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SCHOLARSHARE INVESTMENT BOARD

Marketing Update for ScholarShare 529

Background

TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. (TFI), the program manager for ScholarShare 529 (Plan), has provided its "Q2 2022 Marketing Results" for the Plan. It includes an overview of the account and asset results for second quarter 2022 and outlines the budget and results for marketing activities completed in second quarter 2022, which include:

- Q2 2022 Achievements
- 2022 Matching Grant Program
- CalKIDS
- New Account Growth Campaigns and Creative
- 2022 College Savings Month Campaign
- Media Relations
- Social Media
- Employer Outreach
- Outreach Events
- 2022 Marketing Budget

Presenters

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Q2 2022 Marketing Results

September 13, 2022

Marketing Plan—Q2 2022 Achievements



	Goal	Strategy	Achievements
1	Gain New Accounts/AUM	Strategically use marketing resources to grow the plan by 39,270 new accounts and \$1.0158 billion in contributions.	 44% of the 2022 new accounts target and 44% of the 2022 contributions target have been reached. This year's 529 Day Campaign resulted in 1,682 new accounts, which was down significantly versus the 2021 campaign but directed towards the 2020 campaign.
2	Launch 2022 Plan Enhancements	Communicate plan enhancements that include Lower-Cost Portfolios and new ESG investing options to demonstrate industry leadership and strong fiduciary management.	Radio media outlets continue to request interviews with Julio Martinez on plan enhancements and ESG investment options.
3	Increase Account Owner Diversity	Leverage the Matching Grant Program, CalKIDS, Local CSAs, strategic partnerships, and targeted media to increase the diversity of ScholarShare 529 account owners.	 Increased spending against more diverse audience in streaming video formats failed to drive increased traffic to ScholarShare 529 website. Revising media plan for second half of year.
4	Champion College Access	Implement new public relations strategy to further establish ScholarShare 529 and CalKIDS as champions of College Access.	No action in Q2 – awaiting CalKIDS launch before messaging begins.
5	Grow plan via Employers/RIAs	Continue to build relationships with employers (public and private) and registered investment advisors to attract new account owners.	 Supported TIAA Field Consultants and SIB Staff in gaining employer partnerships. Introductions from the Treasurer's External Affairs Staff are proving to be very valuable.
6	Enhance College Countdown	Manage the College Countdown program to serve the needs of mature account owners on the cusp of using their 529 savings.	 Targeting 100,000 total visits by year-end – currently at 75,264. Content continues to be built out.
7	Launch CalKIDS	Promote the CalKIDS program to consumers and other stakeholders to increase awareness of this important stepping stone for families.	 Preparations for 7/1 program launch completed. Advertising and PR plan in place for second half of 2022.





Q2 2022 results were markedly different than just a year before. New account volume was down significantly in June (down 38% vs. June 2021 and down 29 % vs. June 2020).

Accounts and Contributions	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	% Change
Total New Accounts Opened	18,629	16,035	-13.9%
Total New Contributions Collected	\$582.9 million	\$569.3 million	-2.3%
Growth Rate	ScholarShare 529	Industry	% Difference
Annual Asset Growth Rate ¹	-8.07%	-8.74%	0.67%
Rollovers		YTD 2022	
% of Plan Accounts Closed Due to Rollovers	< 2.0%	0.24%	0.10%
Accounts and Assets	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	% Change
Total Open Accounts	363,796	381,331	4.8%
Total Assets ²	\$12.53 billion	\$11.5 billion	-8.1%
Market Share ³	4.802%	4.837%	0.035%

¹ ISS Market Intelligence - Q2 2022. Q2 Quarterly Growth Rate for ScholarShare 529 was -8.84%, versus -9.21% for all Direct Sold Plans.

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ ISS Market Intelligence - Q2 2022. "Industry" represents all Direct Sold Plans.

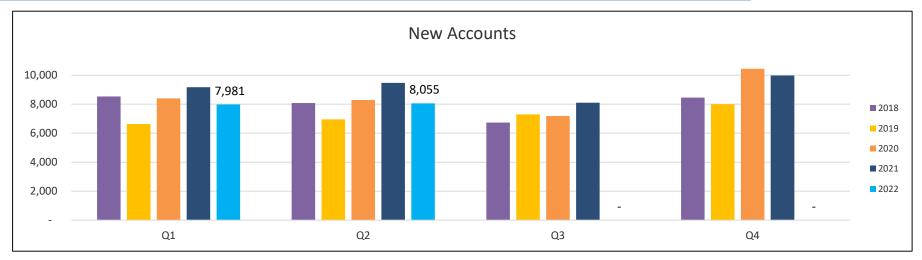


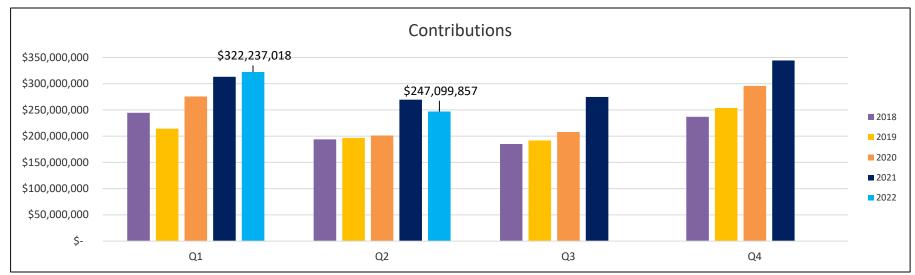


² Excludes CalKIDS.

Results

Gross New Accounts & Contributions





Program's fifth year was successfully launched on February 1, 2022. Local nonprofits and community-based organizations continue to partner with us, and we promote the program through social media and PR.

Offer: \$200 dollar-for-dollar match for qualifying accounts opened in 2022. \$25 bonus for ACP set-up.

Target Audience: Low- to moderateincome California families.

Results as of 6/30/22:		Results as of 9/1/22:
•	468 applications received 328 new accounts \$370,964 in contributions \$37,539 in projected Matching Grants	 668 applications received 478 new accounts \$497,875 in contributions \$55,640 in projected Matching Grants

Note: These are total figures. Eligibility has not been fully determined at this point.

Qualifications:

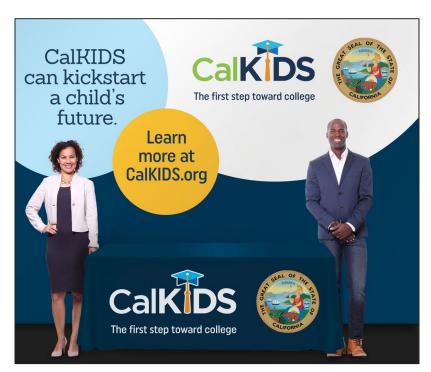




CalKIDS



- Public website and parent registration portal launched 6/30.
- Partner toolkit created.
- Events materials created.
- Social media strategy finalized.
- Met with Local CSA program leaders.









Driving New Account Growth

Audience Objective		Tactics and Channels	Cadence
Prospect	AwarenessInterestOpen new accounts	Search engine marketingWeb advertisingEmail (EM)Direct Mail (DM)	Seasonal and evergreen
Inquirers	Open new accounts	Search engine marketingWeb advertisingEmailDirect Mail	Seasonal and evergreen
New AO's	Fund and engage with account	• Email	Evergreen
Account Owners	 Continued engagement and support Fund accounts Open additional accounts New product engagement features 	Primarily email and displayLimited direct mailLimited web advertising	Seasonal and evergreen





National and global issues including inflation, market volatility, and supply chain disruption continue to worry consumers and delay decision making. As we saw in our Q1 market research study, families see their college savings actions as a long-term commitment and uncertainty creates hesitation in opening an account.

Audience	2022 Engagement and Conversion Highlights thru June 2022	2021 Engagement and Conversion Highlight thru June 2021	YoY Q2 Comparison	
Prospect	2022 May 529 Day campaign generated 1,682 new accounts and 541 recurring contribution sign-ups	2021 May 529 Day campaign generated 2,533 new accounts and 988 recurring contribution sign-ups	This year's 529 Day Campaign new accounts were down 50% versus 2021, but up 2% versus 2020. Initial deposits of \$2.46 million were down 10% versus 2021.	
Inquirers	 25% e-mail unique open rate 7.71% conversion rate with 234 new accounts generated 	 36% e-mail unique open rate 10.4% conversion rate with 355 new accounts generated 	 Email engagement dropped in 2022. 2022 saw a decrease in conversion rate from 2021. 	
New AO's	 40.7% email open rate 0.9% account upsell rate with 278 new accounts and 38.5% recurring contribution sign-up 	 52% email open rate 0.8% account upsell rate with 264 new accounts and 37% recurring contribution sign-up 	 Email engagement dropped in 2022. Account upsell rate, new accounts, and recurring contributions are flat YoY. 	
Account Owners	2022 May 529 Day full campaign had a 60-day contribution rate of 49.6% and average contribution \$ of \$785	2021 May 529 Day EM campaign had a 60-day contribution rate of 51.7% and average contribution \$ of \$841	AO contribution rate remained constant year over year, however the average contributions decreased by about \$56.	

^{*}Data as of 6/30/21 and 6/30/22





Creative Samples

Gain New Accounts/

Evergreen Creative

Prospect & Account Owner • Banners







529 Day (dates)

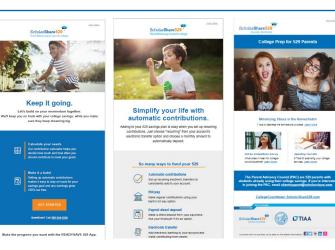
Episodic: Prospect & Account Owner

- Direct Mail
- · Landing Page
- Banners
- Search
- Emails





- New Account Owner Onboarding
- Inquirer Content Drip
- Account
 Owner
 Content Drip





Get \$50 when you choose the

California way to save for colleg





Future Campaigns

Gain New Accounts/

The 2022 College Savings Month Campaign will run between 9/1 – 9/30/22.

Strategy Drive account openings and contributions

with a \$100 bonus.

Target Audiences

Prospects and Existing AOs.

Media

Emails

Direct Mail Prospect

Direct Mail Account Owner

Display

Landing Page

Home Page Tile









Campaign Landing Page



Media relations initiatives through our PR agency drive coverage in print, online, and in broadcast. These mentions help prospects become familiar with our brand name and brand attributes.



Category	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Insights
Mentions among top 10 direct-sold 529 plans	ScholarShare 529 was mentioned 188 times (34%) in the media nationally reaching over 388 million readers/viewers.	ScholarShare 529 was mentioned 86 times (30%) in the media nationally reaching over 220 million readers/viewers.	Coverage of our investment line-up enhancements and reduction in fees fueled our mentions. English and Spanish media outlets are covering the brand regularly.
Competition	ScholarShare 529 was mentioned the most frequently in the media. The second most frequently mentioned plan was Georgia's Path 2 College plan with 156 mentions (28%).	The most frequently mentioned plan was Georgia's Path 2 College plan with 98 mentions (35% of mentions), followed by ScholarShare 529, and Utah's my529 plan with 68 mentions.	Announcements from competing plans often trigger media coverage. Topics include investment line-up changes, fee changes, and consumer-focused promotions and sweepstakes.

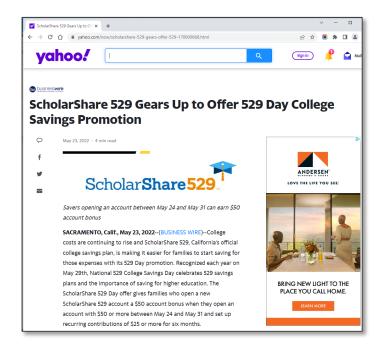


Press Releases Distributed:

- May 9 College Countdown to Host Webinar Explaining How California College Students Can Earn \$10,000 for Service.
- May 23 ScholarShare 529 Gears Up to Offer 529 Day College Savings Promotion (Spanish version also sent same day).

Interviews with Julio Martinez:

- iHeart Media Fresno
- iHeart Media Los Angeles
- KPIX On Air Interview
- Lotus Los Angeles





Social Media: Q2 Summary



Q2 Social Media featured posts on College Countdown webinars, ScholarShare 529 as a savings resource, ESG portfolio options, Workplace Savings Program, and 529 Day promotion. Social media promotion earned more than 128k impressions. **Total Impressions jumped from 36,215 in Q1 to 128,415 in Q2.**

Goals & Objectives	 Showcase and promote webinars, 529 Day promotion and new Workplace Savings Program Partners. Build awareness and positive opinion of ScholarShare 529 as a brand with a major positive social impact in California. Continue to elevate awareness of ScholarShare 529 and its benefits for college savers in California. Provide social care to current and prospective customers. 		
Key Strategies	 Utilize Facebook advertising for the 529 Day promotion, new partners, and key webinars. Utilize themed calendar and social media as platforms to engage with parents, influencers and gatekeepers. Tailor messages and hashtags across social platforms. 		
Total KPI Results	 Total Followers – 77,680 Twitter: 2,925 Facebook: 73,750 Instagram: 801 LinkedIn: 204 Post Link Clicks – 2,070 Impressions – 128,415 Twitter: 9,169 Facebook: 113,508 Instagram: 2,603 LinkedIn: 3,135 	 Engagements – 2,428 Twitter: 303 Facebook: 1,837 Instagram: 47 LinkedIn: 241 Messages Received: 190 Twitter: 100 Facebook: 26 Instagram: 63 LinkedIn: 1 	



Employer Outreach – Q2 2022



Field Consultant Activity

New WPS Partners	16
WPS Introductory Meetings	25
WPS Employee Webinars	16
HR Conferences/Events	1
One-on-One Consumer Consultations	226
ScholarShare Consumer Webinars	7
ScholarShare HR Webinar	6



Welcome To The TFI 529 Field Team:



Heath Polzer Orange County

New WPS Partners:

- 1. Adverum
- 2. City of Belmont
- 3. San Mateo Resource Conservation District
- 4. First 5 Ventura County
- 5. Pasco Laret Suiter & Associates
- 6. City of Hayward
- 7. Menlo Park Fire Protection District
- 8. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- 9. Diablo Country Club
- 10. The Episcopal School of Los Angeles
- 11. City of Dublin
- 12. Alpine County Chambers of Commerce
- 13. Trabuco Canyon Water District
- 14. Montara Water and Sanitary District
- 15. Beaumont-Cherry Water District



Greenvest Partnership

Partnership developed with Greenvest, a personal consulting firm focused on socially responsible investing with offices in Vermont, Massachusetts, and California.



Socially and Environmentally Responsible Investing





Outreach Events Summary

SIB Staff attended the following events in Q2 to promote ScholarShare 529 to California families.

Timing	Number of Events	Estimated Number of Attendees	List of Select Events
Second Quarter 2022	45	3,953	Placer County Water Agency, Climate Policy Initiative, University of Redlands, Tehama County, CA SHRM, California Human Resources/Professionals in Human Resources, Elk Grove Unified School District, Mammoth Unified School District, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Finance, Employee Global, County of Sacramento, Sony Interactive Entertainment (SIE), Golden State Opportunity, Department of Transportation Bay Area, Franchise Tax Board, La Luz Center, California Lottery, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Adverum, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Los Angeles Care Health Plan, Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, Department of Child Support Services, San Diego State University



Appendix

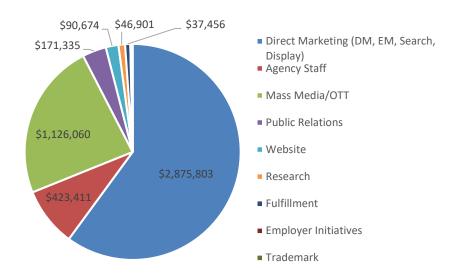


2022 Marketing Budgets

Category	2022 Budget	Spending thru 6/30/22
ScholarShare 529	\$10,000,000	\$4,788,186
CalKIDS	\$1,000,000	\$213,755
CalKIDS/MGP Incentives	\$450,000	\$174,448
Total	\$11,450,000	\$5,176,389

ScholarShare 529:

Category	Spen	ding thru 6/30/22	%
Direct Marketing (DM, EM, Search, Display)	\$	2,875,803	60%
Agency Staff	\$	423,411	9%
Mass Media/OTT	\$	1,126,060	24%
Public Relations	\$	171,335	4%
Website	\$	90,674	2%
Research	\$	46,901	1%
Fulfillment	\$	37,456	1%
Employer Initiatives	\$	15,334	0%
Trademark	\$	1,212	0%
TOTAL	\$	4,788,186	100%

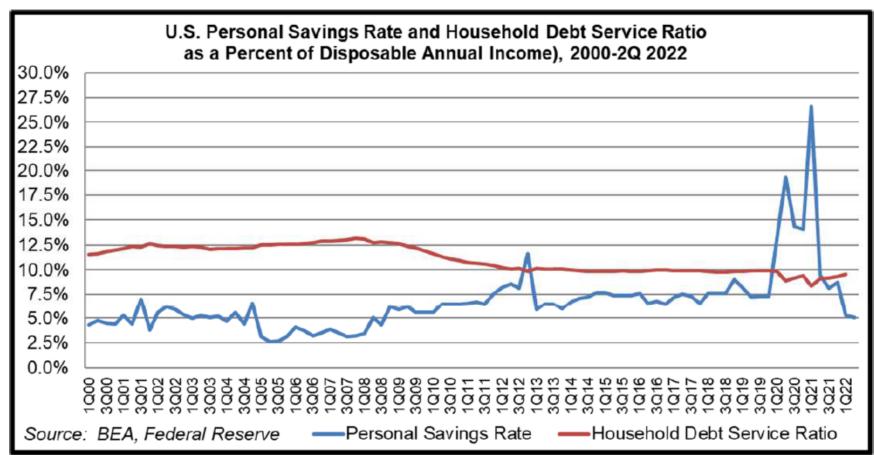




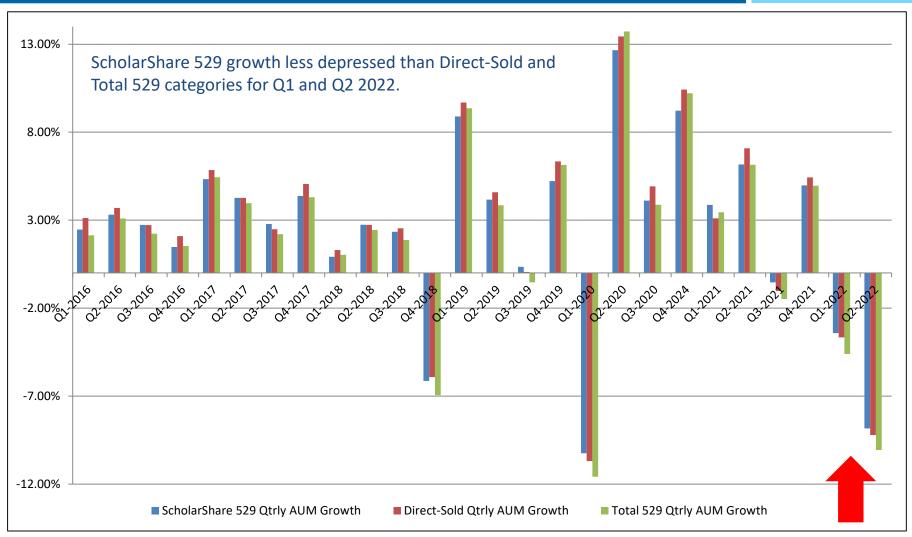
Results

Softening of New Account Openings reflects national decline in Personal Savings Rate

Current economic and world conditions create hesitancy among prospects in our sales pipeline.



Quarterly AUM\$ Growth Rates



Source: ISS 529 Quarterly Update 2Q 2022



Facebook Post



TIAA

ScholarShare California's 529 C...

Need help paying for college? The California For All College Corps initiative can help your child earn \$10,000 toward their education in...



Total Engagements (1)	1,693
Reactions	32
Comments	1
Shares	22
Post Link Clicks	752
Other Post Clicks	886
Boosted	••• 🖔 🗗

Facebook Post



ScholarShare California's 529 C...
Tue 5/24/2022 10:47 am PDT

We are honored to celebrate this year's 529

Day by offering a \$50 bonus for families who open a new account with \$50 or more, and s...



Total Engagements (1)	29
Reactions	10
Comments	1
Shares	4
Post Link Clicks	7
Other Post Clicks	7







LinkedIn Post





in ScholarShare 529

Sun 6/12/2022 9:45 pm UTC

We're thrilled to welcome City of Belmont CA to our Workplace Savings Program! Congratulations, you've joined more than...



Total Engagements	20
Reactions	12
Comments	0
Shares	3
Post Link Clicks	5
	4

LinkedIn Post





in ScholarShare 529

Sun 6/19/2022 4:10 pm UTC

Happy Father's Day! Special shoutout to all the dedicated dads and father figures who help show their children the strong value o...



Total Engagements	12
Reactions	7
Comments	0
Shares	2
Post Link Clicks	3





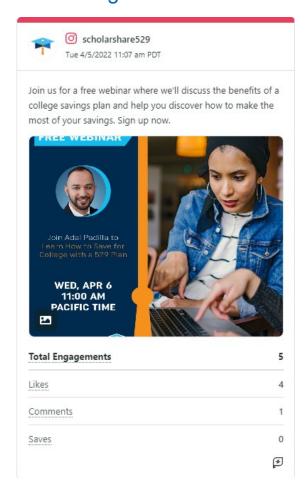




Instagram Post



Instagram Post







Twitter Post



Twitter Post



Open a new ScholarShare 529 account today, and we will match \$50 in college savings. Take advantage of this offer befor...



Total Engagements	93
Likes	3
Comments	1
Shares	2
Post Link Clicks	_
Other Post Clicks	87
Other Engagements	0
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