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SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

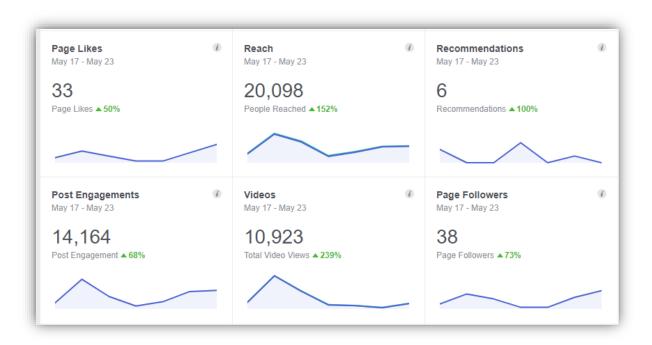
Social Media "Senior Highlights" Campaign Overview

Chandler Unified is located in *parent choice capital of the United States*. We must market our brand and showcase that we are a premier district of choice where academic achievement is a high priority. The senior highlights social media campaign aimed to do just that. It showcased the culmination of 13 years of education in our district. We chose to highlight all of the wonderful accomplishments of the students, schools and the district. Promoting the schools (and our district) by showing the awesome things our students accomplished helps us:

- Maintain community support by showing our community what a good job we do.
- Help new families choose (and existing families to continue to choose) Chandler Unified.

The stats and numbers speak for themselves:

- During the campaign, the reach on our <u>Facebook page</u> **increased 152%**. We also **DOUBLED** our Twitter engagement. Additionally, we saw a nearly **1,500 follower increase** on Facebook from 4,941 at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year to 6,429 by May 2018. (For comparison, the previous year we only increased our followers by 600.)
- Our <u>Twitter</u> account saw an increase in impressions, tweets, profile visits and followers. We had a **net increase in impressions of more than 76K** to 220K impressions in May 2018 (up from 144K impressions in May 2017). The previous year we only had a net increase of 29K impressions from 115K.

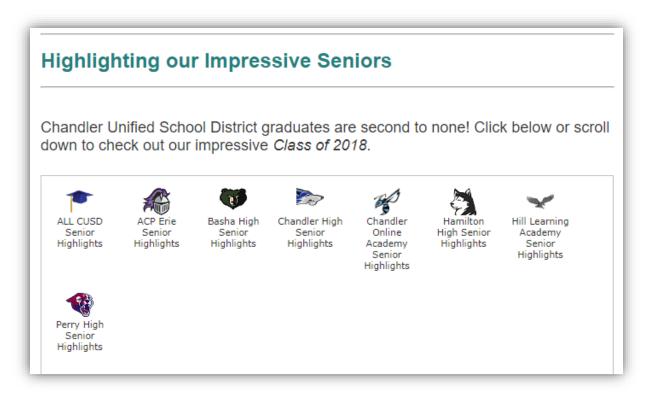


With this social media campaign we also wanted to drive traffic to our website where visitors could see all of our senior highlights and additional accomplishments. We created a location on the website specifically for the senior highlights. From this location, individual highlights can be shared on social media, and users can navigate to see the other accomplishments of our schools and students. Each highlight followed the same format with a blurb, an image, the hashtags (#CUSDSeniors2018, #Classof2018 #CUSDStory) and a link back to the district senior highlights page. We also created short URLs for each of the high schools and we asked the high schools to engage with us and share/tweet their schools highlights.



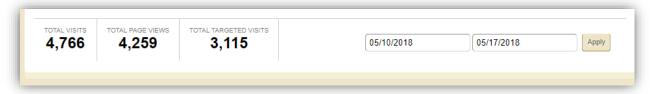


- All CUSD Senior Highlights www.cusd80.com/seniorhighlights
- ACP Erie Senior Highlights www.cusd80.com/ACPErieseniors
- Basha High Senior Highlights www.cusd80.com/BHSseniors
- Chandler High Senior Highlights www.cusd80.com/CHSseniors
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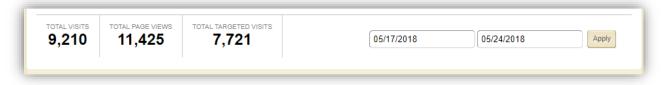


Finally, linking back to the website proved to be very successful. We were able to double the traffic on our website during the campaign.

5-10 to 5-17 (*Prior to Campaign*)



5-17 to 5-24 (Bulk of the Campaign)



SUMMARY

The senior highlights social media campaign showcased the culmination of students' 13 years of education in our district. The campaign aimed to: a) Maintain community support by showing our community what a good job we do; and b) Help new families choose (and existing families to continue to choose) Chandler Unified.

During the campaign, the reach on our Facebook page **increased 152%** and we **DOUBLED** our Twitter engagement. Furthermore, we aimed to drive traffic back to our websites, to showcase all of our district accomplishments and all of the highlighted seniors. We accomplished that. The webpage views more than doubled during the campaign period.