Account Retention: Reduce Attrition - Raise Revenue

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Announcement of Greater Public's Account Retention Contest – Chris Koller & Laura Landress

Winner KACU - Trudy Six, Development Director

presenting their Account Retention Corporate Support appreciation example

GREATER

A Grassroots Approach to Account Retention How KACU Uses Gratitude to Sustain Corporate Support

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Grassroots Retention That Works: KACU's Annual Gift Strategy

What We Did

- Launched in 2023: annual, handdelivered holiday gifts for sponsors and major donors
- Local, seasonal, personal
 - Fresh holiday florals (e.g., Christmas cactus)
 - KACU-branded ornament
 - Handwritten thank-you cards signed by staff + board
- Delivered by staff



Why It Matters

- Shows authentic appreciation, not just ROI
- Strengthens sponsor relationships
- Builds anticipation and tradition
- Supports local makers and reinforces community connection

The Impact

- 85%+ retention rate since program launch
- Increased giving from multiple corporate partners
- High praise from major sponsors:

"The personal touches from KACU remind us our partnership is truly valued—it's rare to feel this appreciated in media sponsorship."





Key Takeaways

- Lead with gratitude: Personal touches build loyalty
- Make it local & authentic: Small businesses + station branding = deeper community ties
- Keep it doable: Low-cost, team-led, repeatable

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What could you do at your station to show appreciation to your CS supporters?



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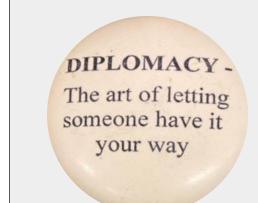






Win Someone Over





Positive Connection

Good Impression

Genuine Interest

Active Listening

Showing Kindness

Respect in Your Interactions



Acknowledge Passions





Be Open To Alternatives

Anything to make it easier

Investigate
Solutions & Options

Don't Say No Right Away

Pay Attention



Ask The Why





"What Can I Do to Gain a Larger
Share in Your Communication Plans?"

Key Takeaways



- Acknowledge Passions & HELP CREATE THEM
- Be Open to Alternatives & MAKE IT EASY
- Ask the why & DON'T BE SHY



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At your tables: thinking about an annual Account Retention plan.

What could you do at your station to cultivate and show appreciation to advertising agencies you work with?



Amy Griffith Director, Corporate Sponsorship























9-Month Recaps

- Provide direction for renewal meetings
- Provide data for campaign results
- Give you a feel for where the client is in terms of renewal
- Reiterate the value of our unduplicated audience
- Remind the buyer how smart it was to choose us in the first place
- Layout a plan/recommendation for the upcoming year based on feedback from the client



9-Month Recap Example - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



First two slides - Laying the groundwork for the why.

Embry-Riddle

And Central Florida Public Media

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is a valued partner of Central Florida Public Media due to its commitment to advancing aerospace education. The university is expanding its presence within this new aerospace hub and promoting high-paying jobs. This initiative aligns with Embry-Riddle's broader mission to foster the next generation of space professionals through its comprehensive space-related degree programs.

Embry-Riddle will continue making a positive impact by leveraging its partnership with Central Florida Public Media. By supporting Central Florida Public Media, the university demonstrates its dedication to fostering academic excellence, technological innovation and community engagement — values that resonate deeply in both its messaging and community involvement.



Local Journalism is Critical to Thriving Communities

Strong LOCAL Journalism means

- > More civic participation
- > More political participation
- > Less government and corporate corruption
- > Lower municipal borrowing costs
- > Less reliance on misinformation
- > Less partisan division

More people empowered to take action

65% of people who closely follow local news said they "know how to make a difference" ... compared to 31% of people who don't follow local news. (Pew)



Mission Alignment

Impact of Local Journalism

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Next two slides - Campaign Performance Summary (for current year)

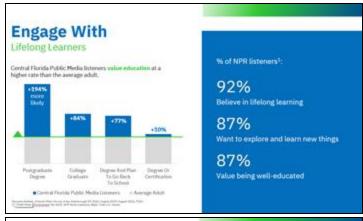






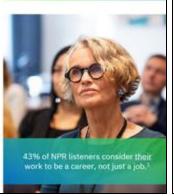
9-Month Recap Example Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Next four slides – Making the case with data

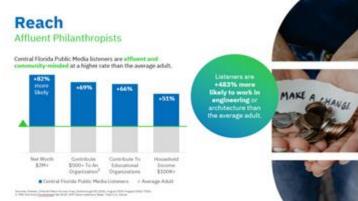












2025-2026 Campaign Recommendation



Central Florida Public Media's Space Reporting Desk 12 Month Sponsorship

Days	Daypart		Messages	Message Type		
M-Su	5a-10p	ROS	20x / month	Support Recognition: tagged promos		
M-F	5a-10p	ROS	20x / month	20 Sponsor Messages		
MF	10a-3p	ROS	20x / month	20 Sponsor Messages		
MF	3p-8p	ROS	20x / month	:20 Sponsor Messages		
M-F	to-to	ROS	20x / month	20 Sponsor Messages (includes 4 Engage spots		
Media and	Ad Unit					
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SAMPLE SUPPORT RECOGNITION MESSAGE

"Support for Space Reporting on Central Florida Public Media comes from Embry Riddle, with a commitment to trusted journalism on earth and in space."



Key Takeaways



- Utilize recaps on all key/large account renewals
- Recaps provide direction and data for the meeting and the buyer
- Recaps also provide information for buyer to share with larger team
- Recap meetings give you insight on the status of the renewal
- Meeting also gives you an opportunity to reiterate the value of you station and audience
- This is an opportunity to make changes if necessary for the remainder of the campaign.
- When appropriate, ask for the renewal

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How and when could you add an account review prior to account renewal time at your station?

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Stop the Leaks: Data-Driven Client Retention

- Segment your customer list using a version of Strategic Account Management
- Use your CRM to track touchpoints
- Export your client list or use your CRM to keep up with continual "non-sales" communication
- Keep the touch points high with Key Sponsors



Account Category Definitions



Tier	Definition
Key (billing)	Top 20 % revenue, strategic mission fit, multi-year potential
Secondary (billing)	Stable renewals, mid-level revenue, moderate growth
Target (prospect)	Emerging spenders with high upside
Extra (prospect)	Low spend, ad-hoc or seasonal, minimal strategic fit

Strategic Account Management & Relationship Bandwidth



Tier	Personal Touches Per Month	Quarterly Reviews
Key	2 personal touches	Full 30-min review
Secondary	1 touch	Light 15-min review
Target	1 touch	Metrics snippet email
Extra	Newsletter only	None

Relationship Touch Matrix



Tier	Holiday Gift	Quarterly Review	Newsletter	Tickets / Experiences
Key	Premium basket + note	30-min video or lunch	Personalized intro	First Right 2-4 per yr
Secondary	E-card	15-min call + slides	Standard	Overflow seats 1-2 per yr
Target	E-card	Metrics snippet by email	Standard	Studio tour invite
Extra	_	_	Opt-in	

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At your tables: thinking about an annual Account Retention plan.



What are some ways you can use your CRM or account software to increase more touchpoints to your active accounts?

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