

## THE OPPORTUNITY

GOAL: Brand the strengths of Wallingford to broaden our reach beyond the state and build the "Winning in Wallingford" pitch

Wallingford is an oasis in the state of Connecticut; we want to increase taxable businesses and educate the community on EDC plans

- Team interviews began in September 2020
- Work started in full in October 2020



SMT assembled and guided by Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship, Strategy, and Game Design at Quinnipiac University, David Tomczyk, in partnership with Tim Ryan

## RESEARCH

#### **GOAL: BETTER IDENTIFY & UNDERSTAND STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES**

- Interviews
- Competitive analysis
- Brand analysis



## **BRENNA ROSE**

- BS in supply chain management with a minor in entrepreneurship (grad. 2021)
  - Recipient of the Bellizzi-McMullen Leadership Award
- MBA student (grad. 2022)
- From Nashua, NH
- Experience working in product management with United Health Group



## COLLEGE OUTREACH

GOAL: Develop access to the workforce by creating partnerships and active lines of communication

- Extension of local EDC collaboration with the superintendent and Board of Education
- Workforce access is the #1 driver of businesses to a specific location
- Contacted 5 universities and 4 community colleges
  - Based on location and CT student population percentage
- Discussed college fairs, job finding systems, and classroom partnerships



## SHEA KELLIHER

- BS in Marketing, Computer Information Systems Minor (grad. 2021)
- Hometown: Wrentham, MA
- Experience with digital marketing, Social media for Barstool Sports
- VP of PR and Marketing for Alpha Chi Omega



## EMAIL MARKETING

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Winning in Wallingford

#### Town of Wallingford, EDC

#### Our mailing address is:

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GOAL: To inform businesses of the strengths of our marketplace and our business friendly culture

- Create and design digital marketing email campaigns
- In the process of adding a pop-up subscription on the webpage to expand our reach to new businesses and grow email list



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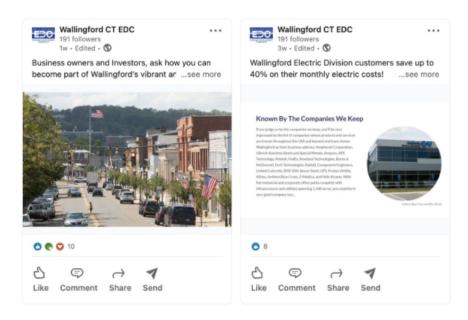
#### CHANDLER MERZ

- BS in Entrepreneurship and small business management (grad. 2021)
- From Westfield, NJ
- Experience with product management with Epsom-it



## GOAL: Attract business decision makers to Wallingford

- Convey Wallingford's value to commercial real estate brokers and business owners
- Sales navigator: target invite users to view and follow the page as well as start conversations





## JOHN MEEHAN

- BS in Entrepreneurship and small business management (grad. 2022)
- MBA Student (grad. 2023)
- From Morristown, NJ

#### Experience

- Founder and Owner of an Instagram comedy page with over one million followers
- Former Social Media Director for VSBRO gaining traction of 100k users in first week on the app store





GOAL: Disperse information throughout the local community and encourage public engagement

- We want to engage both the residential and business community with the EDC mindset
- Post bi-weekly about business news and development in Wallingford

https://www.instagram.com/wallingford.ct/



### JACK HATTAMER

- Advertising and Integrated
   Communications (grad. 2021)
- From Hollis, NH
- Intern at the Governor's office in New Hampshire
- Social Media Specialist at SRB
   Communications



GOAL: Disperse local information and pertinent news articles to the community and businesses within Wallingford to better public awareness

- Still hypothetical
- Concerned about potential for negative conversations and comments
- Want other channels to be more established before starting
- Content will potentially include local business news, events, and informational postings about current projects happening in Wallingford







#### CALLUM GRIFFITH

#### **Founder & Creative Director at Composite**

Data-Driven Branding & UI/UX Design Studio with clients including the City of Cambridge, Babson United, Griot's Eye

- 8 years of design experience, 3 years of consulting/digital strategy experience Startups, Consulting, Finance, Technology, NPOs
- Hometown: Cambridge, MA

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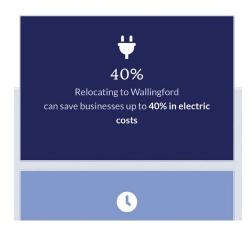
#### **Digital Marketing Specialist at Composite**

- (2021) MBA | Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
- (2020) BS in Marketing, Economics Minor | Marketing Department Student Achievement Award
- 3 years of digital marketing experience in high-tech, publishing, health & wellness
- Hometown: Saratoga Springs, NY





#### Why Wallingford?

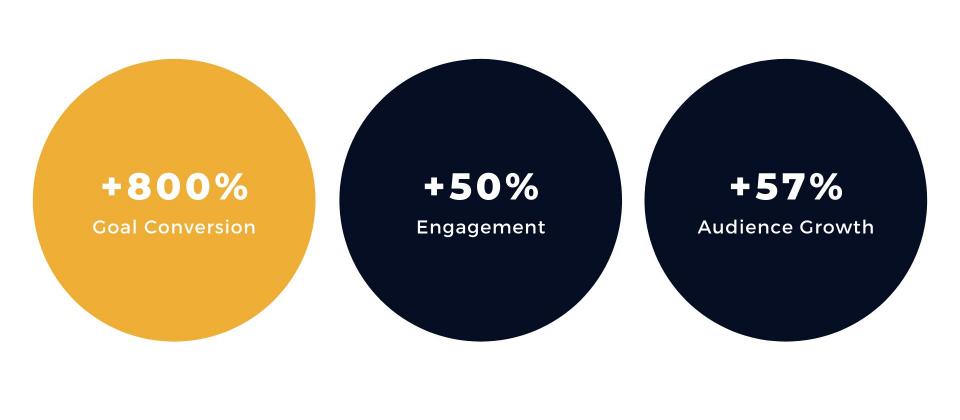


# EDC LANDING PAGE REDESIGN

GOAL: Fortify brand position for future digital marketing outreach

- Digital Marketing Audit
- Synthesized Content & Improved UI/UX Design
- Gathered Statistics, Testimonials, FAQs
  - Build credibility and improve engagement with qualified leads

https://www.wallingford.ct.us/businesses/



## PROJECT TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

- September 2020: Interview and hire the team
- October 2020: Research the Wallingford brand strengths and weaknesses
- December 2020: Form and research channel ideas
- January 2021: Soft launch of channels
- February 2021: Website launch

Currently building audiences and messaging structures

September 2021: more aggressive usage and launch of platforms



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