### Simplifying Sales Incentives for Success

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### Why start a sales incentive program?

- Incentive ROI
- Impact on employee engagement
- 80/20 rule
- Client experiences



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### **ROI** Figures





- Incentive programs can provide companies with up to a 22% ROI when targeted at individual performance improvement and a 45% ROI when targeted at team-based performance improvement.
- For every \$1 invested, a return of at least \$3 can be expected.
- Incentives can increase retention by 25%





# Employee Engagement = Communication + Recognition + Rewards

How sales incentive programs impact engagement:

- Increase communication between managers and employees; employees and managers
- Boost employee loyalty and retention
- Raise performance and productivity
- Elevate sales and profits







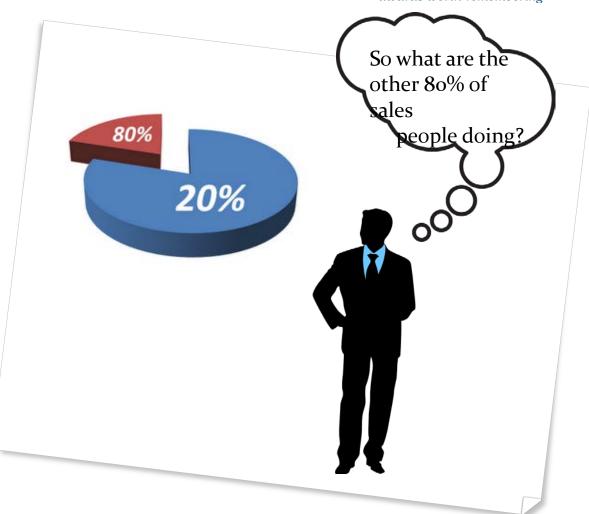


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80/20 Rule "Pareto's Principal"

80% of sales come from 20% of salespeople



## Incentives can:

- Encourage people to meet sales goals
- Motivate people to increase product knowledge
- Increase brand awareness and loyalty
- Boost engagement and give people an outlet for recognition and rewards
- INCREASE SALES!







# Simplify Incentives



Can you explain your reward program in less than **20** seconds and **2** sentences?





# 4 Steps to Simplify Incentives

- Separating Goals
- Automation and customization
- Program communication
- Tracking/Reporting







# Step 1: Separating goals

- Rewards for selling selected products/services
- Extra Incentives for upselling
- Short Term Sales Contests
- Seasonal Promotions
- Featured Item of the Month
- Bonus Reward Opportunities







# Step 2: Online Automation/Customization







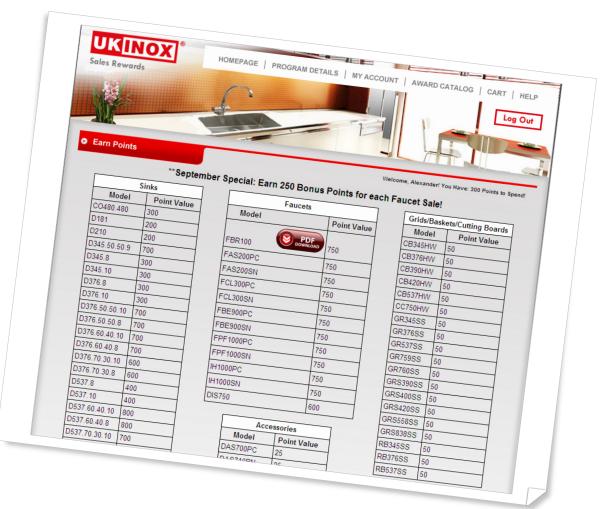


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# Dedicate a space to current goals

- Keep your sales people current on what they can earn for selling each eligible product or service.
- Ideally online and available in a downloadable format





### Product/service knowledge

- Product fact sheets, brochures
- Product images
- Videos, past webinars
- Quizzes
- Featured item
- Testimonials
- Selling tips
- Puzzles
- …online knowledge center







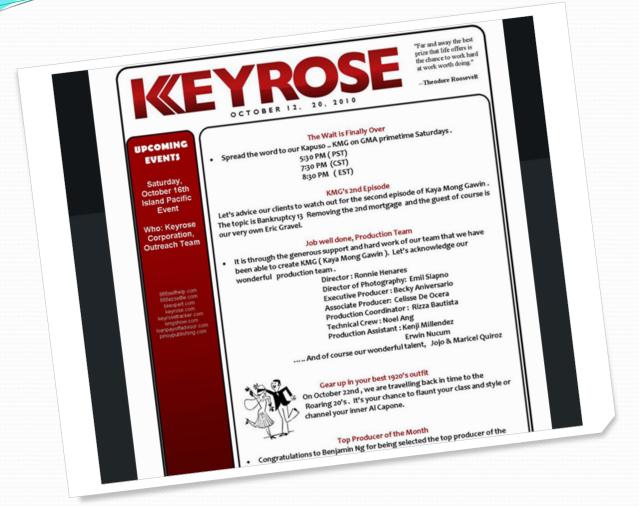
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### Leader board with top performers listed

- Add friendly competition
- Let people know how they are doing compared to peers
- Can be group-based or across your channels





#### Company newsletter

- Highlight promotions, top producers
- Keep people current on your organization
- Introduce upcoming models and capabilities
- Makes the website a destination for news; accessible to everyone







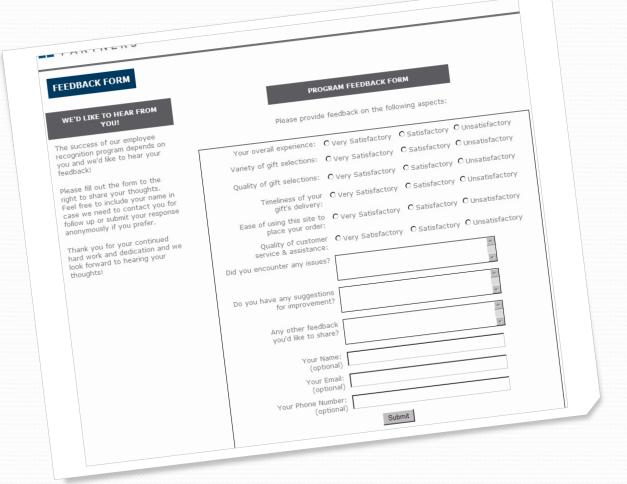
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#### Program Stats Page

- Shows impact of program
- Adds buy-in
- Can be group-based or across your channels





### Program Feedback Form

- Ask participants for their suggestions
- Use information to improve the program
- Take ideas for future initiatives
- Make sure your provider is a good fit





### **Step 3: Program Communication**

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### The Communication Cycle







### Types of Sales Program Communications



- Emails
- Sales Meetings/Training
- Posters
- Flyers
- Membership Cards
- Monthly Statements
- Award Catalogs
- Greeting or Post Cards





### The WIIFM Principle



- Look at who your audience is to determine what kinds of communications you should implement
- When in doubt, use a wide variety of media to reach a heterogeneous audience
- Highlight WIIFM in all communications
- Create media for newly hired sales people





#### Before Kickoff

- Gather feedback on expectations
- Schedule sales meetings and training sessions
- Get sales people signed up for the program
- Send out pre-kick off emails





What do these items have in common?



Find out on February 15th!





#### At Kickoff

- Send kick off emails
- Post flyers and posters
- Make catalogs and order forms available
- Pass out membership cards







#### After Kickoff



#### Email communications should be sent as:

- New contests/point earning opportunities are introduced
- Sales person earn points
- Sales milestones are met
- Recaps of points earned
- Contests end
- Reminders to turn in points
- New catalogs of merchandise are released





# Step 4: Tracking/Reporting Sales

- Who's responsible for reporting when goals are achieved?
- Who's going to post points?
- How much to spend?







### **Tracking Goals Achieved**

- Make an Excel template for managers or administrators to fill out
- Have administrators enter points online
- Have sales people report their own sales online

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### How much should you spend?

Incentive Program Point System												
GOALS	Max Frequency	Times Awarded Per Year	Points Per Month	Total Points Per Year	Annual Dollar Amount							
Goal Group 1												
Goal #1	Monthly	12	50	600	\$3.00							
Goal #2	Monthly	12	50	600	\$3.00							
Goal #3	Monthly	12	50	600	\$3.00							
Goal #4	Monthly	12	100	1,200	\$6.00							
Goal #5	Monthly	12	100	1,200	\$6.00							
Goal #6	Quarterly	4	500	2,000	\$10.00							
Goal #7	Annual	1	500	500	\$2.50							
Goal #8	Annual	1	500	500	\$2.50							
Total Per Person			1,850	7,200	\$36.00							
Total Number Of People In The Program			200	200	200							
Grand Total			370,000	1,440,000	\$7,200.00							

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- Given 200 participants, expect to budget around \$3,000 \$10,000 per year.
- If the program incorporates goals outside of just sales, then the budget could grow to around \$100/participant/year.





## Summary of the 4 Steps

- Separate your goals and make them very easy to understand
- Take advantage of automation and customization
- Communicate your program with media that make sense for your audience
- Find out who will be tracking points and get them added asap





# Planning your sales program

- What are the goals of our organization?
- Why would an incentive program benefit us?
- Who should incentives be targeted to?
- Where should we start the incentive program?
- How can we entice people to participate in the incentive program?
- When can we reasonably plan on the reward program starting?





### Client Case Study-Orion Restoration

#### **Situation:**

Client wanted to increase sales and referrals by rewarding employees and insurance agencies who referred businesses or home owners to the company.

#### **Solution:**

Awards Network designed an online incentive program featuring brand name merchandise. Employees and insurance agents could sign up for a free account to start earning rewards. Awards Network worked with the client to design a set of goals and budget along with ways to promote the program.

Each approved referral earned the participant \$15 worth of points. Depending on the value of the job once completed, the employee or agent could earn between \$20 - \$1000. A total of about 150 participants are currently active in the program.







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#### Results after the first year of the program:

- Over \$7500 have been awarded to participants see some of the popular items and brands being ordered by participants to the right
- Orion has received double the amount of referrals in 2011 than 2010
- 3 participants have been identified as the top performers, driving the largest volume of business and earned an end of year bonus for participating

The client is satisfied with the results of the sales incentive program and has renewed it for 2012. They have also decided to start rewarding participants who sign up for continuing education courses and for completing them.







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