



### Mt. San Antonio College: Market Assessment and Marketing Summary

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#### **Market Assessment Purpose**

- Determine how high school students, adults, and employers perceive the College
  - ◆ How perception can be improved/ enhanced
  - ◆ Better provide programs, services, marketing activities, and materials to meet market needs
- Develop and implement a College-wide integrated marketing plan
- Create a brand platform to guide messages for college





#### **Market Assessment - Internal**

- ◆ Internal student data from application
- Trend data for current students
  - ◆ Fall 2003 and Fall 2006
- High school market share
- Population projections
- Adult penetration
- Retention data
- Marketing and publications review

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#### **Market Assessment - External**

- Customer Service
- ◆ Non-Enrolling Applicant Scan
- Student Scan
- High School Market
- Community Scan
- Employer Scan
- ◆ Non-Returning Student Scan





### **Sharing Results**

- Presentation of results to Project Management Team
- Presentation of results to Campus
- Board summary
  - ◆ Market conditions have changed
  - ◆ Bursting at seams
  - ◆ Results allow for positioning for future when conditions change

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#### Market Positions For The College

- Student Experience
  - ◆ Current students very satisfied once enrolled
    - Compared to national results
    - Classroom instruction area of excellence
- Awareness
  - ◆ Four in ten are familiar with College
    - ◆ 40% list as a college in area
    - Believe it is a high-quality, excellent institution
    - Use the words "good" and "excellent" to describe the College





### **Shifting Markets**

- Market Shifts and Trends
  - ◆ High School Market
    - ◆ Flattening of graduates after 2009-2010
    - Current high school market share of 22%
      - ◆ Market share of 30% possible





#### **Shifting Markets**

- Market Shifts and Trends
  - ◆Adult Market
    - More important as high school market declines
    - Declines in adult market last three years
      - ◆ Adults (25 and over) accounted for 31% of enrollment fall 2006; down from 33% in fall 2003
    - 40% of adults in the service area are interested in taking classes to upgrade job skills
    - To meet market demand need "program packages" and flexibility
      - Weekend College, Industry Skill Set Packages, Curriculum Programming, Online Programming





### **Shifting Markets**

- Market Shifts and Trends
  - ◆ Employer Market
    - Given economic conditions less likely to train employees and not hiring
    - Growth anticipated in the health care market
      - ◆ Additional programs will be needed
    - Employees in industries requiring certifications still need continuing education to maintain those certifications
      - ◆ Strategic focus for College





### **Technology Issues**

- Communications/ Processes
  - ◆ "Self-Serve" Web Site Needed
    - Landing pages needed for high school students, parents, adults, employers, etc.
      - Will allow College personnel to more efficiently make regular contact with inquiries/ applicants
    - Interactive
    - Easy to navigate
    - Future of mobile communications





#### Defining Mt. SAC's Brand

**Positioning Statement** 

Mt. San Antonio College is one of the nation's premier two-year colleges, providing ambitious students with a high-quality education that prepares them to achieve professional aspirations including transfer, degree completion, and career advancement.





### **Messages**

- Top-quality academics in the programs students want
- Large campus appeal; small campus feel
- ◆ True collegiate experience
- Best for transfer
- ◆ Programs with career relevance
- Flexibility and convenience





# **Tagline**

- ◆ Institutional Tagline
  - ◆ "Celebrating Excellence And Distinction"
- Recruitment Tagline
  - ◆"Dream It. Be It."





### **Questions?**





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