The Future of Higher Education Events: Creating Boundless Experiences

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Today's Discussion

- Welcome & Introductions
- Event Marketing and Technology for Higher Education
- Virtual, Hybrid and In-Person Use Cases
- University Spotlights
- Lessons Learned and Vision for the Future
- Q&A

Today's Presenters



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Quick Facts



- Location: Seattle, WA area
- Campuses: 3
- **Type:** Public 4-year institution
- **Enrollments:** 60,000+
- **Faculty & Staff:** 3,600

- Cvent Events Program
 - Continuing Education & Trainings
 - Conferences & Seminars

Quick Facts

Northeastern University

- **Location:** Boston, Massachusetts
- **Type:** Private 4-year institution
- **Enrollment:** 37,000+
- **Faculty & Staff:** 6,000
- **Alumni:** 278,000+
- Cvent Events Program
 - Alumni Reunions
 - Fundraising
 - Alumni and Donor Engagement
 - Global Special Events



Event Marketing and Technology for Higher Education

We partner with more than 400 higher education institutions





Northeastern









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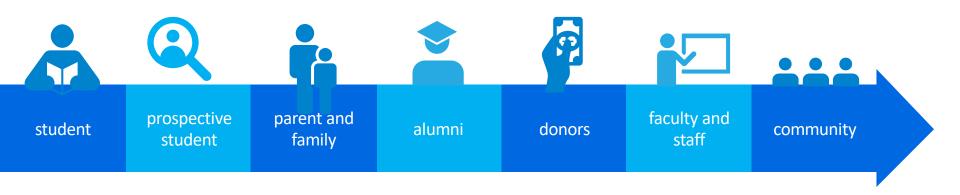






WHAT — Event marketing for higher education is the practice of...

Driving engagement through live, virtual and hybrid experiences



WHO & WHERE — Event Technology Use Across the Institution

Increase the reach, impact and ROI of your events with integrated outreach and engagement.



Enrollment Management



Academic & Student Affairs



Advancement & Alumni Relations



Continuing Education



Communications & Marketing



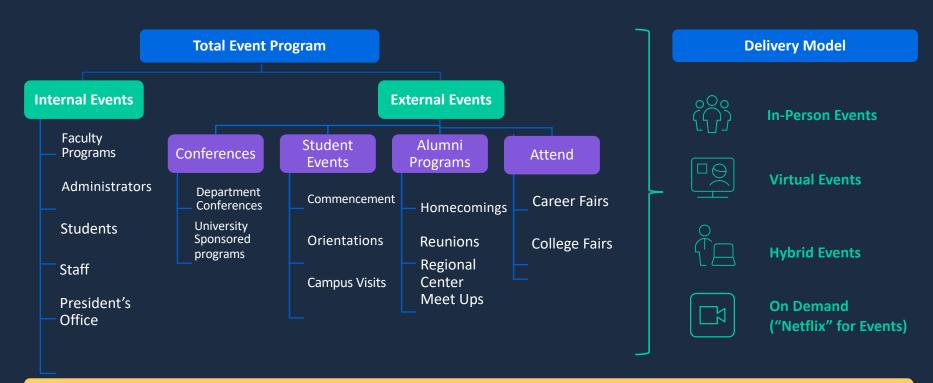
Information Technology



Procurement



HOW — Total Events Program (TEP)



CVENT PLATFORM



Virtual, Hybrid and In-Person Use Cases

Virtual & Hybrid Event Use Cases Across the Institution

USE CASES	MYU	Extension University of Missouri	Northeastern University	UNIVERSITY _{OF} PORTSMOUTH	W UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
MODALITY					
Alumni	~		~		
Conferences	~	~	~		~
Continuing Education	~	~			~
Fundraising	~		~		
Recruitment				~	

IN-

PERSON

HYBRID

VIRTUAL

MODALITY



University Spotlights

Quick Facts: Meeting Audiences Where They Are

	W UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON	Northeastern University	
Туре	4-year, Public	4-year, Private	
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Hybrid and Virtual Event Highlights



HYBRID



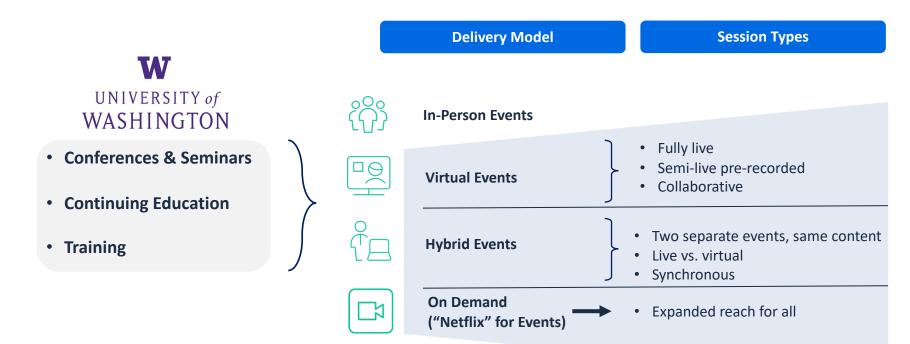




VIRTUAL



How do we actually do this?



CVENT PLATFORM



Guiding Users Through New Experiences

Event Planning Roadmap



Attendee Hub Roadmap

The below steps will occur simultaneously while your event website and registration are built and launched. The Attendee Hub is designed to be available to your attendees no more than a few days prior to the event start date.

STEP 1 | Request Attendee Hub Activation

<u>Submit a few details of your event</u> once it is determined attendee hub will be implemented for your virtual or hybrid event.

STEP 2 | Kickoff Call

At least 6 weeks prior to the event start date, a kickoff call will be scheduled to review the following:

- · Define your goals
- · Align on your virtual session strategy
- · Collect detailed event information
- · Discuss your requirements
- · Understand your team's proficiency with our solutions
- · Set the right expectations

From there, we'll create an accurate timeline for you and prepare your team to begin configuring the Attendee Hub for your event.

Virtual Event Audience Guide



TA Program Virtual Event Site

Synchronous plenaries and workshops take place **online** through the <u>TA Program virtual event site</u>. From this site, registrants can modify their schedules, attend Zoom workshops, and complete workshop feedback surveys.

Accessing the site:

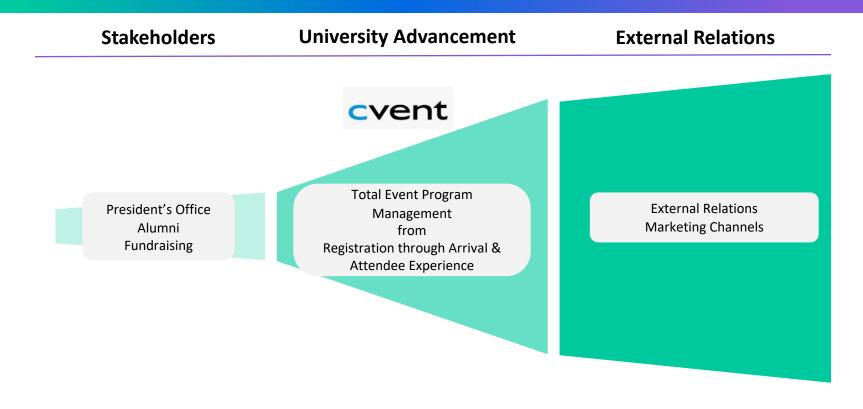
- 1. After you have registered for the TA Program, you can sign in to the virtual event site.
- 2. Be sure to use the same name and email address you entered when registering for the event.
- 3. Once you enter your information, a verification code will be sent to your email address.
- 4. Use the verification code to complete the login process.
- 5. Once logged in, click the calendar icon in the top navigation bar to view your personal schedule.
- 6. Zoom links for all synchronous sessions will appear 5 minutes before the start of the workshop or plenary. Click the *Join Session* button to open the meeting.

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Advancement as a Key Steward of the Brand





Supporting Alumni & Donor Engagement

Event Type	Registration*	Onsite Badging & Check-In	Diagramming & Seating
Commencement			
Alumni-Student Events			
Award Ceremonies			
Fundraising			
Dinners			
Global Donor Events			
How-To Live			
Speakers			

^{*} Integration with Salesforce was critical



IN PERSON



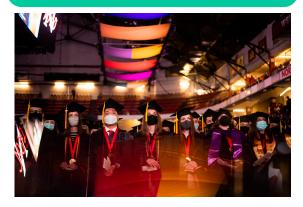
Virtual & In-Person Event Highlights

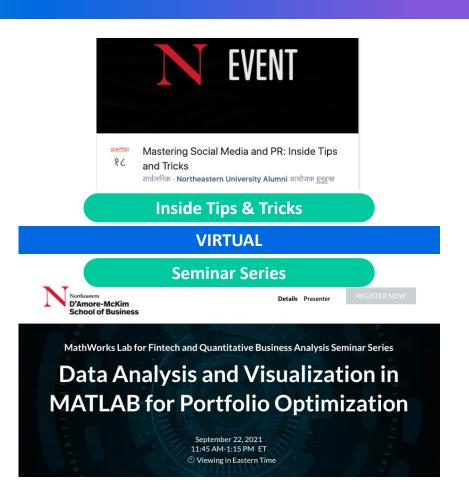


London Thanksgiving Event

IN PERSON

Class of 2020 Commencement





Reflections

If you're doing an in-person event and not adding-on hybrid, you're missing the boat...

Hybrid Reflections

However, hybrid can be defined and implemented in many ways.

Everyone is craving being back in-person and our attendance rates back that up.

Tried and True

Don't underestimate the potential of donations during registration. We have seen a 10% uptick.

Lessons Learned



Where They Are



Understand Implications of New Modalities



Amplify Reach & Impact with Innovation

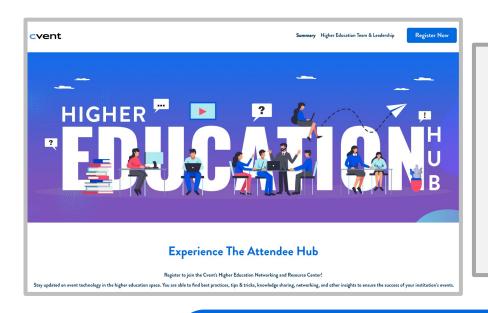


Drive Efficiency with Salesforce Integration



Increase Giving with Donations at Registration

Cvent EDU Attendee Hub



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- **Connect** with peer institutions
- Explore sample events
- Access training materials
- Learn about best practices
- Ask a Cvent expert in Office Hours

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Q&A



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