# The Key to a Great Culture: Effective Communication Throughout the Employee Lifecycle



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Candidate Experience: Challenges and Solutions



Onboarding: Challenges and Solutions



Performance Management: Challenges and Solutions



Summary: Challenges and Impact



**Key Takeaways: Best Practices** 



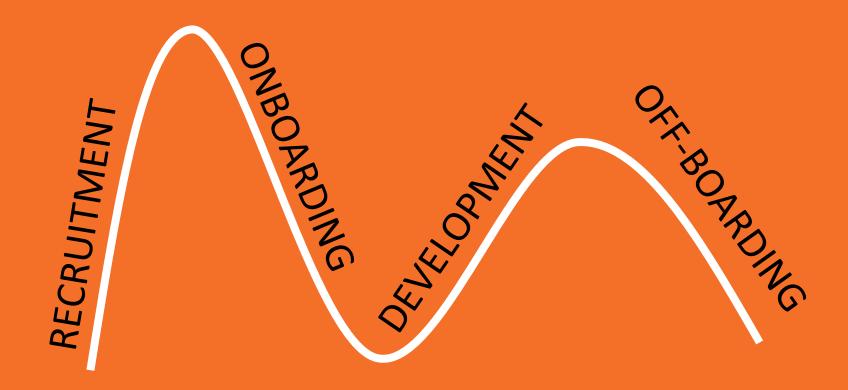
Q & A

### Research Studies Quoted Throughout Webinar

- Brandon Hall Group 2018 Improve Hiring Through Candidate Care, EVP, and Automation;
   347 responses.
- Brandon Hall Group 2018 Impact of Strategic Onboarding Survey;
   581 responses.
- Brandon Hall Group 2017 Evolution of Strategic Onboarding Survey;
   353 responses.

- Brandon Hall Group 2016 Onboarding Satisfaction and Effectiveness Survey; **359 responses**.
- Brandon Hall Group 2018
   Performance Management Survey;
   363 responses.
- Brandon Hall Group 2018 Career
   Development Survey;
   330 responses.

## The Employment Journey

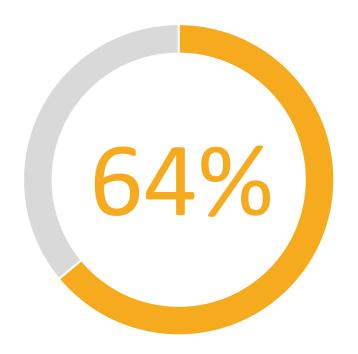


# POLL: In which areas of the employment journey does your organization need to communicate better? Select all that apply

- 1. Recruitment
- 2. Onboarding
- 3. Development
- 4. Off-boarding

# CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

### Missed Connections Start with Candidates



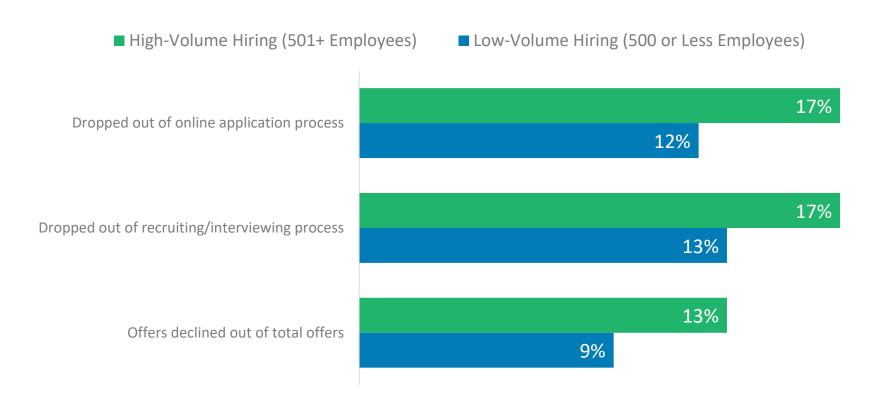
of organizations
have challenges with
candidate communications

- Setting hiring expectations
- Nurturing campaigns for candidates
- The interviewing experience

Sources: Brandon Hall Group 2018 Candidate Experience Survey

### The Impact: Significant Candidate Drop-Off Rates

### **AVERAGE PERCENT OF CANDIDATES LOST IN PAST YEAR**



Sources: Brandon Hall Group 2018 Candidate Experience Survey

Candidate Communications Best Practices, Set Stage to all Communications

- **Permission-based**
- Relevant
- Provide clarity
- Compelling
- Authentic
- Likely to be read and acted upon
- Should be two-way
- Can be tracked to hiring process, effectiveness
- Timely



# ONBOARDING: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

## Pre-Boarding is All About Connections, But the Minority Conduct these Activities

Pre-boarding starts when the new hire signs the offer letter and ends before the first day of employment.

	High-Performing Organizations	Non-High Organizations
Assimilation	43%	33%
Orientation on policies, values, mission	41%	33%
Training	22%	20%
Orientation on diversity values, programs	20%	17%
Mentoring, coaching	17%	9%
Social networking	13%	10%

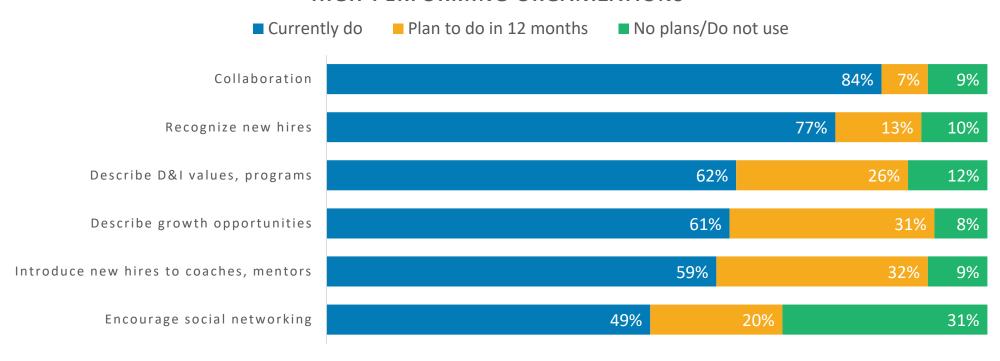
High-performing organizations have seen over the past year improvements made in most of their key performance indicators, such as revenue, customer satisfaction, and employee engagement.

Sources: Brandon Hall Group 2016 Onboarding Survey

### **Communicating During Onboarding**

Best practices of high performing organizations





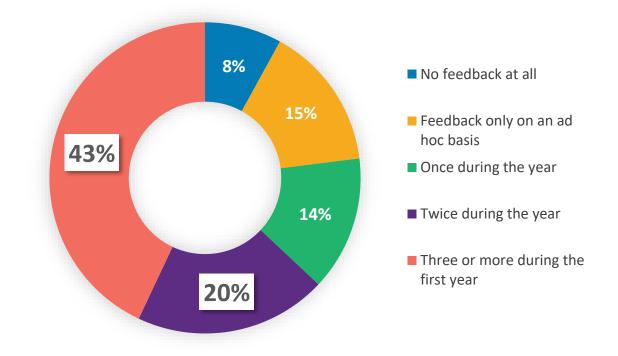
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# High-Performing Organizations Get New Hire Feedback Frequently

## Nearly twothirds (63%)

of high-performing organizations gather feedback 2 or more times during the first year.



Sources: Brandon Hall Group 2018 Impact of Strategic Onboarding

# POLL: What prevents you from getting frequent new hire feedback during the first year of employment? (Select one)

- 1. Do not have resources (survey software, staff, etc.)
- 2. No clear ownership of the process
- 3. Do not have many new hires
- 4. Culture of organization
- 5. Nothing We get frequent new hire feedback

# PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

## Performance Management and Feedback

- Overall the majority of organizations (88% high-performance vs. 80% non-high performing) plan to change their approach to performance management. Their primary reason for doing so is that employees need more feedback by managers (67% high-performance, 70% non-high performing).
- A greater percentage of high-performance organizations than other organizations elicit feedback from employees on their performance management process.

 A greater percentage of high-performance organizations than other organizations report that their managers are effective or very effective at discussing specific growth opportunities with employees.



Sources: Brandon Hall Group 2018 Performance Management Survey.

## Frequency of Performance Discussions

High-performance hold performance discussions on a more frequent basis than do non-high performing organizations.

	High-Performance	Non-High Performance
Annually	33%	47%
Quarterly	35%	22%
Monthly	14%	10%
Weekly, daily	5%	4%
As frequently as needed	13%	12%
Less than once a year	0%	5%

Sources: Brandon Hall Group 2018 Performance Management Survey.

Lack of Communication Impacts Career Development

- Only a minority of employees (30%), on average, say they have clear advancement paths which have been wellcommunicated.
- About one-fifth of employees identified lack of advancement opportunities as major reason for leaving (18% in high performance orgs vs. 21% in non-high performing orgs).
- High-performance organizations are more likely than other organizations to provide informal career coaching (71% high performance vs. 64% non-high performing).
- On average, the employee voluntary turnover rate for high-performance organizations is 15% and for non-high performing organizations it is 21%.

Sources: Brandon Hall Group 2018 Career Development Survey.





## Summary: Challenges and Impact

- It is critical to communicate effectively and frequently with talent throughout the talent lifecycle, but organizations are missing these connection points:
  - Communicating effectively with candidates
  - Getting feedback from candidates
  - Setting hiring process expectations
  - Conducting assimilation activities/discussions during preboarding and onboarding
  - Getting feedback from new hires throughout their first year
  - Explaining growth and advancement opportunities to candidates, new hires and employees
  - Providing performance feedback to employees in a meaningful and frequent manner.
- The costs for ineffective communication are: candidate drop-offs, new hire and employee attrition, and engagement levels.

### **Key Takeaways: Best Practices**

### Pre-Hire



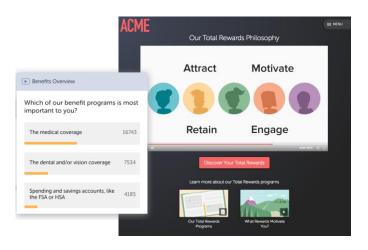
 Pre-hire communication requires ongoing, multi-channel communication.

### **Onboarding**



- Don't forget your hiring managers; they are a critical audience to nurture along this journey.
- Talent transformation begins at onboarding.

### **Ongoing**



- Collect employee feedback continuously.
- Communication is a process not a one time event:
   Reach > Engage > Measure > Iterate



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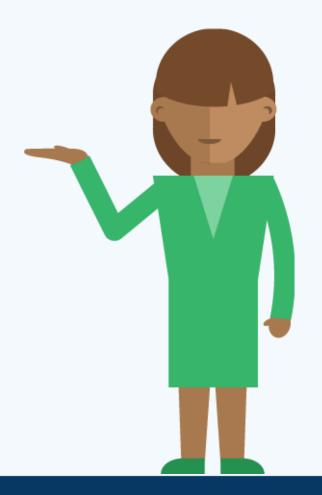
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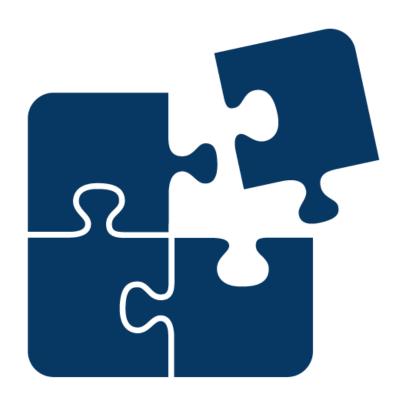
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