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Our brand is the total experience we create for our students, faculty, alumni, parents and community.

### **OUR BRAND**

Capital University has invested significant resources to define our brand strategy and visual identity in an effort to help us communicate more effectively and better serve our audiences.

Our brand is more than our name or our logo. It's the way we look, act and speak. It's the day-to-day essence of this university. It explains what we're about and what we offer beyond the classrooms and chalkboards. When we live up to our brand, everyone can connect with our offer in a more meaningful way. It helps our faculty and staff to better do their jobs. And it helps our students see the value we bring to their education.

### **CAPITAL UNIVERSITY**

Use this name when speaking with the community, parents and alumni.

### **CAPITAL**

Once the "introduction" is made with the full name, the short name may be used when speaking with current and future students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

#### CAP

Use this name only on rare occasions when speaking in a very casual voice to existing students.

#### **OUR OFFER**

Our brand essence is simply what we stand for. It's the "big idea," or organizing principle. The most powerful brand essences are rooted in the fundamental needs of their audiences and can be boiled down to a few simple words.

A relevant liberal arts core and deep professional programs that are taught in a demanding, hands-on environment by internationally renowned leaders who care about just one thing: engaging students.

# Critical thinking, critically applied.

#### **OUR VISION**

Our vision describes how we see ourselves and how we want others to see us. Over time our values will become apparent and credible through our actions, our willingness, and our ability to deliver on every promise, time and time again.

# Transforming lives for the common good.

**THROUGH** 

**ACTIVE PARTICIPATION** 

INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY AND ARTISTIC ENDEAVOR

COLLABORATION

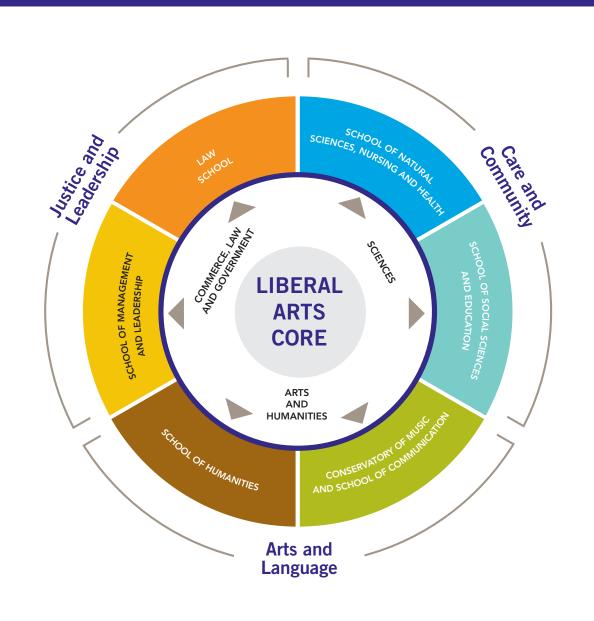
**LEADERSHIP** 

SERVICE

INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE

# OUR ARCHITECTURE

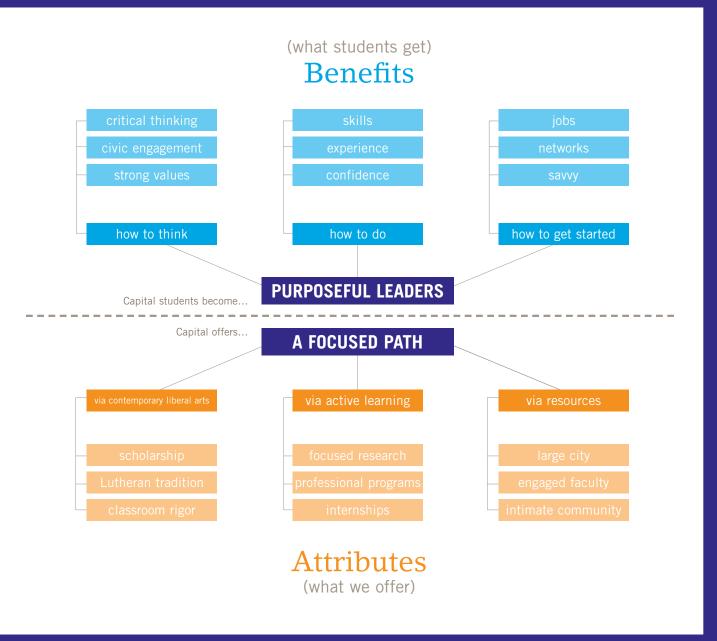
It all starts in a liberal arts core and — depending on the student — can lead to professional education in one of our focused programs. This unified college reflects our Lutheran heritage and speaks to the university's commitment to services and its dedication to the public good.



# **OUR MESSAGE**

Given the complexity of what we do, it's especially important that we focus on the benefits our education provides (what our students get) before delving into our various academic programs and how we deliver them (what we offer). Engage your audience by first addressing their most pressing concerns and challenges. Then win them over by explaining how Capital will make it happen.

Mapping our offerings (attributes) and our values (benefits), we can show how they work together to provide the foundation for clear, consistent and compelling brand messaging.



#### **OUR AUDIENCES**

We talk to a diverse group of people. And that means we can't always communicate in exactly the same way to everyone.

There are occasions when we need to dress language up or down so that our message is heard clearly.

We have identified six key audiences, each of whom requires a slightly different look and sound. Some call for us to be more formal, while others allow us to take a more casual approach. As a result, you'll find that some elements of the brand language should be dialed up or down, depending on the audience.

# **FUTURE STUDENTS**

Teenagers hear from hundreds of colleges. So strike a casual tone, using clever, humorous, even risky approaches to break through. Grab their attention and hold it. It's also important to keep things concise. (Focus groups show that high school students aren't likely to read pages and pages of content.)

### **PARENTS**

When communicating with parents, it's important to be reassuring. Spell out every message clearly, and throw in a hint of personality to show parents we understand where they're coming from.

### **ALUMNI**

This is a nostalgic group, so include stories and old photos in development pieces. Reinforce the role Capital plays in their lives. And, while alumni love to relive their college experiences, they've since grown more mature. A slightly more reserved and respectful tone serves this audience well.

# **CURRENT STUDENTS**

Capital students live and breathe the brand every day. So be casual, direct, witty, and above all, honest. Give them content they can relate to — and be sure to make communication a two-way conversation, not a dictate from the campus authority. (They'll appreciate the consideration.)

## **COMMUNITY**

When we speak to the community, our messaging and look may shift. Formality is sometimes required but never at the expense of being approachable, direct and concise. Consider the demographic and then craft a message that your audience can relate to.

# **FACULTY & STAFF**

Faculty and staff appreciate intellectualism and respect — it's a large part of why they work at an institution of higher learning. Be cognizant of those traits while communicating in a familiar and conversational way. This group owns the brand more than all others — be sure they feel ownership of it.

**APPROACHABLE** 

**ENGAGING** 

### **OUR PERSONALITY**

To make a meaningful connection with our students, faculty, staff, alumni and the larger community, it's helpful to describe our brand in human terms, to give it a personality.

Like any person, our brand has characteristics that describe how we think and want people to think about us (intellectual traits). Our brand also has characteristics that describe how we feel and how we want people to feel about us (emotional traits).

Use these characteristics to imagine how our brand should communicate in different contexts and to different audiences.

Professional **RELEVANT** Hands-on Challenging **RIGOROUS** Demanding Influential **PRESTIGIOUS** Savvv

Caring

Considerate

Dynamic

Creative

Intense

Stimulating

about Capital

about Capital

Intellectual

How our audiences think

How our audiences feel

Our voice creates a recognizable style that's all our own. It helps us get noticed. It ensures we're heard. And it allows our personality to shine.

#### WHY VOICE MATTERS

What we say is important. But how we say it is essential too.

# **HOW IT WORKS**

#### WHERE VOICE FITS IN

Our message is what we say. It's the content and information we're trying to communicate. Our voice is the tone we use—whether spoken or written. It makes our message more approachable by giving it personality.

A campaign is the big idea that wraps our messages together. Campaigns change over time to reach new goals. But staying true to the brand's voice across campaigns ensures we're building recognition and trust.

#### **SHOW SOME PERSONALITY**

We're an institution comprised of thousands of individuals. But just because our collective personality is complex doesn't mean it can't be consistent. Whenever anyone speaks or writes as Capital, keep our personality traits in mind:

Be relevant. Show we're rigorous. Sound prestigious. Be approachable. Be engaging. Be passionate.

Let's talk about the person of our personality. Use the first and second person (we and you) so that Capital is speaking directly to the reader. Using these characteristics will help our voice stay consistent—no matter who is communicating as Capital.

#### **PLAYING WITH GRAMMAR**

The words we choose are crucial. But don't forget how the language comes together and interacts. Here are some elements worth playing with:

#### Verbs

Keep verbs active, up front, and close to the subject so that we make an impact and sound authoritative.

#### **Syntax and Rhythm**

Use short sentences and even fragments to add emphasis. Reading a message out loud is a great way to check if the rhythm is right.

#### **Punctuation**

Use colons and dashes to let messages breathe and to build ideas into a more memorable punch. Avoid ellipses (they sound as if we're grasping for our next thought).

#### **USING CONSISTENT STYLE**

Keeping our writing style consistent on all printed materials is essential in communicating our message. Use the Associated Press Stylebook as a reference to ensure our message is clear, concise and consistent.

#### WILL YOU?

Capital is a place where focused students find success. So we pose the question "will you?" to both challenge and inspire our community.

The device should be used sparingly, and only in promotional materials. Most commonly, the answers to "will you?" serve either as a list of accomplishments or as subject headlines — short, active and to the point.

When collecting answers, it's important to find both small ideas and big goals (unexpectedness is what makes it interesting).

#### **EXAMPLE:**

Make beautiful music. Skydive. Sing a song. Write a play. Be inspired. Win a championship. Cross the finish line. Report the news. Offer care. Learn what love is. Organize a show. Win an argument. Learn a new language. See the world. Make money. Ride a bike. Write a brief. Worship. Take over a company. Form a protest. Debate a professor. Be accepted. Make a new best friend. Play new games. Read — a lot. Uncover artifacts. Perform. Cure a disease. Give comfort. Paint a masterpiece. Invent. Teach math. Host a radio show. Write a poem. Sculpt from clay. Run for office. Go to an opera. Raft whitewater. Join a fraternity. Impress clients. Experiment. Inspire a child. Change the world. Record a film. Build models. Develop real estate. Join a board of directors. Give advice. Write a program. Plant a garden. Be a mentor. Rush a sorority. Make investments. Sit outside. Shift perceptions. Save a life.

## **HEADLINE**

#### **EXAMPLE:**

# Play Hard.

Extraordinary efforts extend well beyond the classroom at Capital. Athletics play a big part in many students' lives. We have 18 varsity sports — all of them competitive.

And, if you enjoy the spirit of competition in a more relaxed form, there are intramural sports to choose from every season.

### **TIPS**

There's no formula for a great use of voice. But keeping a few ideas in mind will help guide us the right way.

# **CLARITY**

Every communication needn't contain every detail. Focus on what's both important and relevant — otherwise, the clutter will ensure no one gets the message we're trying to communicate.

# WHITE SPACE

Breathing room is okay. In fact, it's encouraged. So organize the information, then use white space to give the eye a place to rest and digest what it has just read.

# CLICHÉS

It's easy to resort to clichés at first blush, they sound catchy. But they should be avoided. Use personality to our advantage by being original and engaging.

Create a clear hierarchy so that key messages are communicated at every level. Each piece can tell a story in five seconds, 30 seconds and a few minutes. Spoon-feed at every level of attention with headlines, subheads, call-outs, highlights and clear body copy.

# FORCED EXCITEMENT

If the message isn't something we'd yell, it doesn't deserve an exclamation point. Exclamation points create forced enthusiasm (and that detracts from our credibility).

# IN PRACTICE

Our voice can lean on many attributes. But it always sounds consistent and reflects our personality traits.

# **ACCEPTANCE PACKET**

In this example, our audience is both teenagers and their parents. And no matter who is reading, our voice comes through as credible and conversational.

# Here's the brag-worthy stuff.

Destined for favored fridge-front real estate. Or a prime page in the scrapbook. The point is, we're thrilled you're considering Capital. So our president wrote you a note, and we included a certificate to commemorate the occasion. (At the very least, pass it to your parents.)

# STUDENT PROFILE

Here, we use voice to sound inspirational and intellectual in order to show a polished image to a broad community who may be unfamiliar with who we are.

(No easy task.)

Kristen Forman

# STUDENT SEARCH

It's important to speak to potential students in a casual, relatable way — even when describing our university's talking points.

#### SHOW YOUR STUFF.

It's easier for teachers most classes contain 25 students. (But it makes it easier to learn, too.)

### POSITIONING STATEMENT

Our positioning statement communicates who we are and what we stand for. And it does this in our own unique voice. It's a concise representation of what's quintessentially Capital.

We aren't looking for blank canvases. We're interested in masterful works in progress, who need an environment both familiar and challenging. Capital University offers a focused path — grounded in liberal arts — for students who can picture who they want to be, and are ready to work hard to achieve their dreams.

Our logo is our name. It's a symbol of who we are and what we do. It's Capital University at a glance.

#### LOGO

This is our logo. It is strong, sophisticated and timeless.

The logo should be used in a clearly protected space.

It should not be distorted, stretched, or squeezed, nor recreated in any other typeface.

The font used in the logo should be used only in the logo. Refer to the fonts section in the next chapter for font options for official communications.

# Capital University

### **TAGLINE**

As the oldest university in Central Ohio, we're filled with tradition. Our Lutheran heritage guides our actions today as much as when we were founded. Our tagline reflects these core values in an active and compelling voice. The principles of free inquiry, critical thinking and leadership are reduced to their simplest form: Ask. Think. Lead. There's no simpler way to convey Capital.

Ask. Think. Lead.

#### **CONFIGURATIONS**

The Capital University logo can be used in two different lockups, with or without the tagline "Ask. Think. Lead." See the Demonstration section for examples of proper use.

Some applications may require a logo smaller than the recommended dimensions found on the next two pages. In situations where the tagline is not relevant, it should be removed.

VERTICAL LOCKUP

Capital University Ask. Think. Lead.

HORIZONTAL LOCKUP

Capital University

Ask. Think. Lead.

WITHOUT TAGLINE

Capital University WITHOUT TAGLINE

**Capital University** 

### LOGO CLEAR SPACE

Our logo should be placed prominently, away from other elements such as headlines, body copy, graphics and photographs. Giving the logo plenty of breathing room ensures quick recognition of our logo and our brand.

Space around the logo should be equal to (or greater than) the height of the "U" in Capital University.

# VERTICAL LOCKUP

- Step 1: Determine the height of the "U."
- Step 2: Maintain that distance away from any other elements.



# HORIZONTAL LOCKUP

- Step 1: Determine the height of the "U."
- Step 2: Maintain that distance away from any other elements.



### SIZE REQUIREMENTS

Logo recognition is a critical part of brand recognition.

Maintaining a set of standards around the size of the logo will ensure that it is always visible and recognizable.

# PREFERRED SIZE

The logo should be no smaller than the sizes below.

# Capital University Ask. Think, Lead.

1.75"

# Capital University Ask, Think, Lead.

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# MINIMUM SIZE

Some applications may require a logo that is smaller than the recommended dimensions. In these situations, the tagline should be removed and the logo can be reduced to the sizes below.

# Capital University

1" (minimum size)

# CapitalUniversity

1.6875" (minimum size)

### **COLOR OPTIONS**

Color is a fundamental part of the Capital University visual identity. Color helps us stand out and maintain consistency.

Ideally, we would always reproduce our logo in full color, but from time to time, we may need to print our logo in one color or in black and white. The information on this page shows the only acceptable color variations. The Capital logo should not be reproduced in any colors other than those shown on this page.

# **FULL**

Capital Purple (PMS 2685) and PMS Warm Gray 8 on white:

# Capital University

on Capital Light Gray (PMS Cool Gray 1):

# Capital University

## ONE

Capital Purple (PMS 2685) on white:

# Capital University

on  $\leq$  20% black:

# Capital University

on color:

Capital University

# BLACK

100% black on white:

# Capital University

on ≤ 20% black:

# Capital University

## **REVERSED**

white on Capital Purple (PMS 2685):

# Capital University

on > 20% black:

# Capital University

on 100% black:



### **ON PHOTOGRAPHY**

The logo must be positioned so that it lands in an area of the photograph where it is highly visible.

When that is not possible, place the logo on a flat field of color or white.

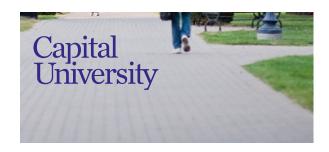
# **FULL COLOR**

When using the full-color logo on a photograph, it must land in an area of high contrast.



# ONE COLOR

Use the one-color version of the logo when there are large areas of gray which would make the full-color logo illegible.



## **REVERSED**

When placing the logo on a busy photograph, it may be reversed out to ensure visibility.



# WHITE OR COLOR FIELD

If none of the previous versions allow for optimum visibility of the logo, then a clearance block may be added.



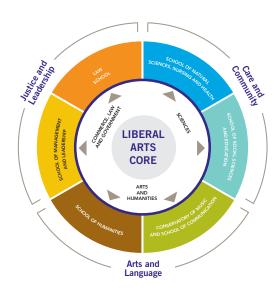
### SCHOOL NAMES

Our unified college model means that our schools should be seen as part of the University's broader offer. Therefore, each school may lock up its name with the University logo — but only in the manner demonstrated on the following pages.

No additional lockups, logos or symbols may be created or used to identify a single school.

# UNIFIED COLLEGE

This unified college reflects our Lutheran heritage and speaks to the university's commitment to services and its dedication to the public good.



# UNIFIED LOGO

Our logo and school names represent the same idea. Unique specializations rooted in a strong University foundation.



### SCHOOL NAMES

When creating communications that address one specific school, the lockups on this page should be used in place of the University lockup.

The schools must use their full names. No partial names, deviations, or abreviations should be used.

School names may still exist away from the logo in text (incorporated into headlines, body copy).

# CapitalUniversity

School of Law

# CapitalUniversity

School of Humanities

# CapitalUniversity

School of Management & Leadership

# CapitalUniversity

School of Social Sciences & Education

# CapitalUniversity

School of Natural Sciences, Nursing & Health

# CapitalUniversity

Conservatory of Music & School of Communication

### OTHER NAMES

Events, majors, publications, buildings, organizations and special programs should not be locked up with the Capital University logo.

These also should not have logos of their own unless specifically approved by the Public Relations and Marketing Department. Instead, these types of names should be treated as type in titles, mastheads, headlines, subheads, mastheads, or callouts.

See the examples to the right.

# **MAJORS**

While school names may lock up with the logo, majors may not.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Political Science MBA Theatre Studies Early Childhood Education Biology

Also, former school names like Conservatory of Music are now covered in the school lock-ups.

## **PUBS**

Publications and newsletters should rely on mastheads rather than creating their own logos or locking up their names with the university logo.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Insight
Capital Magazine
Family Network Newsletter

### **ORGS**

Student and university organizations should not lock up their names or logos with the university logo. Athletics may use the Crusader logo with individual sport names.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Student Government
Basketball
Greek Council, sororities,
and fraternities
Army ROTC
Debate Team
College Democrats

# BUILDINGS

Buildings should be recognized for what they are: locations and destinations. Therefore they should be tied to an action in body copy or headlines.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Cabaret Theatre
Yochum Hall
Troutman Hall
The Honors House
The Capital Center
Capital University
Bookstore
Schumacher Gallery

# **PROGRAMS**

Special programs and events should be celebrated. They should be placed bigger than, and separate from, the university logo.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

L.E.A.D.
C.E.L.T.
Smooth Transitions
Lady Crusader Basketball
Shooting Camps
Homecoming

### SCHOOL NAMES

When using the logo with a school name, please use an existing file rather than recreating the lockup. This will prevent any variations in the size, type, and arrangement.

Use the information on this page if you need to recreate the lockp:

- School name must appear under the logo
- School name must be left justified with the logo
- School name must be tightly tracked and kerned
- School name capitals are equal to the x-height in the University logo.
- The tagline may not be used

The space around the logo and school name should still be equal to (or greater than) the height of the "U" in Capital University. See the logo spacing section for more details.

# a Capital University a School of Management & Leadership Left justified Tight tracking and individual letter kerning

### **SUPPORTING MARKS**

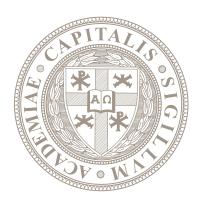
The university seal and the Capital crusader logo should be used only as secondary supporting marks.

They should not replace the use of the official university logo.

# ACADEMIC SEAL

The seal can be used as a supporting logo on the core set of materials. There should be no other supporting marks used on these types of materials.

The seal can be blind-embossed, screened, or watermarked.



# CAPITAL CRUSADER

The Capital crusader is used to personify our school. It should be used only for school spirit or sports-related materials.

The crusader should not be reproduced in any other colors except what is shown below.



# Our visual language creates consistency and uniqueness. It separates us from our peers.

### **COLOR PALETTE**

Using color is a quick, compelling way to communicate a message or create a mood. Like our student body, our palette's strength lies in its diversity. The palette is an extension of who we are and the vibrant community we inhabit. Color is a fundamental part of our visual language.

# **BUILD CONSISTENCY**

The consistent color running through all university communications is Capital Purple. It is critical in maintaining consistency.



C96/M100/Y0/K10 Hex 380982



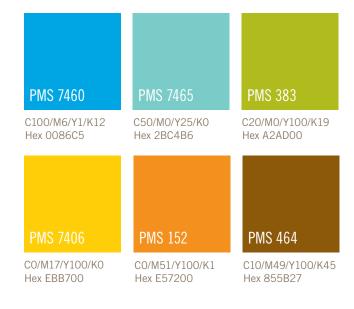
CO/M9/Y16/K43 Hex 8B8078 C3/M2/Y4/K5 Hex F0F1DD

#### NOTE:

The new Capital Purple above replaces PMS 274 moving forward. Special attention should be taken to ensure that our new color is consistently applied.

# **BUILD EXCITEMENT**

The supporting colors offer a range of options to enhance communications and excite audiences. They are intended to be used at their full intensity and should never be tinted or altered.



#### NOTE:

Tints of the color palette should not be used.

#### **FONTS**

Along with our logo and color palette, our typefaces can help create cohesion between multiple communication tools. Type conveys something about our personality — and how we want our message to be received. While most people cannot identify typefaces, they can and do subconsciously associate type treatments with brands.

# LINOLETTER

Use LinoLetter for:

**HEADLINES** 

QUOTES

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS

Use the following weights:

Roman

Roman Italic

Bold

**Bold Italic** 

Black

Black Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmn
opqrstuvwxyz
0123456789

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# TRADE GOTHIC

Use Trade Gothic for:

**BODY COPY** 

**INFORMATION CALLOUTS** 

**INTRODUCTORY COPY** 

SUBHEADS

Use the following weights:

Light Italic Regular Regular Italic Bold Bold Italic ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmn
opqrstuvwxyz
0123456789

### **HEADLINE BLOCKS**

The headline block graphic treatment is a manifestation of the common student practice of highlighting important information in a textbook. With that idea in mind, we apply this basic technique to our most important headlines, subheads, and facts that we don't want our readers to miss.

SINGLE LINE

Will You?

**DOUBLE LINE** 

We believe. You will. **MULTIPLE LINE** 

Capital calls
Columbus, Ohio
home.

#### **HEADLINE BLOCK ANATOMY**



- 1. The length of the longest line in a text block determines the overall shape of the emphasis.
- 2. The block extends approximately one letter-space away from the type.
- 3. The last line determines where the outside block will end.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Much like our block headlines, we apply our highlight graphic treatment to subheads and other information within a passage of copy that we don't want our readers to miss.

# SUBHEAD HIGHLIGHTS

A simple way to highlight subheads amid body copy is to apply a simple block of color under a fully capitalized phrase. Apply this to single-line subheads. Larger subheads may only use Trade Gothic Regular, while smaller subheads should use Trade Gothic Bold.

The surrounding color block should be 175% of the height of the capitalized text. The same amount of space above and below the subhead text should applied to the sides.

Large Subhead (Trade Gothic Regular)

### LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET

Small Subhead (Trade Gothic Bold)

LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET

# ISOLATED HIGHLIGHTS

Occasionally a particular phrase or fact needs to be highlighted within a stretch of copy. If the highlighted copy is in a favorable location, a highlight that bleeds from the outside shape can add interest to a composition.

A free-floating highlight can also be applied anywhere within a passage of text.

Bleeding Highlights

Make your move. We'd love to hear more about you. So, visit us online at www.capital.edu/send-me-more, fill out the card below, or give us a call at 866-544-6175. That way, we can tell you more about us. And you can tell your parents you've taken the

#### Free Highlights

Sculpt from clay. Run for office. Go to an opera. Raft whitewater. Sit outside. Explain scripture. Impress clients. Inspire a child. Change the world. Record film. Perform. Build models. Join a board of directors. Give advice. Organize a show. Plant a garden. Rush a sorority. Cure a disease. Save a life.

### **INTRODUCTORY TEXT**

Introductory copy is an opportunity to express our voice in a distinct way. Either one of our brand typefaces may be chosen, depending on the tone of voice.

### LINOLETTER

LinoLetter may be used for introductory copy that expresses the more creative and engaging aspect of our personality. It has a more distinctive appearance that is both friendly and approachable. It provides a strong contrast to Trade Gothic, which always appears with it.

# TRADE GOTHIC

Trade Gothic may be used for introductory copy that wants to express a committed tone of voice. It is clean and easy to read.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Quisque tincidunt. Fusce varius mattis ipsum. Nullam viverra, orci eget convallis egestas eras turpis semper nibh eu laoreet magna leo a ipsum.

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#### PAGE FRAMES

A simple frame surrounding color, photography, or even typography can add grounding and interest to page design. This simple technique creates an underlying structure to compositions.

#### FRAMED PHOTOS

An outer frame of approximately 0.25 inch from the outer dimension is sufficient for typical page layouts. Different frame sizes can be applied to smaller inset photography.

Framed Photography



Multi-Framed Photography



## FRAMED COLOR

Frames around areas of color or frames of color create structure to the page. Adding and layering other elements create new shapes and depth.

Framed Color (with bleeding block headline)



Frames of Color



#### FRAMED TYPE

Implied frames, created through the thoughtful placement of elements like text blocks, are another way we can establish our page frame visual language.

#### Framed Text

Make beautiful music. Change the world. Skydive. Sing a song. Write a play. Be inspired. Win a championship. Cross the finish line. Cure a disease. Offer care. Learn what love is. Save a life. Win an argument. Cry. Learn a new language. See the world. Write a poem. Ride a bike. Make money. Take over a company. Form a protest. Debate a professor. Be accepted. Make a new best friend. Play new games. Read—a lot. Give comfort. Uncover artifacts. Paint a masterpiece. Shift perceptions. Invent. Teach math. Host a radio show. Write a brief. Sculpt from clay. Run for office. Go to an opera. Raft whitewater. Join a fraternity. Impress clients. Join a board of directors. Give advice. Make investments. Perform. Sit outside. Inspire a child. Handle a blowtorch. Build models. Organize a show.

#### FRAME ARCHITECTURE

We've expanded our page frame graphic language to be a flexible design element adding interest and structure to our page layouts.

## DYNAMIC STRUCTURE

The frame can be used as a dynamic and flexible element to make key points in a communication stand out. A frame does not need to be a closed shape to be an effective tool of our brand.

## SUBJECT DIVIDER

Several frames can be used together to create a series of contained stories or thoughts within a layout. They may overlap or contain text and imagery, and interact with other frame elements. Throughout a particular communication piece, keep frame weights consistent.





#### **BLOCK CLEARANCE**

An advanced solution allowing photography and color to exist alongside each other is to allow them to overlap, creating unexpected shapes and relationships. The legibility of information should never be compromised, while still engaging our youthful audience.

#### TEXT BLOCKS ON COLOR

A contained area of information surrounded by one of our brand colors can provide a moment of calm and restraint. However, if all compositions were this restrained, we would not be creating dynamic and visually interesting communication materials. Balance is the goal.

#### TEXT BLOCKS ON PHOTOS

While it might feel unusual to cover photography with solid blocks of white or color, a surprising amount of information can still be conveyed to create an underlying mood. A balance of this technique and more conventional usage of photography is key to telling our story visually.

### Battelle brings big research dollars to liberal arts education.

Jason Chen is able to do cutting-edge lab work and study 18th century French literature on the same campus.

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#### **ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS**

In addition to our core visual language, there are several elements designed to support and convey ideas and information clearly and distinctively.

#### **ARROWS**

An arrow graphic can contain a brief, isolated statement or title. These moments can direct the reader to information nearby or imply an action to be taken.

#### Contained Messages

There are big happenings at Capital, and they're all thanks to you.

#### Contained Titles

Nationwide gives \$100,000 towards exploring new areas of education.

#### List Titles



NURSING BIOLOGY ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHEMISTRY COMPUTER SCIENCE MATHEMATICS

## OTHER GRAPHIC ELEMENTS

On some occasions, we need to communicate with charts and graphs. These should be rendered in a clear and simple style that is consistent with our overall brand language.

Our headline block element can be applied to passages like pull quotes. Block constructions can be integrated into other graphic elements.



Quotation Blocked and Integrated With a Frame



Our photography shows who we are and what we do, quickly and meaningfully.

#### **ACADEMICS**

Photos of our classrooms, libraries and learning centers should always be active and show engaged students and faculty.

Tell a deeper story by adding detail shots to the main shot.

Color and detail have been heightened to add vibrancy to all photos.

























#### **CAMPUS**

Our campus is one of our best assets, so show it off. Capture the energy of a liberal arts education, the quaint nature of our neighborhood and the resources of a capital city. (And be sure to avoid contrived scenes of a perfectly diverse class being taught under an autumn-hued tree.)

























## STUDENT LIFE

Students are more than who they are in the classroom. Capture personalities with candid shots that are interestingly framed. Avoid posed shots.

























## **ATHLETICS**

Our athletes aren't future professionals on full scholarship. They compete because of a passion for the game. Photography should capture the emotion of competition and the personality inherent to all our student athletes.

























#### STUDENT PROFILES

We use student profiles to personify and personalize the "will you?" device. They show that Capital is a place for students with focus. Using three short statements, the profile spells out the realization of each student's goals. The profiles are not bullet points you'd find on a resume, but intelligent vignettes that illustrate specific details in an inspiring way.





blocks of life in order to fortify our defenses.

She will give nanoparticles

She will make her mark in life

She is

Claire Brandon

Taylor Police

# Our communications bring all of our brand's elements together so that the world sees and hears our message clearly.

#### SEARCH DIRECT MAIL

The search direct mail initiates the "will you?" campaign to students that might not be aware of Capital University and encourage them to seek more information. One side shows real students and their aspirations. The other side introduces us and our campus.

The prospective student fills out the reply card and sends it back to the university.



What will you do? It's a simple question, really. But it has important implications. Capital is a place where focused students find success. Maybe you have a clear idea of who you'll be. Maybe just an inkling. Either way, we're here to help you take the next step. We believe. You will.

#### **VIEWBOOK**

The viewbook is sent to students who request more information about Capital University. It offers a more complete view of our university, from our core values to residence hall descriptions and overviews of each school — puncuated by student profiles.



Make beautiful music. Skydive. Sing a song. Write a play. Be inspired. Win a championship. Cross the finish line. Report the news. Offer care. Learn what love is. Organize a show. Win an argument. Learn a new language. See the world. Make money. Ride a bike. Write a brief. Worship. Take over a company. Form a protest. Debate a professor. Be accepted. Make a new best friend. Play new games. Read — a lot. Uncover artifacts. Perform. Cure a disease. Give comfort. Paint a masterpiece. Invent. Teach math. Host a radio show. Write a poem. Sculpt from clay. Run for office. Go to an opera. Raft whitewater. Join a fraternity. Impress clients. Experiment. Inspire a child. Change the world. Record a film. Build models. Develop real estate. Join a board of directors. Give advice. Write a program. Plant a garden. Be a mentor. Rush a sorcrity. Make

You know there are things you're meant to do—both big and small. At Capital University, you'll find the support, encouragement, and resources to make those things happen. We're here to bridge who you are now and who you're about to become.

We believe. You will.

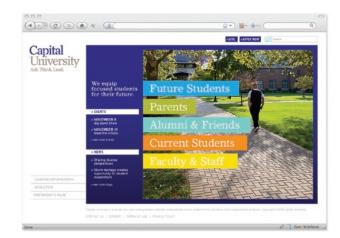




#### **WEB SITE**

The Web site provides a customized experience to each of five key audiences.

Information is organized so that timely items are easily found, and each audience's section is designed to encourage exploration.









#### ACCEPTANCE FOLDER

The folder enthusiastically announces a student's acceptance to Capital and is tailored to speak directly to them in a voice that is both smart and casual.



#### **DONOR BROCHURE**

The IMPACT donor brochure was created by the University Advancement group at Capital to reach out to alumni and friends. It documents how contributions directly impact facilities, staff and students.





#### CAPITAL MAGAZINE

CAPITAL magazine is a semiannual update of the successes that occur on campus and the accomplishments of our alumni. It serves to educate the public about our university, keep our alumni engaged with their alma mater, and celebrate all things Capital.



