

# Below are some tips that you can employ TODAY to either launch or jump-start your multi-channel marketing efforts and get you a little closer to marketing Shangri-La!

- ✓ **Open Your Toolbox.** Your campaign is only as good as the technology that fuels it. You need a powerful automation solution that uses data integration to identify and qualify real leads and customer readiness. Marketing automation allows you to define and refine the customer journey across channels, providing your team with the scalability that you need to be in multiple places at one time. Most marketers don't use their automation tool to their full potential, get in there! Create triggers and other efficiencies to save you a ton of heavy lifting.
- ✓ **Define Your Channel Focus.** Though it may be obvious, let's call out some of the potential channels where your marketing can live: email, social, mobile, print, website, direct mail, broadcast and more. Social and mobile have contributed as disruptors in a big way over the past few years. However, email and direct mail are still going strong especially in the B2B sector. So how do we define the focus? It's important to look at your audience and get an idea of where they live... is your audience in the C-Suite and addicted to Twitter? Or more of a tactical audience that reviews decks in Slideshare? Identify the most strategic areas first and be prepared to experiment in other channels. And always a good idea to start small, then grow in the most successful channels.
- ✓ **Data is Your New BFF.** Get in deep with your data! It is the currency, fuel and foundation of a successful marketing campaign. Take the time to reach out to your organization to curate data that is often siloed across departments. They are often holding the key to more robust data attributes like SKUs, gender, web activity. Get all that rich data into a centralized repository and start building customer personas and other valuable segmentation like verticals, customer value, most highly engaged prospects, most recent buyers.
- ✓ **Stay on Topic.** Be relevant and valuable. Consider your audience segments and create copy that is relevant and timely so that every interaction, regardless of channel, is impactful. Keep in mind that your messaging should always be about your audience, their pain points and challenges. Constant shouting about YOUR product is never appealing, feels spammy in any channel and puts a negative spin on your brand.
- ✓ **All Roads Lead To You.** One of the most important pieces of a multi-channel marketing campaign is creating an overall flow to nurture your leads and move them through their lifecycle stages with your brand. It's critical to maintain a consistent look and feel as well as a cohesive experience on all devices. And all roads should lead to the same end goal: your landing page, your event page, your website.
- ✓ **Test, Test, Test.** Did we say test? Yes. Testing is your key to the success of your multi-channel marketing campaign and real ROI. With so many ways to communicate with your target audience, they can't all be the perfect fit. It's a good idea to stay as nimble as possible and check in regularly on your analytics to see where the activity is coming from and react quickly to move budget, change channels or switch out creative. Be sure to watch your KPI's for the right mix.

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