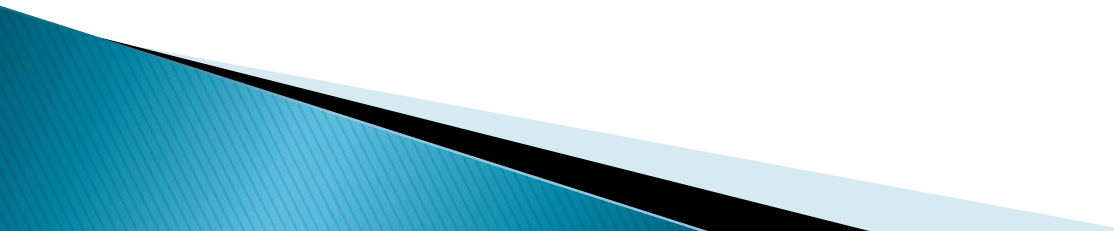
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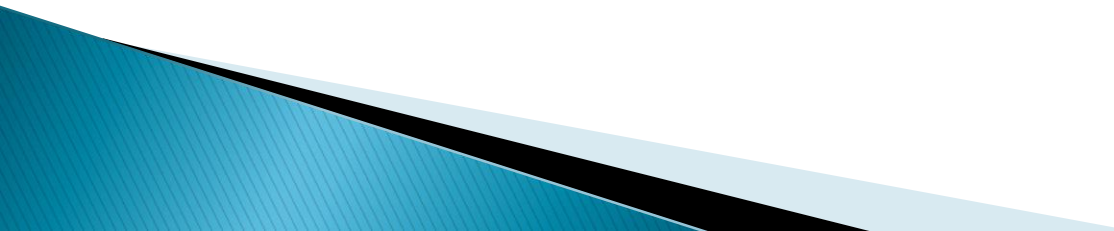
A Space to Make our Case: The Liberal Arts Edge Lounge and Website

Gregory M. Sadlek
November 3, 2016


Challenges

- ▶ In the context of public skepticism about the value of a liberal arts education, we needed a way to market the value of liberal arts degrees to incoming and current students (and their parents)
 - ▶ My college comprises the fine arts, humanities, and social sciences at Cleveland State. We do not have a single, iconic building. We needed a space that can be the symbolic center to the college.
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A Model

- ▶ Dean Ann McCall's "Liberal Arts Advantage" website at the University of Denver.
 - ▶ The College Office she set up for interacting with potential students.
 - ▶ **Problem:** we could recreate a similar website, but we could not staff an office.
 - ▶ **Solution:** create an open lounge in a high-traffic area in our Main Classroom Building
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Process to implement

- ▶ Worked with Provost to get possession of a space with high student traffic.
 - ▶ Worked with University Marketing and University Architect's Office to design the space.
 - ▶ The CLASS Communications Director designed posters, display boards, and website (with help of University Marketing).
 - ▶ I myself wrote much of the narrative for website and floating panels.
 - ▶ Worked with a faculty member in our Film Program to get CLASS TV up and running.
 - ▶ Total cost to college = \$133,000
 - ▶ The whole project took about one year to accomplish.
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The Website



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The Liberal Arts Edge

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Welcome to the Liberal Arts Edge Lounge! The lounge is a focal point for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), whose departments and offices can be found in multiple locations across campus. Here students, parents, and visitors can learn more about the work of this complex college, which houses twelve departments and schools as well as several interdisciplinary programs in the fine arts, the humanities, and the social sciences. The college is a hub of exciting activities in such areas as theatre and music, philosophy and comparative religion, communication and economics. While great literature and art find a place of honor in our halls, group structures and social challenges also engage our attention. In short, studies of human diversity, language, history, and creativity center our efforts.

Engaged learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom in CLASS. The college is not only committed to full engagement with the local community in which we reside but also engaged internationally, having study abroad programs and partnerships with institutions in such countries as France, Hungary, Slovenia, Korea, and China.

The Lounge—Looking North



Looking South



Another View with CLASS Television



Our Messages in Brief



What is CLASS?



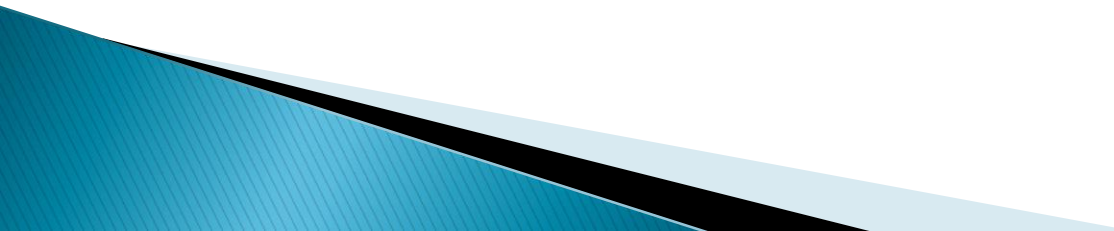
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Cutting the Ribbon



Evaluation

- ▶ The Lounge has become a popular place for CSU students to hang out. There is always someone studying there.
 - ▶ Tours for prospective CSU students and their parents are routinely taken through the Lounge.
 - ▶ It's too early to judge whether or not this will help to substantially increase college headcount.
 - ▶ We need better direction finding signs from the Lounge to our CLASS Advising Center, which is located one floor above.
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Mixed enrollment results

- ▶ The number of u/g majors in CLASS programs is down 0.4% from fall 2015 to fall 2016. (Matches numbers for university as a whole)
 - ▶ This is actually good news: The recent trend has been significantly dropping college headcount.
 - ▶ The number of u/g student credit hours produced in CLASS this fall is up 2.3% (Better than the university as a whole.)
 - ▶ The number of majors in Black Studies (+27%), Communication (+16%), English (+5%), History (+21%), Music (+7%), Political Science (+7%), and Theatre (+7%) are up from fall 15 to fall 16.
 - ▶ The number of majors in other programs fell somewhat: Art, Criminology, Sociology, and Anthropology, Economics, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Social Work, World Languages.
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General Conclusions

- ▶ You need significant internal or external funding to get this done.
 - ▶ You need cooperation from other university offices like Admissions, Marketing, and Architect's Office.
 - ▶ Having a college Communications Officer who can “tend” the lounge and website on a continuing basis is essential.
 - ▶ If you want your own “TV channel” you need to figure out how to make it sustainable.
 - ▶ Lounges like this one can indeed become a source of pride and identity for the college.
 - ▶ And they make our case for the liberal arts to both internal and external audiences.
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