# Special by Design: A Framework for Fundraising Initiatives

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# Strategic/ Initiatives

### **Operations:**

- Prospect Research
- Communications
- Strategy
- Events
- Leadership

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#### **Development:**

- Gift Officers
  - Annual, Major, Principal & Planned
- Donor Relations
- Campaign





Spokane, Washington

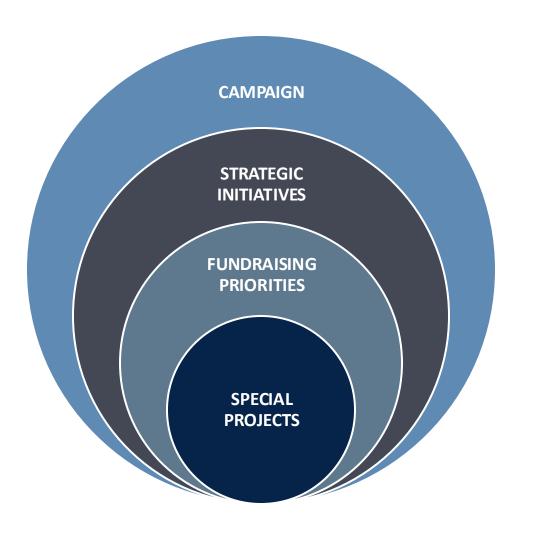


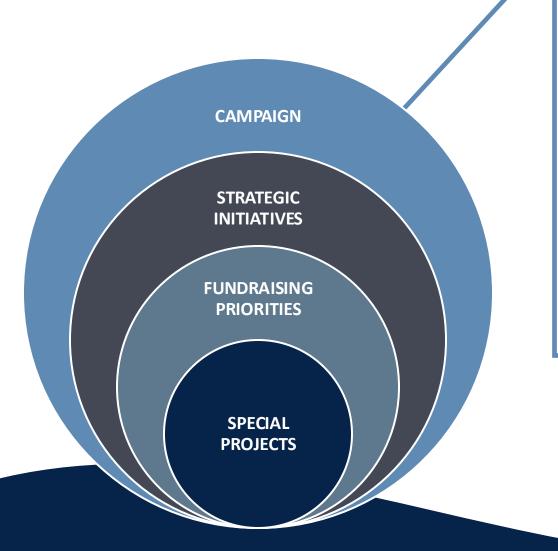
- Expansion of a single donor family's support for student-athlete mental health
- Driven by donor enthusiasm and vision, a mission-aligned initiative emerged from an otherwise "one-off" idea



- Strengthened advancement's partnership with athletics
- Led to the adoption of a similar model in student affairs
- Sparked more projects in partnership with the family
- Inspired other donors to support the initiative, too

The guiding categories

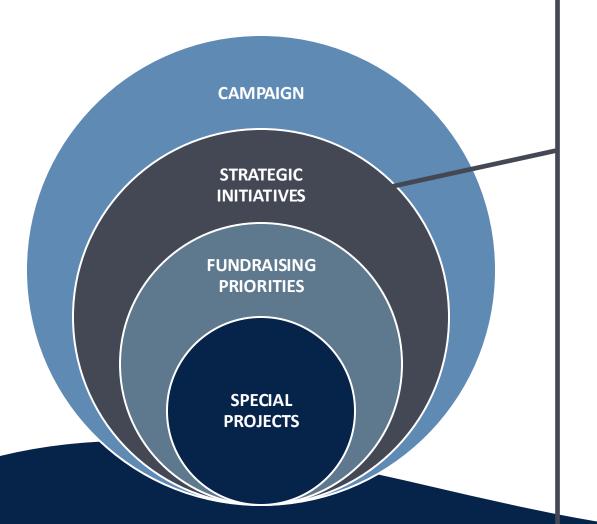




#### **CAMPAIGN**

Capital projects and initiatives that are:

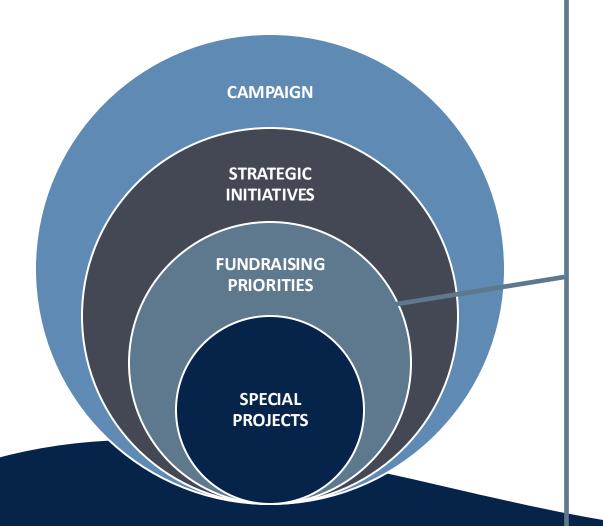
- Vetted for the feasibility of fundraising and fulfillment
- Transformational for the future of the University and its students
- Derived from the Strategic
   Plan



# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Endeavors for which Advancement actively engages in messaging and fundraising that are:

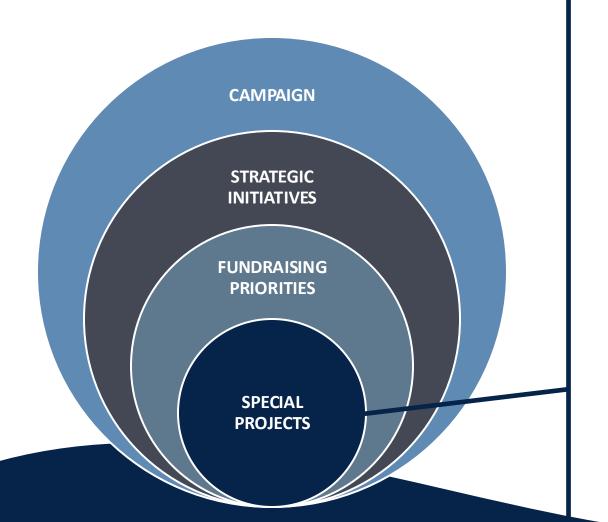
- Vetted for feasibility of fundraising and fulfillment
- Furnished with defined outcome goals
- Assigned prospect pools
- Equipped with materials for idea testing with lead donors
- Ready for collateral to employ in mid-scale major and principal level fundraising



# FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

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- Vetted for feasibility of fundraising and fulfillment
- Furnished with defined outcome goals
- Assigned prospect pools
- Equipped with materials for idea testing with lead donors
- Prepared collateral to employ in large-scale fundraising at all levels



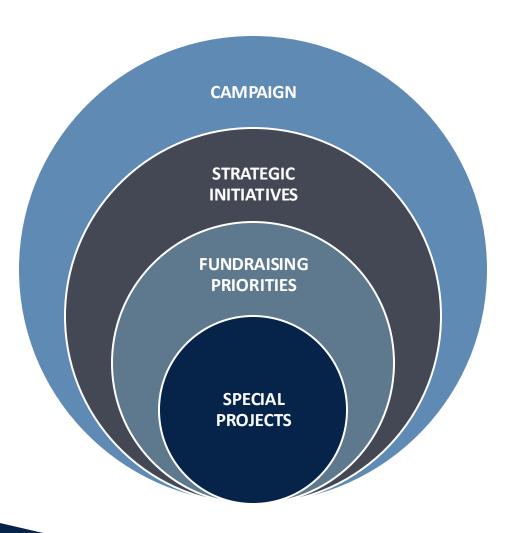
# SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### Projects that:

- May or may not involve fundraising elements
- Involve principal-level donors
- May impact fundraising priorities, strategic initiatives and the campaign
- Engage campus partners, organizational or corporate partners
- Play a crucial role in future Advancement initiatives

## The categories help:

- Match the right opportunity to the right donor
- Tailor collateral
- Time asks strategically
- Manage expectations
- Cross-campus collaboration





### The process:







Narrative Framing

Development

Activation

FUNDRAISING 3	TRATEGIC INITIATIVE
Initiative Title:	
Description:	
Approved Budget:	
Fundraising Goals	
Total Fundraising Goal (\$):	
Raised to Date:	
Lead Donor:	
Pending Asks:	
Donor Strategy	
Pipeline Develop non t	
□ Top Donors Identified	
☐ Lead Gifts in Play	
□ Cultivation Stage	
□ Proposals in Draft	
<ul> <li>Stewardship Needs</li> </ul>	
□ Estate/Planned Gift Potential	
Donor Pool Tiers	
Tier	Description
Top Major	
Masses/Alumni	<del>                                     </del>
Disqualified	Reason

## The Institute for Informatics & Applied Technology

#### **CAMPAIGN PROJECT**



The Spark



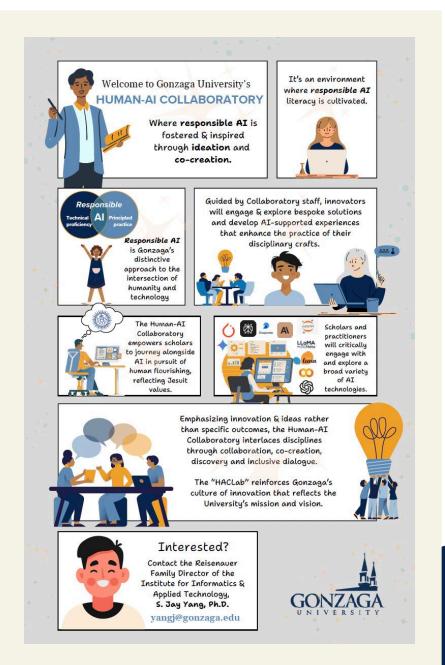
The Strategy



The Message



The Outcome



## **Native Student Accompaniment**

#### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVE**



The Spark



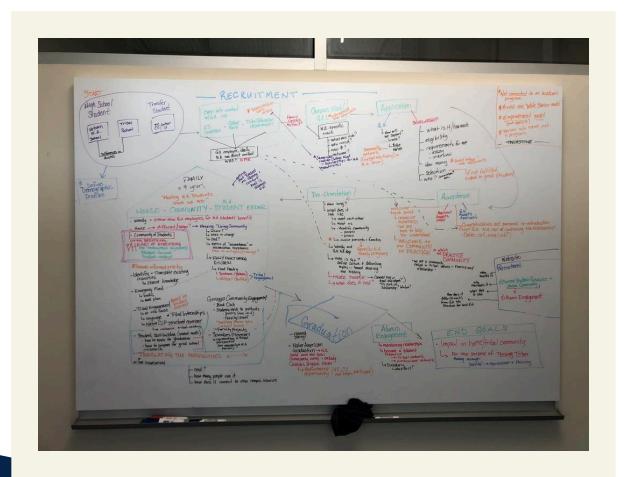
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The Message



The Outcome



# Celebrating A Dean Emeritus' 50th Anniversary

#### **SPECIAL PROJECT**



The Spark



The Strategy



The Message

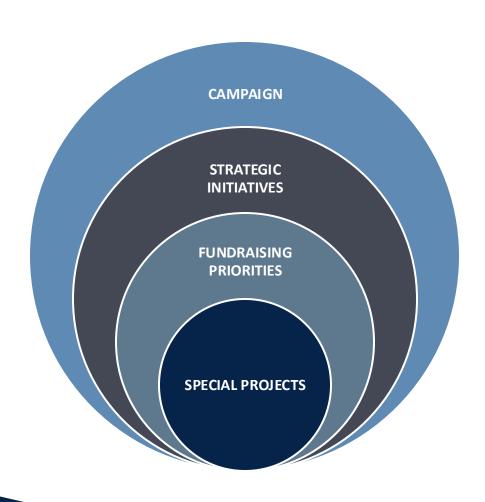


The Outcome



## Recap: the process & the categories

- Oiscovery
- Feasibility Vetting
- Strategic Mapping
- Narrative Framing
- Development
- Activation





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