



Engaging a Distributed Workforce





More about me



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Southern New Hampshire University



150,000+

Students attend
(on campus or online)



200+

Degree programs



10,000+

Staff deliver the SNHU
experience



~100

Human Resources
professionals support the
team






Today's Presentation

- 1 Where SNHU started
- 2 Updates for a distributed workforce
- 3 Driving and measuring success





“I’ve been recognized for great work in the past, but the best part is the praise seems genuine rather than canned or generic.”

“Seems like the same people get recognized”

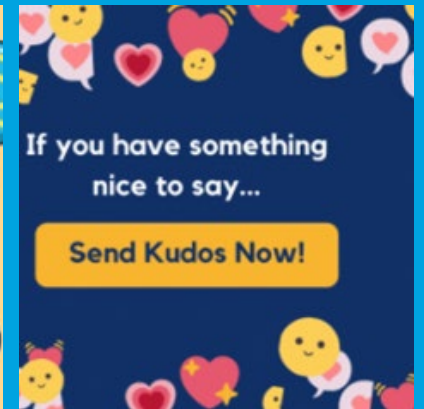
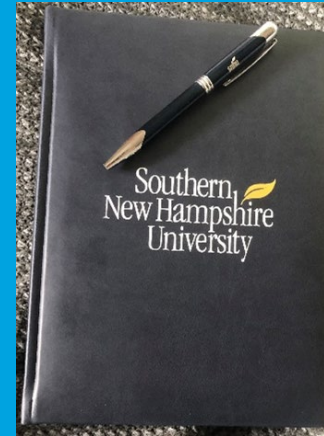
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Top down

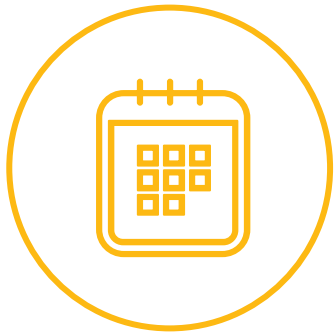
One size fits all

Inconsistent

Siloed



Operationalizing Recognition at SNHU



Phased
approach



Stakeholder
Coalition



Employee Shine
Champions



Tracking Program
KPIs



Introduction to Shine



WELCOME TO SHINE

The goal of Shine is to foster a day to day culture of appreciation and recognition at SNHU. Shine is designed for employees by employees.



BEST PRACTICES



MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY AND RECOGNIZE



Check out our latest cards >>>

SNHU's Shining Stars

[Send Recognition](#)


Shanita Williams has received "Do the Right Thing Every Time" card from **Tiffany Vancil**

5 days ago



You have received "Just Because " card from **Tiffany Vancil**

5 days ago



Willmerk Tapia has received "New Addition" card from **Tiffany Vancil**

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1 week ago



CORE VALUES

Exude Passion

Challenge the Status Quo

Do the Right Thing Every Time

Exhibit Grit

Embrace Diversity

Greeting Cards

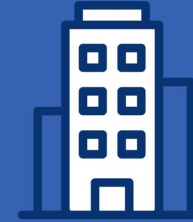
WELCOME TO THE TEAM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**YOU MAKE COMING BACK
TO THE OFFICE GREAT**



VIRTUAL HIGH FIVE



GET WELL SOON



CONGRATULATIONS



Appreciation Preferences

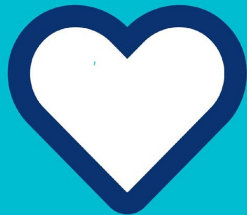
QUALITY TIME



ACT OF SERVICE



THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU



**EXPOSURE TO PEOPLE
& EXPERIENCES**





Values-based Recognition



**DO THE
RIGHT THING
EVERY TIME**

WE DEMONSTRATE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO
INTEGRITY & ETHICS. WE DO THE RIGHT THING
FOR OUR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES.



**EXUDE
PASSION**

WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT
OUR MISSION, STUDENT SUCCESS
& OUR EMPLOYEES AND IT SHOWS
IN ALL THAT WE DO



**EXHIBIT
GRIT**

WE ARE TENACIOUS, PERSEVERE & FLAWLESSLY
EXECUTE BY NEVER CUTTING CORNERS & ALWAYS
MAINTAINING A LASER FOCUS ON THE DETAILS.



**EMBRACE
DIVERSITY**

WE ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALITY, DIVERSE
IDEAS & VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES THAT ENRICH
OUR COMMUNITY & BRING OUR MISSION TO LIFE.



**CHALLENGE
THE STATUS QUO**

WE PUSH THE LIMITS OF THE
STATUS QUO EVERY DAY THROUGH
INNOVATION, FORWARD THINKING,
CREATIVITY & RISK-TAKING



Driving Success





Results

66.2%

Active Users

8270

Total Recognitions

63%

Recognition Engagement

57%

sent by managers

Thank you for
being you -
top ecard sent

Exhibit Grit -
top values
ecard

Over 5,000 comments and 2,900 reactions on recognitions =
almost 8,000 additional employee interactions!



“Working on Shine allowed me to connect with colleagues across SNHU that I don’t normally interact with. It also helped me learn more about the language of appreciation and how fostering a community of recognition and thanks not only impacts individuals, it also reinforces our SNHU values and helps build stronger teams.”



eCard



Kate received an **"Exhibit Grit"**
eCard from **Stephen**

Kate,
Words cannot express my appreciation for all the work that you've
done on the Upgrade. From checking in on your days off
to pushing the launch at 5AM, you have gone above and beyond
the call of duty to make sure things went smoothly.

Thank you so much for all your help, we could not have done it
without you!

-Steve

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Service Recognition



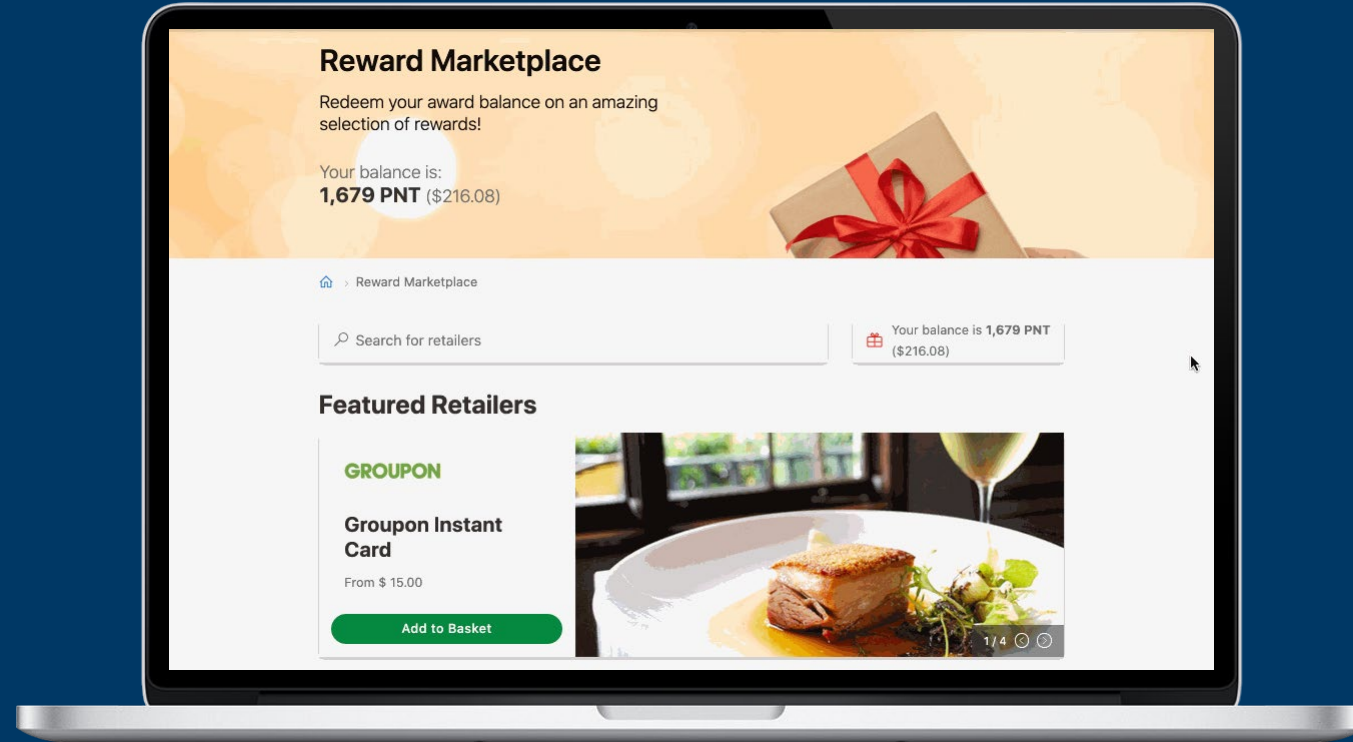


Service Recognition

52%

of employees who leave SNHU voluntarily do so within 0-3 years

Service recognition



Gift Cards

Amazon.com

Charitable Options



Results

2 new milestones
created

Custom automatic
messages for each
milestone

Published all
milestone award
amounts

Added tax language
in message

30 + milestone
awards issued



What's next

Keeping things fresh

- Employee Appreciation Day
- SNHU Stories
- Voice of learner scheduled recognition
- Cross function recognition
- Appreciation calendar



Megan was wonderful! She **excelled** at **answering all of my questions** and **understood** I am nervous but excited to start this process and new chapter. **She really helped in making the process a breeze** with her **personable attitude** and advice! Super excited for the next steps and feel **comfortable** reaching out to her with any concerns!



Megan

Send Recognition



gene.SIS Gem





Thank you!



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