

Digital Marketing FOMO

Jason Smith Noel Fisher Chris Kostecki





Fear Of Missing Out



Why Do I Have FOMO?

- Seeing and hearing about something that's new and afraid of being uninformed
- My competitor seems to be doing better?!? My competitor is doing something we're not?!? (Based on the one TikTok from my competitor)
- I'm not meeting my goals. What is working? There must be something better!





Where Are We Headed

- Stay Grounded: starting in strategy
- The Shiny New Opportunities
- The Old is New Again
- Fighting FOMO



Two Types of FOMO in Digital Marketing

Technology-Based

- New channels
- New tactics/formats

Competitor-Based

- They know something I don't know
- They are doing more or better
- Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!



Don't Panic!



Always Be Rooted in Strategy



Strategy

- What is the primary goal?
- Who is my audience?
- What am I doing that's meeting my goals?
- What am I doing that misses my goals or isn't getting me all the way there?
- Do I have secondary goals?



Setting A Goal

A Good Goal is:

- Clearly defined
 - You understand your goal and are specific in purpose, scope and meaning
- Measurable
 - You can reliably track performance through metrics and KPIs using the tools you have available
- Actionable
 - Your goal is attainable and you have the resources and tools needed to attain it



Defining Success Metrics





Know Your Audience

- **Segments** how many audiences do you have if you had to group them?
- **Demographics** these can be broad but are important when reviewing potential new channels
- **Geographics** where are they?
- Interests conducting a little research with current students can do a long way to understanding what channels they use and what content topics interest them most



Shiny New Opportunities





New Tactics, New Networks, New Formats, Oh My!

	Streaming Audio	Mobile Video	Social Video
Category Leader	Spotify	TikTok	Facebook & Instagram
Alternative Provider	Pandora	Snapchat	YouTube
Top of Funnel: Awareness	V	V	~
Upper Middle Funnel: Engagement	Some Banner Opportunities	some	Lead Gen Ads
Lower Middle Funnel: Traffic	n/a	some	~
Bottom of Funnel: Inquiry or Apply	n/a	some	~

TikTok & Snapchat

TikTok #6 downloaded app. Ad purchasing capabilities have matured on both platforms. Snapchat reaches over 75% of the millennial and Gen Z population in the US.

- Who is the audience TikTok most Downloaded App in 2021 – more popular than Instagram for Gen Z,
- **TikTok Goals** Reach, traffic, views, conversions, app installs
- **Snapchat Goals** Traffic, calls and texts, app installs
- Which messages/content Authentic, fast-paced, visual appeal, strong hook
- Undergraduate Yes
- **Graduate** No, for right now concerned about the context







Social Video



Includes Facebook Stories, Instagram Reels, and YouTube.

- Who is the audience Similar audience to TikTok
- Which strategies are working Need to draw people in quickly, fast-paced, clear messaging
- Which messages/content Focus on one point
- Undergraduate Yes
- **Graduate** Yes more varied content and platform demographics lean older



Streaming





Streaming presents opportunities to deliver awareness level messaging to a passive audience, as well as run more engaging campaigns taking advantage of the reach through the app.

- Who is the audience A wider audience to reach almost any type of audience: do behavior-based and interest-based targeting
- Which strategies are working Broadcast ads for awareness + display or video ads that can drive clicks
- Which messages/content Awareness "elevator pitch" – consider testimonials
- Undergraduate Yes
- Graduate Yes

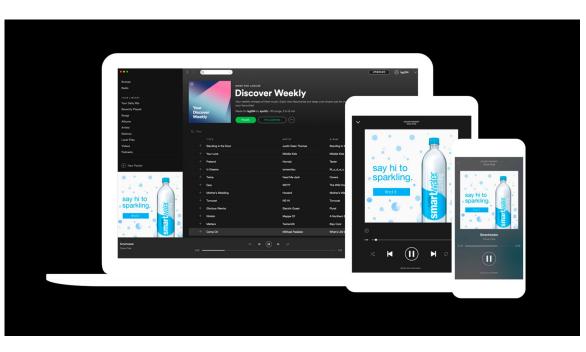




Streaming











A Test is Best

When incorporating a new channel into your marketing mix, it is best to set your first campaigns as tests.

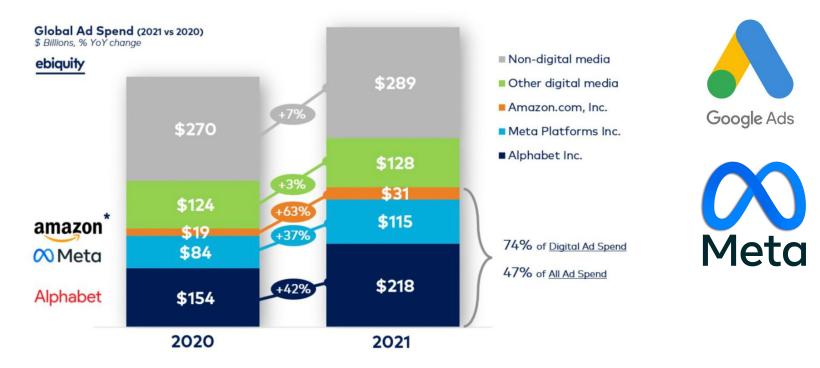
How to run a test to see if a channel performs successfully:

- **Plan a campaign for at least 60 days or 90 days** new digital channels and campaigns often need a few weeks to ramp up and begin optimizing to your set goals
- **Provide adequate budget** new channels and campaigns will typically be more expensive to start and will need sufficient funding to ensure they have the best chance of producing enough performance data within the 60 90 days to evaluate success
- **Include multiple creative variations** especially if the new channel is a new medium for you, you want to get some insights on which messages, images or video work best for this channel and this audience
- **Report, compare and contrast** as your campaign runs, compare the performance metrics against your goals and other marketing campaigns to determine if it is worth a continuing investment, further testing or better suited for other purposes





74% of Digital Spend on 3 platforms



* Amazon breaks down its earnings by 'Advertising Services' for the first time in Q4 2021, this was bundled in 'Other' before. Historical data is provided from Q3 2020, Q1 & Q2 revenues have been normalized using 6 quarter averages.

Sources: quarterly earnings reports & eMarketer



Google Ads

How has Google changed

- Audiences
- RLSA Remarketing List Search Ad (remarketing list + keywords)
- Performance Max
- Keyword changes
- Responsive ads





How has Google changed – blurring the lines between tactics for more nuanced targeting

- 1. If you are not linking keyword and audience strategies, you are missing out!
 - a. RLSA Remarketing List Search Ads (remarketing list + keywords)
 - b. Custom Intent Audiences Leverage search behavior when they are not searching

2. Performance Max

a. Google is taking the reins when it comes to targeting across all networks

3. Keyword changes

a. RIP Modified broad match, Long Live Phrase Match

4. Responsive ads

- a. RIP Extended Text Ads, Long Live Responsive Search Ads*
- b. In some instances we have found certain headlines not getting served and are testing the opportunity to prescribe Responsive Ads so they perform like Extended Text Ads



Social Networks are in a post iOS14 world, with audience definitions less precise impacting targeting, messaging, and overall reach of each network

There is still value in the audiences they contain, and have found shrinking the conversion path can help drive results in this new reality, leveraging in-network lead gen forms.

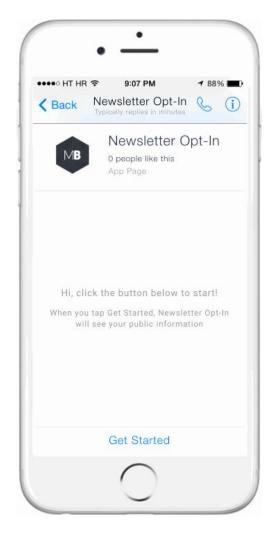
To overcome lead quality concerns, we are leveraging conversation ads across LI & FB to engage and offer CTAs to help audiences self-qualify.

Linked in

- Conversation Ads (chatbot ads)
- Lead gen forms

facebook

- Conversation Ads (chatbot ads)
- Lead gen forms
- Cookies & Third-party data and iOS







Fighting FOMO



1. Set Expectations – Stop FOMO before it starts

Before launching do some back of the napkin math to level set expectations.

Funnel Estimation Tool: Yield to Lea	ads		
СРС	\$17		
Media	\$174,897		
Impressions	1,028,807		
Clicks on ads	10,288	1%	of ad impressions generate a click
Leads (form fill)	309	3%	of ad clicks results in an inquiry
Lead to Contact	185	60%	of leads can be contacted
Lead/App Start	19	10%	of leads start an application
Completed Application	14	75%	of started applications are completed
Accepted	11	80%	of applications are admitted
Yield/Matriculation	10	90%	of admitted students matriculate

1. Set Expectations – Stop FOMO before it starts

Google *wants* to be more predictive these days.

Try an autom	ated bid strategy to simpli	ify bidding and find the	best CPC				Edit	Learn mo
^{Clicks}	3.4K	Cost \$1.2K Daily Budget: \$76	^{ctr} 8.3%	Avg. CPC \$4.29	Add co metric	onversion s		
						ļ	RATE THIS F	ORECAST
+	1 ↑	Ad group	Max. CPC	Clicks	Impressions	Cost	Keyword	col
<u> </u>	⋬ ↑ ⊃nal leadership	Ad group Test Terms	Max. CPC \$10.00	Clicks 82.26	Impressions 1,331.63	Cost \$399.40	,	is v l cor Avg. C \$4
educatio							CTR	Avg. C
educatio	onal leadership	Test Terms Test Terms	\$10.00	82.26	1,331.63	\$399.40	CTR 6.2%	Avg. C
educatio	onal leadership	Test Terms Test Terms eader Test Terms	\$10.00	82.26	1,331.63	\$399.40 \$61.18	CTR 6.2% 6.6%	Avg. C \$4 \$4
education education master of masters	onal leadership onal leadership degree of education in educational k	Test Terms Test Terms eader Test Terms	\$10.00 \$6.75 \$15.00	82.26 13.21 5.25	1,331.63 199.03 62.07	\$399.40 \$61.18 \$42.55	CTR 6.2% 6.6% 8.5%	Avg. C \$4 \$4 \$8





2. Reframe Your Perspective

What channels are working?

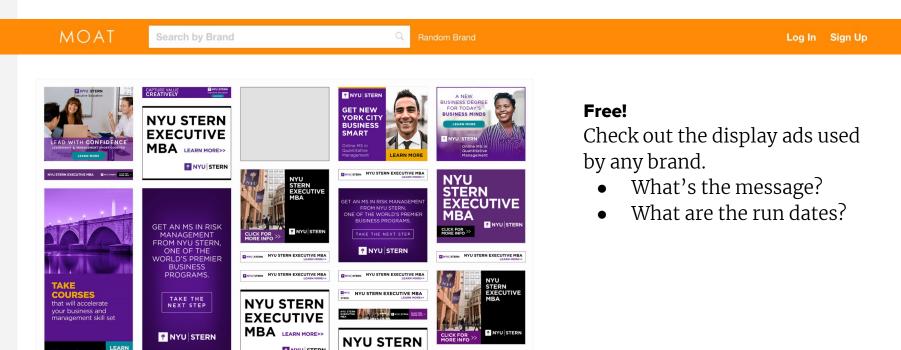
How does the year-over-year look?

Look at all of the touchpoints for opportunities to optimize.



3. What Are Your Competitors Really Doing?

Time to Do Some Research





3. What Are Your Competitors Really Doing?

College of Agriculture and Lif	 Learn more 	💼 Like	S Message	۹				
	College of Ag University March 10 at 10: A new 3D-printable r promises easy breat protection against pa	46 AM - 😋 nask design, ins ning for users wi	hile maintaining sir	oses, nilar level	••• Is of			
Videos See all				1				
					Isparen		>	<
110	CALS.CORNELL.EDU Animal noses insp A new 3D-printable r	at Cornell U	mation for Colle University College of Age Iniversity	-	-			G
Pi may never repeat itself, but we could	00 9	C	ollege & univers	sity				
116 14.8K views · 4 years ago		Organizati	ons that manag	no thic I	Dago 0			
Page transparency See all Facebook is showing information to help you better understand the purpose of a Page. See actions taken by the people who manage and post content. Page created - March 26, 2013 Page manager locations: United	Write a comm Most Relevant is selected College of Ag University March 9 at 8:24	Page histor	erson or group res cation process yet.	ponsible f	for this Pag			
States, Canada	It's that time of year the Cornell Maple Pn	People who	o manage this l	Page (
Related Pages	producers to help en	Prim inclu Unite	ary country/regio			pple who n	nanage this Pag	je
Cornell Nolan School of ii Like		Ads from t	his Page					
Cornell ILR School Grad College & university		📮 This	Page is currently	/ running	g ads.			
			C	Go to Ad	d Library			
								í
		Find su	pport or report F	Page				1
Fighting FOMO							Close	

Free!

See all of your competitor's Facebook ads.

- What's the message?
- What are the run dates?

Active	Active	Active
Started running on Feb 17, 2022	Started running on Feb 17, 2022	Started running on Feb 17, 2022
Platforms () () Q	Platforms () Ø Q	Platforms () () Q
This ad has multiple versions	This ad has multiple versions ()	This ad has multiple versions ()
ID: 328051755924307	ID: 400164825207604	ID: 477375573860605
See ad details	See ad details	See ad details
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University Sponsored	College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University Sponsored	College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University Sponsored
Ensure everyone has access to safe and healthy food with Cornell's one-year Food Science master's. Request more info today.	Apply food science principles to ensure safe and healthy food for all with a Cornell one-year Food Science master's. Request info.	Learn from Cornell's world-renowned faculty with a one-ye course-based Master of Food Science. Request informati
		Cornel Calls and the defined set of the defined set
CorneliCALS Content of Food Science Master of Food Science	CornellCALS Convertige of Applications Master of Food Science	MASTERS CALS CORNELLEDU
MASTERS.CALS.CORNELLEDU	MASTERS.CALS.CORNELL.EDU	Master of Food Science Learn N Cornell CALS - Ithaca NY



×

5/18/2021

2/26/2022

9/22/2021

9/29/2021

10/2/2021

2/19/2022

2/21/2022

5/20/2021

\$14.03 5/18/2021

\$12.41 4/29/2021

\$11.95 9/22/2021

\$13.71 9/29/2021

\$15.71 10/2/2021

\$26.51 2/19/2022

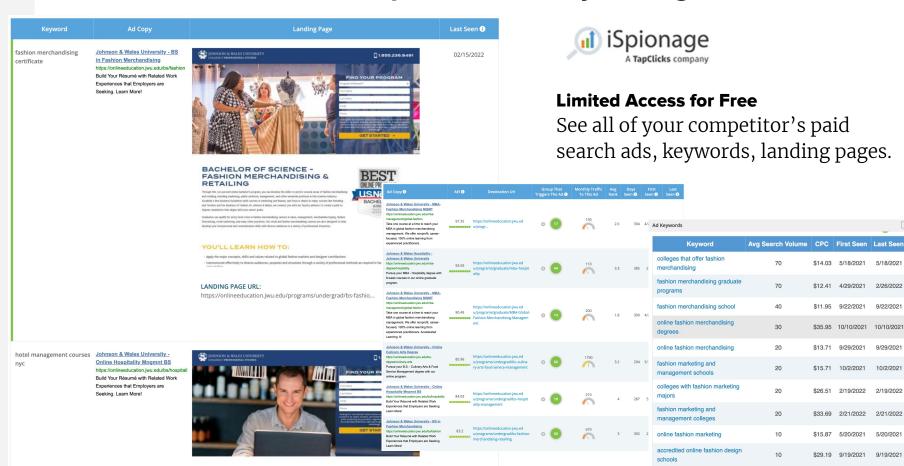
\$33.69 2/21/2022

\$15.87 5/20/2021

\$29.19 9/19/2021 9/19/2021

\$35.95 10/10/2021 10/10/2021

3. What Are Your Competitors Really Doing?



4. Work on End-to-End Analytics

OHO

Connect ads to RFI and to applications.

Accept progress not perfection.

Supplement with Google Analytics conversion goals.

Dig in and show your impact – and be prepared to have the conversation.

UP NEXT

Tracking Marketing Campaigns in Slate OHO U | May 2022



5. Interview and Research Your Students

Understanding why students pick you – especially over your direct competitors – is a top way to reduce friction in the funnel.

"The best way to differentiate is to discover a compelling story that is true to your institution but also makes sense to the market."

"Differentiation is the secret sauce of success for institutions."

From Stop Playing it Safe – The Peril of the Generic College



Fighting FOMO

- 1. Set Expectations
- 2. Reframe Your Perspective
- 3. What are your competitors *really* doing?
- 4. Work on end-to-end analytics
- 5. Stop being generic

Q&A