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## **INTRO**

Cape Cod Community College's brand standards promote a recognizable identity for our College in our region, across our state, and beyond. Our brand is more than just a logo and a tagline: it is how our students, prospective students, faculty, staff, and community members view us and the work that we do. A professional brand is built on discipline and cohesion across the entire institution.

The purpose of this guide is to ensure consistency in the look, feel, and messaging of our College's communications. By following these standards – from fliers, social media, powerpoints, letterhead, and beyond – you help increase the value of our brand.

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you're working on a project, or just thinking about working on something, reach out to the Office of Strategic Communications and Marketing and we will be happy to assist you in building a strategic messaging plan and graphic design.

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# QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

#### **College Identification**

- Cape Cod Community College
- CCCC (formal, professional documents)
- 4Cs (promotions, student communications)

#### **Tag Line**

Powerful Futures Start Here

#### Logo

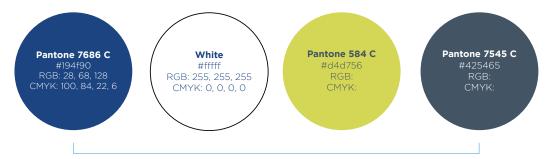


#### **Fonts**

Gotham Black
Gotham Bold
Gotham Medium
Gotham Book
Gotham Light

Goudy Old Style Bold Goudy Old Style Regular Goudy Old Style Italic

#### Colors



#### Primary Colors



Accent Color

# ONE COLLEGE, ONE BRAND

"A brand is a living entity, enriched cumulatively over time, the product of a thousand small gestures."

-Michael Eisner

Our College brand is built on the success of our students and alumni, and the strength and reputation of our faculty and staff. When we present ourselves visually, in-person, and in written communications, our brand is on full display for the world. It is critical that we look as good as we are, and that our many strengths fly under one banner, promoting cohesion and positive recognition for our stakeholders.



## **LOGO**

The Cape Cod Community College logo is the centerpiece of our visual brand. It should be used in conjunction with nearly all College activities and materials. The College tagline is a piece of our logo and should always be used in-full, unless otherwise noted.



#### **DOWNLOAD THE LOGO**

High-resolution logos are available for download at CapeCod.edu/Communications



While this font appears to be similar to Goudy, there are nuances about it that make it different. Notice the closed bowl of "P" and the angular bar on the "e."



Powerful Futures Start Here ..... This is not the font "Goudy." It is a san serif font.



This is the same incorrect san serif font that ····· has been italicized.



The College's formal, academic seal is not our logo, and should only be used for formal, professional College communications including Commencement materials and registration documentation.

# SHOW YOUR COLORS

Colors are important to a brand. Consistency in color usage helps viewers associate those particular colors with our brand.

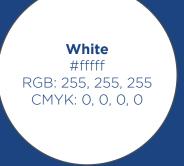
#### Colors



#### Primary Colors



Accent Color



White can be used for body copy and logos when being used on a color that is too dark for Pantone 7540 C.



**Pantone 292 C** #65b2e9 RGB: 106, 178, 226 CMYK: 55, 16, 0, 0

This is our accent blue. This blue can be used in publications for pullquotes, elements such as information graphics.

Not for logo use

# **JUST OUR TYPE**

The typefaces we use can help convey our messages. Is the type treatment large, small, thin, bold?

It's critical to be consistent with our typographic treatments. Think - when you put your suite of materials together and look at them as a collection, do they look like they belong together?

#### **Gotham**

**Gotham Black** Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp **Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0** 

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**Gotham Medium** Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

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Gotham Book Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Gotham Light Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Ji Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

Qa Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yv Zz 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

#### Goudy Old Style

Goudy Old Style Bold Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

Og Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yv Zz 1234567890

Goudy Old Style Regular Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Ji Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Goudy Old Style Italic

Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

#### **DOWNLOADING FONTS**

Fonts are available through the College's Help Desk. Please call 774-330-4004 or email helpdesk@capecod.edu.

# COLLEGE **MESSAGING**

Our messaging, be it for currently enrolled students or members of our community, establishes a coherent theme for storytelling and marketing messages about Cape Cod Community College.

**Notice:** Please note that previously existing messaging. including "4Cs Believes in Me," "My College, My Future/Career, My Life" have been retired and should be eliminated from use immediately.

#### Our messaging theme, adopted in 2019:

• Be Powerful: for students and prospective students

#### Through short, easy-to-digest messages, we spotlight:

- Real-life success stories of current students and alumni
- Perseverance and completion as a "power"
- Education-to-career pathways
- Practical demonstrations of our tag line



#### Student and prospective student communications

According to a student media preference survey conducted by the College, 66-percent of our enrolled students indicated that they came to us with the intention of graduating then moving on to an immediate career, transferring, or a combination of both.

Our messaging, from first-point-of-contact through Commencement, should support them in that goal and assist them with navigating the daily challenges of being a college student.

#### Communications with students should always:

Be Friendly: Avoid harsh or aggressive commands and personalize messages when possible, avoiding blanket messages that start with "Dear Student."

Be Supportive: Many of our students are experiencing college for the first time and are not familiar with our infrastructure. Offer assistance and problem solving, even if it means getting a student on to another area of the institution

Be Empathetic: Our students, even those of a "traditional" age, are balancing life and work experiences that are unique and often act as roadblocks to their higher education goals. Ask questions, seek out answers, and work to keep them on track.

Every point of contact a student has with our College is an opportunity for them to persist or distance themselves from us. Your empathy, supportive communication, and kindness could be the difference between them reaching their goals or not.

## PRINT

The development, writing, design, and production of printed collateral materials is coordinated by Strategic Communications and Marketing. Our team works one-on-one with College clients to produce materials that are on-brand, target the appropriate audience, and work to meet your needs. We will help generate promotional copy, work with you to hone it for accuracy, capture photography as necessary, design the materials, and help you execute distribution strategies. Please contact Strategic Communications and Marketing for assistance with your print project.

#### A note about event promotion

Strategic Communications and Marketing supports the development and creation of numerous materials, including those used for student recruitment and student services. Please note that to create materials for unique event promotion. the department will need lead-time.

This allows time for writing, design, and printing, as well as time for the event to be worked into other channels, including social media, the College website, and the College calendar.





Wednesday February 27, 2016 | 2:00pm AMERICA REFRAMED: THE BLACK PANTHERS VANGUARD OF THE REVOLUTION

This renowned series on PBS will focus on those international individuals who risked life and reputation in the cause of social justice in America and fighting for the basic human clightly of Black. people in the 1960's.



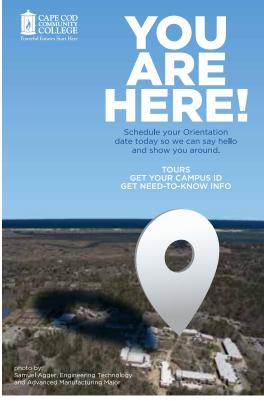
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their relevence in the history of America.



#### Need help? We've got your back.







Every year, more than

of financial aid goes unclaimed.

## **GET YOURS.**

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FAFSA.gov / FinAid@CapeCod.edu for questions







FEB 14-MARCH 8

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Apply today. Capecod.edu

# VIDEO & VIRTUAL EVENTS

In a digital world, video messaging and virtual events – either to help promote the College, a student/alumni, or a program or service – is critical. And although there are limitations to in-person gatherings, virtual events are a great way to safely engage audiences to celebrate achievements, and engage in common interests. When considering producing video or virtual events there are two possible pathways:

#### **Promotional Videos & Virtual Events**

If you're interested in doing a video that will be available for both the College community and external audiences, shared via social media or other digital channels, you're looking for a Promotional Video.

Types of promotional videos include: pre-recorded ceremonies, student/alumni/faculty testimonials, special event videos, invitations to events happening digitally or on-campus.

If you are interested in hosting a live virtual event that will be attended or viewed by the College community and/or external audiences, streamed via social media or other digital channels, you're looking for a Virtual Event.

Types of virtual events may include panel discussions, pinning or induction ceremonies, performances, exhibits and more.

Both Promotional Videos & Virtual Events are produced inhouse in collaboration with our Tilden Arts Center Team and the Strategic Communications and Marketing Office. These projects require lead time in advance to coordinate schedules, allow for production design, appropriate time for promotion via the College Calendar, filming and/or rehearsal, editing and broadcast. Depending on the complexity of the video or event, organizers should plan a minimum of 2 weeks lead time.

#### To start a Promotional Video project or Virtual Event contact:

Vana Trudeau, College and Events Coordinator 774-330-4766 vtrudeau@capecod.edu

#### **Internal Videos**

If you want to document your classroom or any other project where the final video will be for only faculty, staff or students, you're looking for an Internally Produced Video. These videos are recorded with the intent of not being shared broadly to the community for the purposes of promoting the institution.

#### To start an Internal Video project, contact:

IT Help Desk 774-330-4004 helpdesk@capecod.edu



# **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Always original, never stock.

Original photography is used in nearly all of the materials created by Strategic Communications and Marketing. Our team manages the photo process and can work with you to set-up photoshoots when appropriate. Photos should celebrate our College's naturally diverse population, our unique campus, our classrooms and laboratories, and show our students, faculty, and staff in action.

#### **HAVING YOUR PHOTO TAKEN?**

#### Time

A portrait normally takes no more than ten minutes.

Agree upon an exact time to meet with the photographer.

#### Appearance

- Wear professional attire that is clean and wrinkle free.
- Avoid wearing articles that are heavily branded (Looking at you, Red Sox fans!)
- Is your tie straight? Is your hair combed?





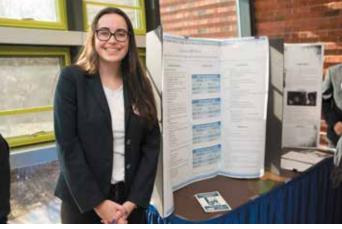




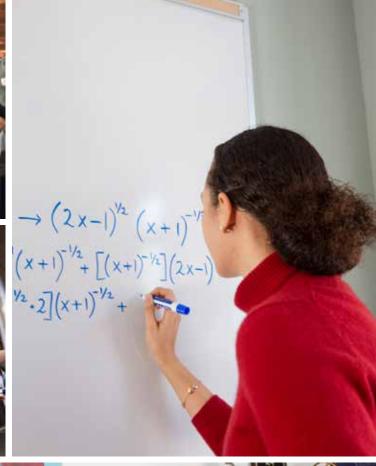


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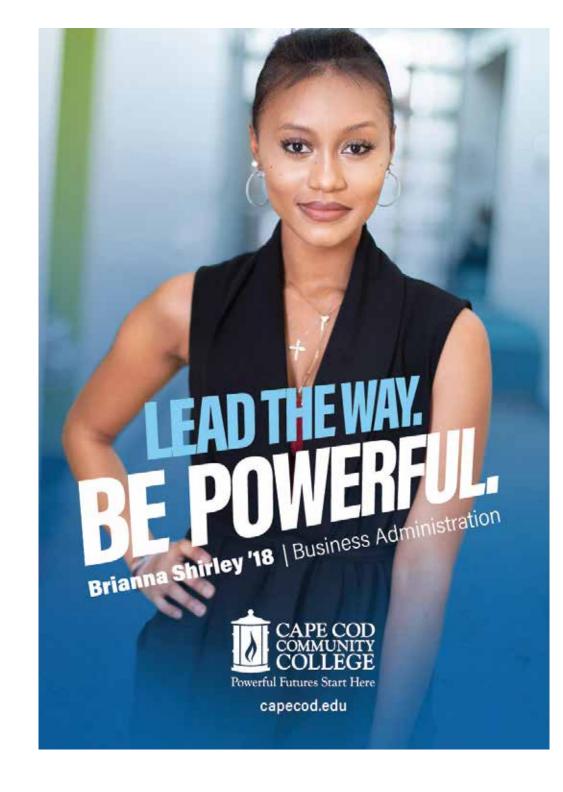




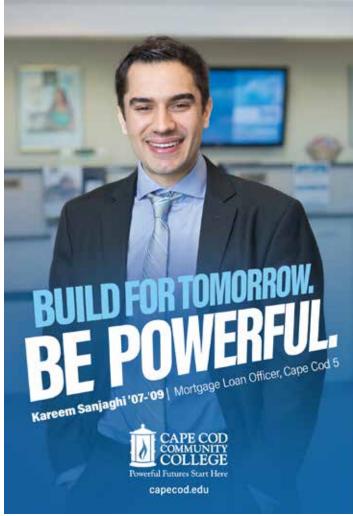
# **ADVERTISING**

Paid media purchases that leverage our brand to recruit potential students and community members to the College.

Examples are from the College's 2019 Fall advertising campaign







# OWN THE FUTURE. BE POWERFUL.

**Learn More** 

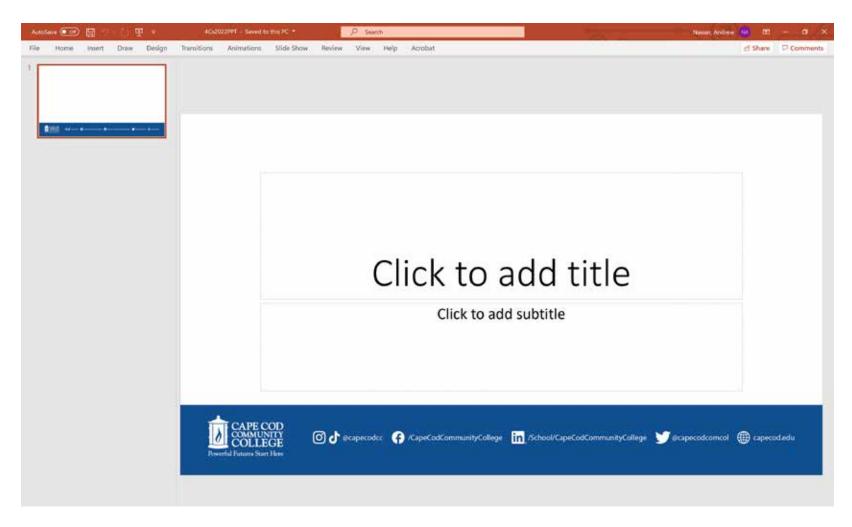


## **POWERPOINT**

College presentations prepared by the College should reflect our current branding. Strategic Communications and Marketing has prepared a customizable template to make this easier.

#### DOWNLOAD OUR POWERPOINT TEMPLATE

A template with multiple page style options is available for download on the College's website at: **capecod.edu/communications**.



## **EMAIL SIGNATURE**

Every time you send an email, especially externally, you are presenting a message that should demonstrate College branding. While we do not have the capacity to automatically standardize email signatures at this time, we do provide a preferred template.

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Cape Cod Community College Phone 774.123.4567 Fax 774.234.5678

Director of Brand Standards ...... Regular sans serif (Gotham preferred) 11pt font.

RGB: 75, 79, 85

Bold sans serif (Gotham preferred)

11pt font.

RGB: 28, 68, 128



Logo underneath contact information.



Social media icons with hyperlinks to the respective channel.

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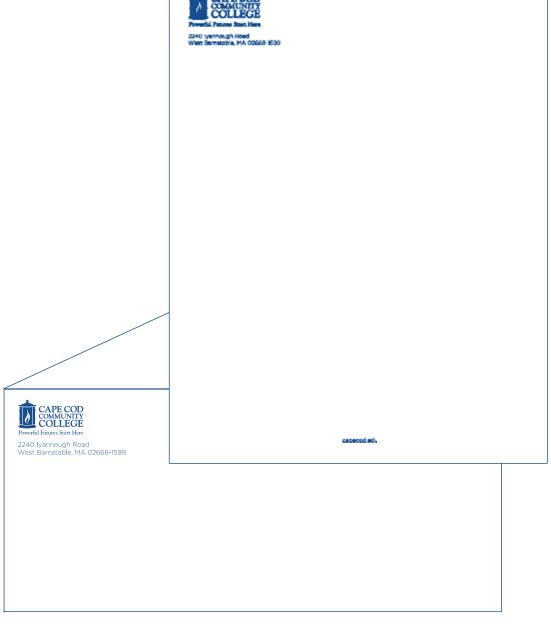
# BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

Materials used to communicate official College business must adhere to standardized templates created by Strategic Communications and Marketing. These materials include letterhead, envelopes, and business cards

Please contact Strategic Communications and Marketing for assistance with any of these materials.







# PROMOTIONAL DISPLAYS AND SIGNAGE

Branded displays are used at conferences, recruitment events, public meetings, or other occasions involving external audiences. These include but are not limited to pop-up banners, tablecloths, and tabletop signs. Contact Strategic Communications and Marketing for assistance with your display.

#### **Temporary Wayfinding Signage**

Temporary signage on buildings, doors, and other College fixtures is sometimes necessary in promoting events, changes in foot-traffic, and general wayfinding for unique situations happening on campus.



The Adult Education Center of Cape Cod Community College located in downtown Hyannis provides free educational services to help adults 16-and-older improve their reading, writing, math, listening, speaking, science, and social studies skills.



540 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 capecod.edu/aec 508-375-5000

# Welcome to the 4Cs LIFE FITNESS CENTER



• Student Engagement Office



- Basketball court
- Children's College
- Fitness Center
- Racquetball court







# PROMOTIONAL ITEMS AND APPAREL

#### **Promotional Items**

Branded giveaways may be produced for general use or for special events. These items include materials like pens, t-shirts, sunglasses, Frisbees, etc...

All promotional items should utilize the College's logo and/or College name. Depending on the nature and color of the item, the color of the logo may need to be inverted.

#### **Apparel**

Strategic Communications and Marketing can recommend outside vendors who will work with your budget on creating and delivering merchandise when needed. The College logo should be used and the final product should be approved before purchasing.





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