



It is **crucial** for career practitioners and educators to promote hope in students.

(Amundson, Niles, & Yoon, 2013 – CERIC Hope Centered Career Research Final Report, p.13)



There is a problem.





"Although there is a wealth of labour market information available, its helpfulness is too often lost because it is too overwhelming to sort through. ChatterHigh is doing a great service by making labour market information not only interesting and relevant but, even more importantly, accessible to 21st century students. It is an incredible feat done with simplicity and elegance."

 Gray Poehnell, 2012 winner of the Stu Conger Award for Leadership in Career Counselling and Career Development



"North American postsecondary attrition rate between 30% and 40% has persisted for over thirty years" (Calder & Gordon, 1996; Dance, 1990; Dietsche 1990; Drea, 2004; Grayson & Grayson, 2003; Ontario Min of Ed, 2004; Summers, 2003; Tinto, 1993)

1/3 (YITS) to ½ (Parkin & Baldwin, 2009) of students that drop out of first year at postsecondary do so because of a lack of interest with their program or lack of direction in their career.



Consequences

Students not actively exploring

\$14M unclaimed scholarships/year

10-20% 1st yr drop out: "lack of interest"

\$6B gov't subsidies spent on drop outs



We need to build 'value' in career education, with educator & student.

(Me. I said that.)



...help students develop a sense of vocational identity...

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The desired outcome of an engaged student = adaptability



It is **necessary** to find strategies and resources in order to enhance hope in students.

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"Belief that there is a goal we can obtain and a path we can follow creates hope."

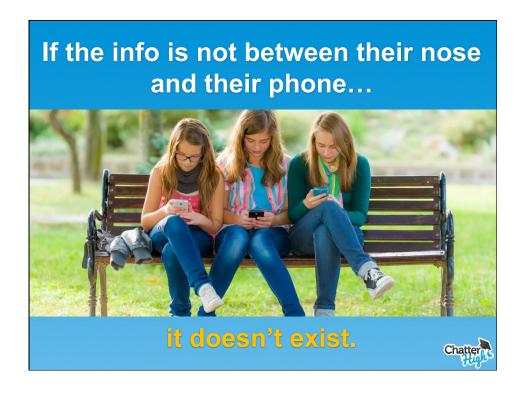
(Snyder et al., 1991)

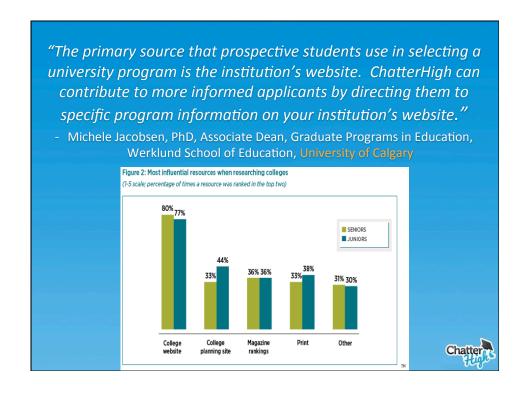


"Hope uniquely predicts objective academic achievement above intelligence, personality and previous academic achievement."

(Day, Hanson, Maltby, Proctor, Wood, 2010)

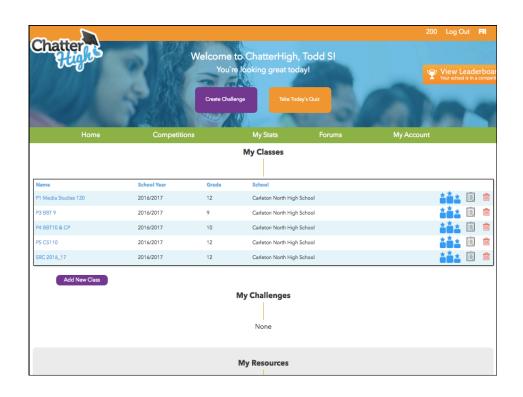


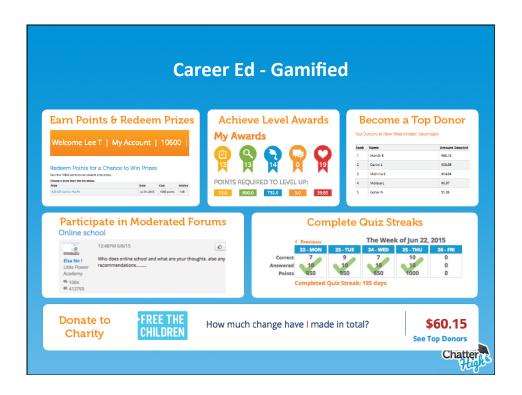














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\$15,000 in grand prizes

HIGH SCHOOLS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS INVITED

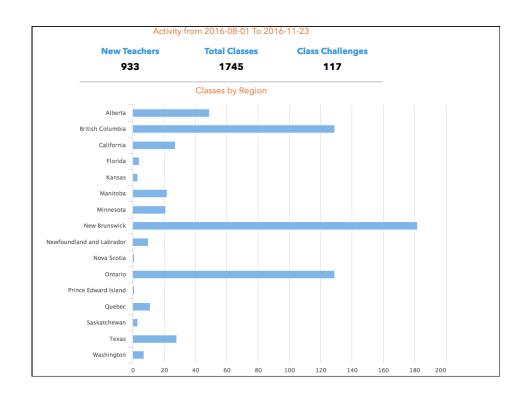
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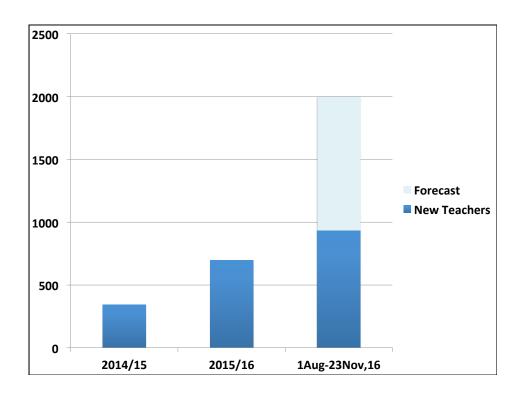
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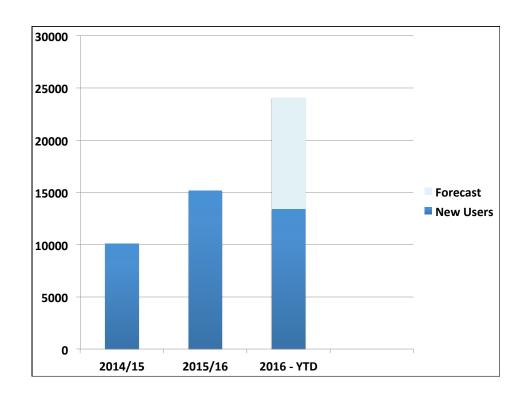
Since Sep 1st:

Students from 511 Cdn schools in 153 districts in 11 Prov/Terr... 797,922 questions answered 682,350 Cdn site engagements











"We will promote the ChatterHigh quizzes in classrooms. I do think it is a fantastic tool to get students engaged in their career and education planning!"

- Cathy Tidey, Learning Clicks, Program Coordinator, Min of Education, AB

"In partnership with the Departments of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour (PETL) and Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD), a new edu-game titled ChatterHigh will be rolled out to both Anglophone and Francophone education sectors."

Grant Barry, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Department of Post-Sec Education, Training and Labour, NB

"Congratulations Lee! I have just uploaded the info to our Career Development on-line Maple Group for all educators in Manitoba. I have also sent the info to my colleague in the French Ministry."

-Ruth Stargardter, Education and Advanced Learning, Man



"I would really like the other members of our provincial GOAL Network to hear about ChatterHigh. My colleague in charge of the Career Development courses for Quebec is really keen about the possibility of more French content in ChatterHigh."

- Marsha Gouett, Spécialiste en sciences de l'éducation, Min of Education, Que

"Looking forward to getting Yukon students involved in ChatterHigh."

Tanya Lanigan, Consultant, Department of Education, Yukon

"We will meet to determine the best way to forward it to schools to ensure uptake. Any I have talked with are quite excited to try things out."

-Teresa Watson, Coordinator, Department of Education, Culture & Employment, NWT





"I used ChatterHigh throughout my last two years in high school. It was initially something I got started on because of the opportunity to win prizes for myself and money for my school, but I got a lot more out of it than that. In grade 12 I was very undecided about what I wanted to 'do with my life.' I was pretty sure I wanted to go into a business type program, but I wasn't sure what program or what school. I knew names of the schools in town, but **not much more**. Through ChatterHigh guizzes I learned more and more about Camosun College's programs, and became more convinced it was the best choice for my situation. I eventually met with an adviser and enrolled in the program. My time at Camosun led me to an internship at a Digital Marketing agency in town, and just 3 years after high school graduation I have had a chance to work in an agency and as a freelance consultant. I look back and give credit to a lot of things and people for the path that I have taken, and ChatterHigh is definitely one of those."

Marcus Clayton (Spectrum Community School Grad 2012) Digital Marketing Consultant



"Chatter High has played a central role in the engagement of our learners, educators and families in career exploration in New Brunswick. It has allowed career planning to become the focus of learning communities in ways we'd not seen before. Kudos to Lee and his team for their work in New Brunswick!"

-Tammy Strong, Education Support Services,

Department of Education & Early Childhood Development, NB



"The francophone schools of NB have had a great first experience with ChatterHigh which enables students to be more engaged and proactive in their career exploration journey. It was just launched in September and we have received lots of positive feedback from educators and students in a short period of time."

-Patricia Bonneau,

Agente pédagogique provinciale en développment vie-carriére,
Direction des programmes d'études at de l'évaluation

Department of Education & Early Childhood Development, NB



"ChatterHigh excites students to research their future and take risks. It links well to the Ontario Ministry of Education document Creating Pathways to Success inquiry question, "What are my opportunities?" We look forward to our continued relationship with Lee and Chatterhigh."

- Lisa Vanelst, Program Facilitator, Guidance, *Durham District School Board*, ON



"Our ChatterHigh experience was of great benefit to us! The built-in links to current info exposed us to the variety of postsecondary and career options that we would have never considered before. We look forward to competing again next year!"

Student feedback from Mr. Lynn's Planning 10 class
 North Peace Secondary, BC

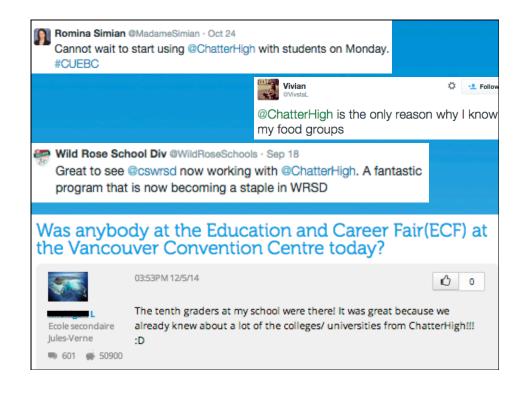


"since your visit Brian has really been motivated to plan his future! This is such great news and his mother is very surprised by these events."

- Lisa Dribnenki, Career Program Coordinator,

J.A. Williams High School, AB









"For universities and colleges this not only raises awareness about the programs we offer but also results in more highly engaged students who know how to better navigate their postsecondary education upon arrival. This has the potential to increase student retention and student success."

-Jody Gordon, VP Students



"En seulement quelques semaines, ChatterHigh s'est déjà hissé au troisième rang de tous les sites référents, présentant choisir.umoncton.ca à des milliers d'élèves, de parents et autres personnes d'influence. Il s'agit certainement d'un excellent investissement sur le plan du recrutement étudiant."

-Denis Boucher, Directeur du recruitement étudiant



"ChatterHigh is a great way for students to research postsecondary institutions and have fun. It is also allows us to showcase our programs, support services and opportunities with prospective students, school counsellors and parents. We have noticed a marked increase in the traffic to our site since partnering with ChatterHigh and students are clearly engaged based on the quality and quality of questions we receive in the forums. "

- Kari Sackney, Student Communications Coordinator



"The ChatterHigh approach is very targeted and relevant to our market. It is an interesting way for us to get brand exposure in markets where we don't have recruitment presence today, and the platform is cost effective since it caters to our target market. We are happy with the initial results and their team's support."

- Michelle Beauchamp, Director, Recruitment and Admissions



Thank you for your time.

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