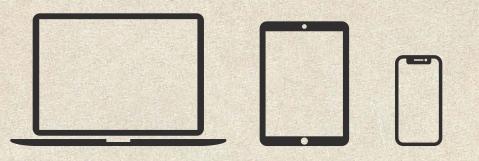


The Denver Ad School Field Guide

VOLUME IV



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ut west, nestled up against the Rocky Mountains, sits a lone creative outpost. A rare place for explorers and risk-takers to discover how far their mind can take them. Those who seek us aren't in search of an ordinary advertising school, they're in search of adventure.

Dreamers have always been drawn to Colorado. Our thin mountain air vibrates at a curious frequency, inspiring the bold to discover ideas in places that the complacent dared not look. Should you choose to join us, aspire to the fearless frontiersmen who explored this uncharted territory before you — be curious, be wild, be willing.

While the journey ahead may be onerous, you've never been one to settle for the easiest trail. You know to ignore the paths that lead downhill because the best views are always at the top. So when it comes time to chart your next creative course, set your sights a little higher than before. Because once you start on that path, there's no telling where it may lead...





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Meet your new DAD.

Denver Ad School (DAD) is the newest major advertising portfolio school and the first to be founded in the digital age. We're here to infuse some modernity, compassion, creativity, and personality into an industry that badly needs it.

We offer fully comprehensive portfolio programs in **Art Direction, Copywriting, and Strategy** and students can choose to **attend either in-person or online**.

Designed to feel like an ad agency, all our classes have the pace, structure, and expectations of a typical agency environment and are led by working agency professionals from the top shops in the country. This isn't like college at all – we're putting you to work from day one.

Our mission is to help the next generation of creatives enter the business more prepared to have a better experience than we sometimes did, who then go on to create ads that are thoughtful, relevant, enjoyable, and a contribution to the greater good.

Each program lasts

15 months

Which we break into 5 quarters

Each quarter lasts
10 weeks

Classes meet

Mon-Thu

Most classes start

Evening

Some classes start

Afternoon

\$27,000

That's it. That's the tuition. The price you see above is the price you'll pay to attend DAD. No hidden fees, no costs later on down the line. And if this number scares the hell outta you, see our financial aid and scholarship options later in this guide.

C'mon, why's this shit so 'spensive?

The biggest difference between us and the other joints? Sticker price. Arguably the toughest barrier for entry into advertising is the simple fact that portfolio schools are too expensive – check out that list to the right, it's ridic. And because the biggest agencies in the biggest markets almost exclusively hire their young talent from portfolio schools, if you don't attend one then you're effectively shutout from starting your career in the best possible situation.

That's why DAD has always been and always will be the industry leader when it comes to affordable tuition, because it's our mission to ensure everyone who wants to attend portfolio school can do so. And not only are we more affordable, but we'd argue that our curriculum is better than what you'd get elsewhere – more about that on the next page.

Transparency is a big deal to us, especially when it comes to money. See denveradschool.com/tuition to learn why we charge what we do.

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denveradschool \$27,000

That big, soxy number is the average starting salary of our DAD Grads.

That big, sexy number is the average starting salary of our DAD Grads. Because you work so hard on your portfolio, we work extra damn hard to get you paid better than every other junior-level candidate.

No one ever said DAD was easy. You'll learn more in 5 quarters at DAD than you did in 4 years at college – like, for real.

Because our programs are so comprehensive, advertising agencies view our students as above-average candidates who they trust to step into creative roles and contribute right away. Look below to see a short list of the great places that have been eager to hire DAD Grads.

Since opening in Fall 2019 we have a **100% placement rate**, helping every single one of our students start their careers at some of the biggest and best ad agencies in the country.

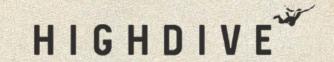
DAD Grads start their careers at the top.













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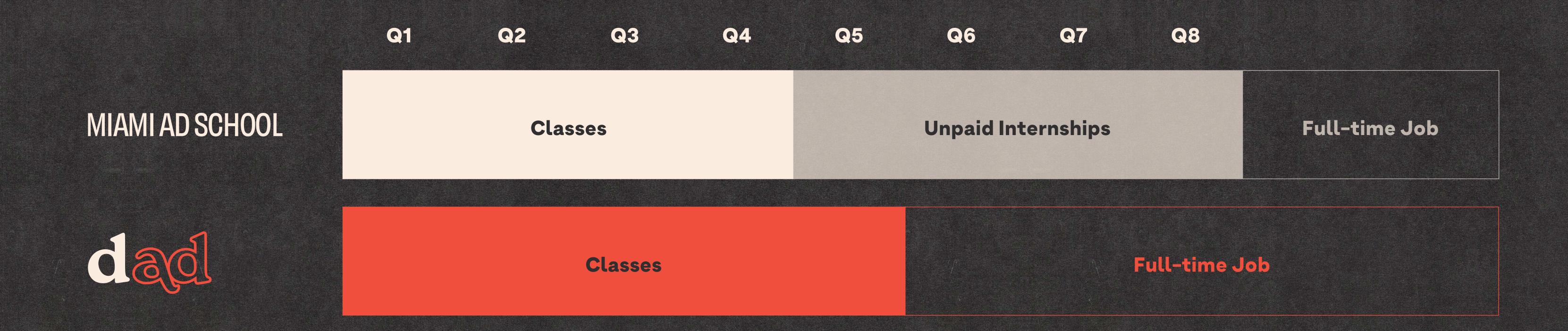


We're all killer and no filler.

Unlike other ad schools that fill their programs with extraneous classes to keep you in class and paying tuition as long as possible, we streamlined our programs to give students a fully comprehensive training in the most efficient time frame possible.

We're not cheaper than the other schools because we're shorter, we're less expensive because we cut out all the bullshit. We actually pack more into a year and a half than they do into two years. The proof is in our student portfolios – they look better here because our students spend their entire time at DAD working on them.

Basically, our model is to teach you everything you need to know and nothing you don't so you can get the hell out of here already and start collecting that sweet, sweet agency salary.



Why go to school for 8 quarters, spend 4 of those quarters stuck in unpaid internships, when you could learn all of that and more in 5 quarters at DAD and then be out in the real world making a real salary while those other students are still in school?

Come learn from the best in the biz.

We're set up to feel a little like a school and a lot like an ad agency. Every class here was designed to have the pace, structure, and expectations of a top ad shop. And along with that, all of your instructors will be active, working agency pros who have killer resumes from big agencies like the ones you see to your right. Plus, unlike other schools, all of our instructors are senior-level creatives with many years of experience which means the feedback you get from them will be raw, honest, and incredibly helpful.

Students can expect to finish the DAD program with industry-ready portfolios showcasing their conceptual and creative abilities, along with the connections and confidence to land their first job in advertising where they show up on their first day (truly) ready to work.

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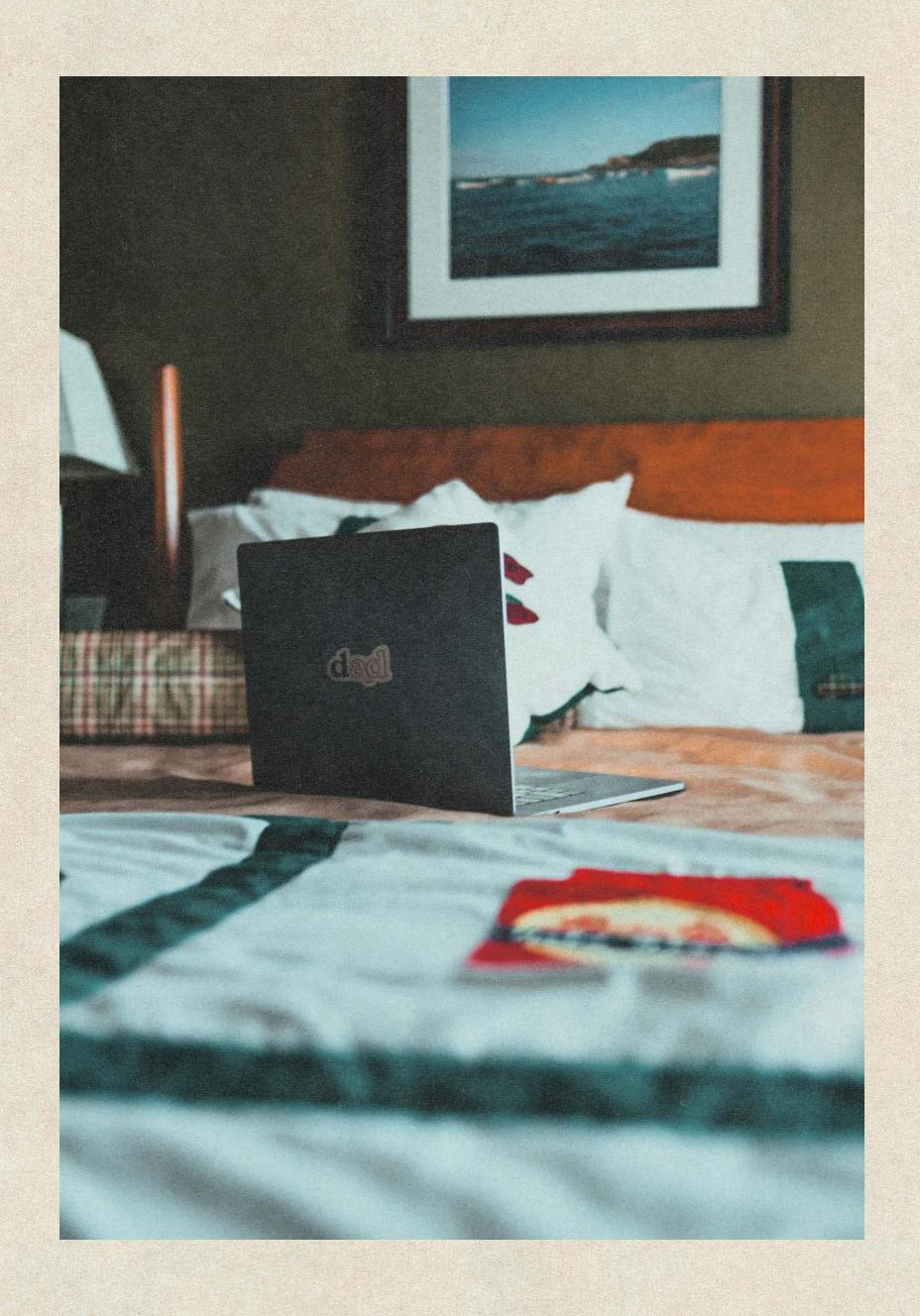
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Do you prefer pants on or pants off?

There are now two ways to attend DAD. You can either come hang out with us in-person here in beautiful Colorado, or you can Zoom in virtually from the comfort of your own home.

No matter which option you choose, **both programs are identical**. Same great curriculum, same big agency teachers, same killer portfolio, same exact price. It all comes down to where and how you like to learn and whether or not you wanna put on pants to be around other people.

(Clothes are not optional for those students attending DAD in Denver – no shirt, no shoes, no portfolio.)





Copywriting

Agency copywriters best express their thoughts using words. They brainstorm lots of ideas, write a ton of headlines, write scripts for tv commercials and digital videos, craft epic brand manifestos, write website and social post copy, and anything else that involves the act of assembling individual letters into words that are then recognized by other English readers as coherent thoughts.

If you have a strong opinion on the Oxford Comma, fly into an unhinged rage when you spot a missplleing, can kill an afternoon hanging out on thesaurus.com, think Olivia Rodrigo lyrics are goddamn poetry, can pen the wittiest of prose on Instagram like some sorta social media Shakespeare, and are able to distill large complex thoughts into succinct and impactful messages that people can easily understand and enjoy then you'd probably make a good writer.



Q1

The Big Idea
Adobe I – Design
Writing for Space
The Craft of Writing

Q2

Campaign Development x2
Adobe II – Layout
Writing for Tone
Strategy for Dummies

Q3

Campaign Development x2
Adobe III – Motion
Writing for Screen
Culture Vulture

Q4

Campaign Development x2
Campaign Execution
The Joy of Experiential

Q5

Campaign Assembly
Adobe IV – Portfolio Prep
The High Art of Selling
Getting a Job

Here's why students attend DAD for Copywriting...

We only hire active copywriters to teach at DAD, no retired professors allowed. Our most killer copywriter instructors are from big agencies like **Saatchi & Saatchi** New York and **Wieden + Kennedy** Portland.

DAD's Copywriting program is heavy into conceptual thinking classes, **giving our copywriting grads an edge** over other students when it comes to creating big, strategically-grounded campaign ideas.

And because we forgo the unpaid internship phase, we get you out into the real world and into a real copywriting job quicker than any other major portfolio school.

Art Direction

Agency art directors best express their ideas visually. They brainstorm lots of ideas, make decisions on typography and color, design layouts for print ads and billboards, help develop a brand's logo and identity, plan out photography, pick commercial locations and wardrobe, and direct the overall visual look and feel of an ad campaign.

If you experience a rage blackout whenever you see someone use the Comic Sans or Papyrus fonts, can match the hues of random objects to colors on Pantone.com, have always wanted to direct a music video, are proud to say your idea of a good book is the 1975 NASA style guide, and can create a visual look and feel that fits with a brand and the story they're trying to tell then you'd probably make a good art director.





Q1

The Big Idea
Adobe I – Design
Design Foundation
Typography

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Campaign Development x2
Adobe II – Layout
Directing Art
Strategy for Dummies

Q3

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Adobe III – Motion
Building a Brand Identity
Culture Vulture

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Campaign Development x2
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The Joy of Experiential

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Getting a Job

Here's why students attend DAD for Art Direction...

We only hire active art directors to teach at DAD, no retired professors allowed. Our most killer instructors are from big agencies like **Goodby Silverstein & Partners** San Francisco and **Publicis** Seattle.

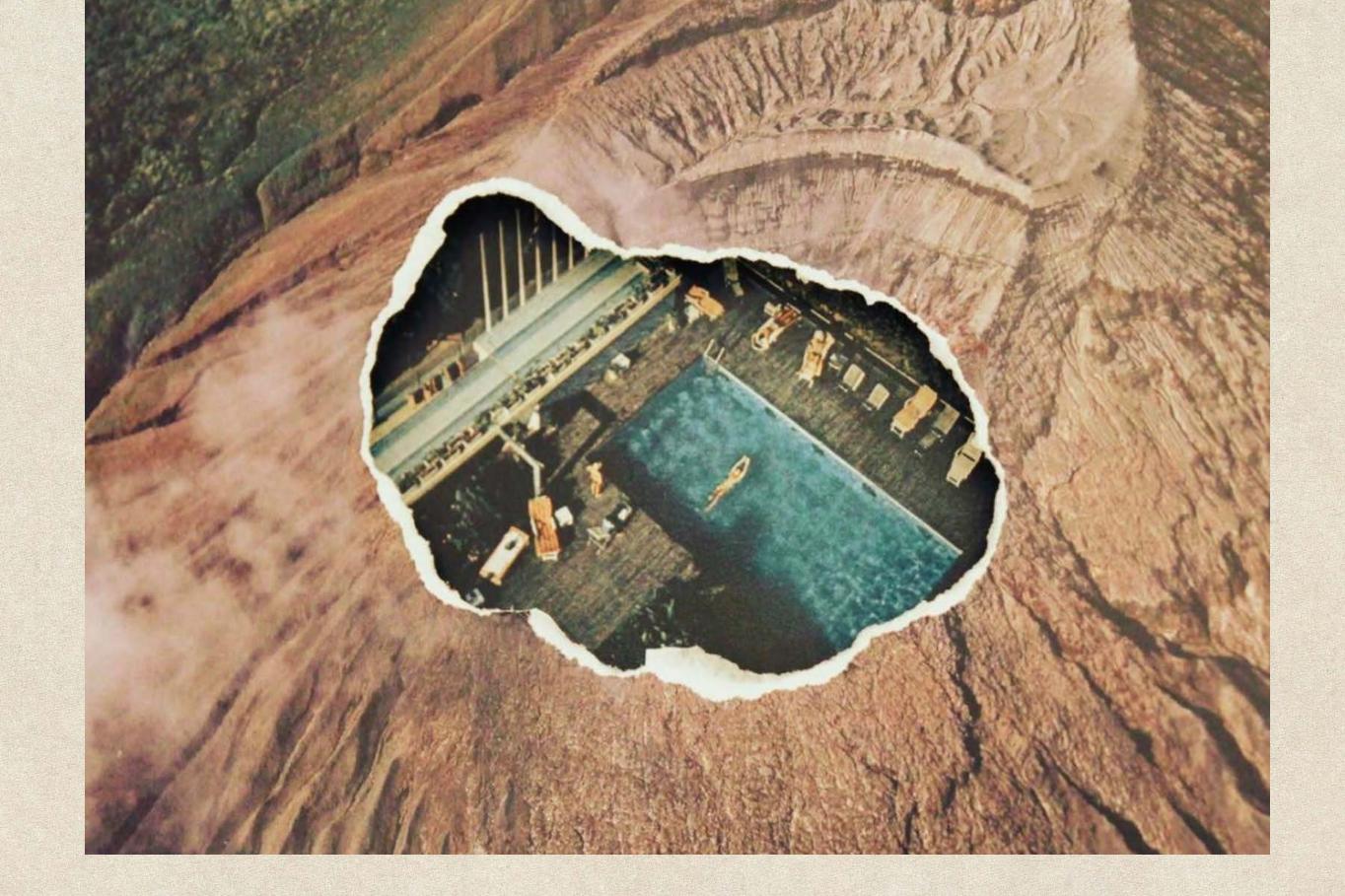
DAD's conceptual Art Direction program incorporates a lot of designspecific and Adobe software classes, **making our grads true art director/designer hybrids that ad agencies absolutely love to hire**.

And because we forgo the unpaid internship phase, we get you out into the real world and into a real art direction job quicker than any other major portfolio school.

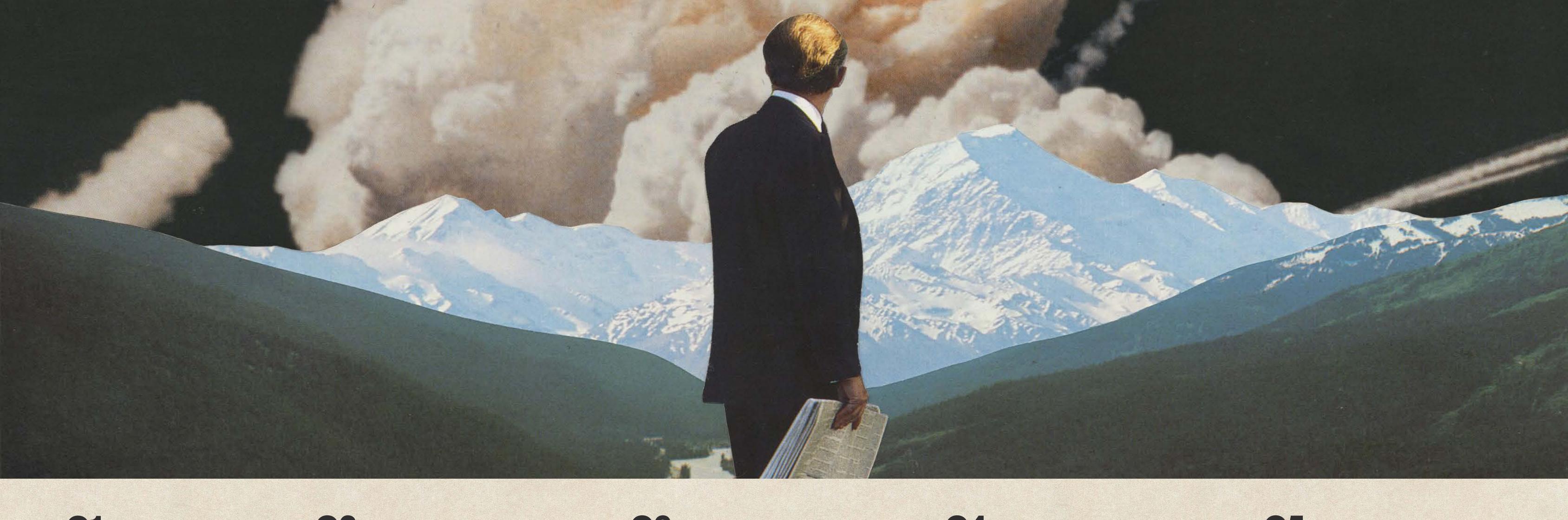
Agency strategists best express their ideas with critical thinking. Part anthropologist, psychologist, complexity simplifier, and muse, strategists thrive on solving business problems through creative solutions. They mine for insights and develop creative briefs to give creative teams a launch platform for advertising ideas.

Strategy is the exact intersection of art and science in advertising. They research audience demographics to determine who ad campaigns should target, track trends in business and culture, identify insights into human behavior and how they relate to brands and products, set up focus groups to test hypotheses, write project briefs that inspire the creative teams to create an ad campaign, and then help them sell that ad campaign to a client with reasoning.

If you have a subscription to both PAPER Magazine and the Wall Street Journal, routinely crush even the nerdiest of nerds at trivia night, often hear someone question "why" and respond back with a 10-page Keynote deck, pick which trendy sneakers to wear each day based on the brand's opening bell valuation, and you enjoy being a cultural anthropologist who strives to find the human truths that fuel big ideas then you'd probably make a good strategist.



Strategy



Q1 The Big Idea Adobe I - Design Strategic Planning

Q2 **Brand Architecture** Adobe II - Layout Culture Vulture Brief Building Research Design I

Q3 Campaign Brief Adobe III - Motion Brand Storytelling Research Design II Comms Strategy

Campaign Development

Q4 Campaign Brief Campaign Development Thought Leadership

Q5 Adobe IV - Portfolio Prep The High Art of Selling Getting a Job

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We only hire active strategists to teach at DAD, no retired professors allowed. Our most killer strategy instructors are from big agencies like **Wieden + Kennedy** New York and **Egg Strategy** Denver.

DAD is one of two comprehensive, project-based strategy programs in the country, the other being VCU Brandcenter, and is **the only program west of the Mississippi**.

And because we forgo the unpaid internship phase, we get you out into the real world and into a real strategy job quicker than any other major portfolio school.

Here's why students attend DAD for Strategy...

When you're here, you're here.

We pack a lot of work into 5 quarters – we're not here to fuck around. Because of this, we consider our programs to be a full-time commitment. Most of our students work part-time jobs, sure, but the workload is such that your schedule needs to revolve around DAD. No students that are working full-time jobs will be admitted to DAD. To get something out of this, you need to put in the effort.

We cap enrollment each quarter to keep our classes small, which means everyone depends on each other to help build their portfolio. Copywriters need Art Directors, and Art Directors need Copywriters. So if you're not bringing enough work to class or making yourself available to meet with partners during the week, that's not gonna play here. Give us your complete focus for 15 months and we'll give you a career for the rest of your life.



Great, now when can you start?

We do rolling admissions, which means we admit new students four times a year at the start of every quarter. So whenever you choose to enroll, that's when your program starts — you're not jumping in midstream or anything like that. Pick the time of year that works best for you and come when you're ready.

Each of our programs consists of five quarters that are ten weeks long, totaling 14 months from start to finish. For example, if you started in the Fall 2019 quarter then you would finish the program after the Fall 2020 quarter.



Winter 2022

January 10 to March 18
Applications Due December 13

Spring 2022

April 4 to June 10
Applications Due March 7

Summer 2022

July 11 to September 16 Applications Due June 13 Fall 2022

October 3 to December 16
Applications Due September 5

2022 Schedule

Winter 2023

January 9 to March 17
Applications Due December 12

Spring 2023

April 3 to June 9
Applications Due March 6

Summer 2023

July 10 to September 15 Applications Due June 12

Fall 2023

October 2 to December 15 Applications Due September 4

2023 Schedule



Hit the holiday road.

Our program packs a punch – have we mentioned that yet? When classes are in session, we keep you pretty busy. So what do we want you to do in between quarters? **Get the hell outta here.**

Breaks at DAD should be just that – a fuckin' break. We don't do workshops or assign projects in between quarters. That's your time to go relax, go recharge, and go experience all the west has to offer. You could spend years living in Colorado and still not see all the coolest shit in the state, so there's plenty here to keep you busy. Or you could head home to see family, friends, and check on your cat.

But one of the coolest things about Denver is you're just a day's drive from some of the most beautiful and unique spots in North America.

Summer Break

4 weeks off

Winter Break

3 weeks off

Spring & Fall Break

2 weeks off

Thanksgiving

1 week off

Memorial & Labor Day

4 day weekend

Aspen Colorado 3½ hour drive

Arches Natl. Park Utah 5 hour drive

> Santa Fe New Mexico 5½ hour drive



Yellowstone Natl. Park

Wyoming 8½ hour drive

Zion Natl. Park

Utah 9 hour drive

Las Vegas Nevada

10 ½ hour drive



Adobe I – Design ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Whether you're a total newbie or a pro in the making, you'll get personalized instruction from our very own certified Adobe expert, Michelle Graves, in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.

Adobe II – Layout ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Learn the ins-and-outs of Adobe InDesign, from the basics of layout and text on through to more advanced skills and functionalities, as well as design concepts, trends, terminology, workflow efficiency, and file prep.

Adobe III – Motion ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Get the basics of video/audio editing, color correction, transitions, and effects in Adobe Premiere. Then dive into After Effects and learn best practices for text/object animation, effects, lighting, and more.



Adobe IV - Portfolio Prep ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Learn how to properly prep your files for production and get one-on-one help with putting the finishing design touches on your campaigns, as well as help setting up your website.

The Big Idea ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Without a concept, you don't have a great campaign. Learn how to spin a human truth into a big idea and create an ad campaign. Break down famous ads to find their big idea and what made them so successful.

Brand Architecture

STRATEGY

When constructing a brand, you need a solid foundation. Learn about different architecture formats, how you work with clients to develop an architecture, and why this is all important for a brand to really thrive.

Brand Storytelling

STRATEGY

Flex your creative muscles to direct and edit your own anthemic brand manifesto video. Use video you shoot yourself and find online, music, and your manifesto script to capture the essence of a brand's platforms.

Brief Building

STRATEGY

Discover what makes a good brief, what makes a bad brief, and how they fuel creative work. Get your reps writing briefs and learn how to present them in an exciting way – so your creative team doesn't fall asleep.

Building a Brand Identity

ART DIRECTORS

Build a brand system from the ground up. Primary, secondary, and tertiary logos, color palette, typefaces, packaging, merch, and whatever else aligns with the tone of the brand and properly tells its story.



Campaign Assembly ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

You've got all the pieces, let's put 'em together. We'll go through every campaign you made at DAD, pick our favorites to push and refine, then throw 'em on your site in a way that best catches the eyes of recruiters.

Campaign Brief STRATEGY

Write the briefs that will fuel the creative students' campaigns. Craft a new brief every 2 weeks, present it live in front of the creative students, and then give strategic feedback on their campaigns in progress.

Campaign Development ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS

Art directors and copywriters work in pairs to identify the insights that will inspire a creative concept or big idea, laying the groundwork for a campaign. The core of your portfolio will be built here.

Campaign Execution ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS

Take your big ideas from Campaign Development and bring them to life. Go beyond traditional ads and tell your story in the real world, from social media to experiential events to stunts and whatever else you can dream up.

Comms Strategy STRATEGY

Tackle modern media planning with an emphasis on the comms planning method, a building block for all strategic campaigns. Design consumer decision journeys and solve for barriers with strategy, creative, and media.

The Craft of Writing copywriters

Drop the copy for one night and just be a writer. Break down the writing in famous movies, music, literature, (and maybe a few ads) to better learn how to write with conviction, creativity, and really make your words sing.

Culture Vulture ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Become a cultural anthropologist and expand your knowledge of culture at-large. Then use that new awareness to influence your own POV and find out how to explore other cultures so you can truly listen and eliminate bias.

Design Foundation

Become a Super Art Director that can enhance your work with solid design chops. Dive into design theory, vocabulary, and learn how to evaluate and execute the fundamental elements that make up good design.

Directing Art ART DIRECTORS

How do you take words on a page and breathe life into them visually? Learn what's expected of you as an agency AD, what tools/resources you can lean on, and how to start capturing the visual vibe on every project.

Getting a Job

ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Your portfolio gets you the job, but your persistence gets you in the door. Learn how to brand yourself, present your work effectively to agencies, and find interesting ways to connect with the people who will hire you.

The High Art of Selling ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS | STRATEGY

Creative isn't created until it's first sold to your boss, your agency, and eventually your client. Learn from a master presenter how to capture the attention of the entire meeting room and sell the hell outta your ideas.

The Joy of Experiential ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS

If you want to really connect with an audience, you need to get experiential. Work with an agency expert to concept purpose-driven work that will touch people on a more personal level and enhance their lives.



Research Design I

STRATEGY

Learn the methodologies behind consumer, competitive, and cultural research. You'll gather information using primary, secondary, qualitative, and quantitative methods, then distill it all into meaningful insights.

Research Design II STRATEGY

You can never do too much research, right? This time around you'll dive deeper into common client research and tracking studies, then get a taste of creative concept testing and brand tracking studies.

Strategic Planning STRATEGY

Get an intro into the life of an agency strategist. Learn to ask the right questions during client briefings, develop meaningful problem statements, understand and articulate insights, write briefs, and lead a creative briefing.

Strategy for Dummies ART DIRECTORS | COPYWRITERS

Smart work is what sells, so let's get your creative brain thinking more strategically. Work with a real-life agency Strategy Director to research a brand, their competitors, and gain insights that could fuel a campaign.

Thought Leadership

STRATEGY

Share your inner most thoughts and opinions with the world. Write white-papers and points-of-view essays that can be used to lead client business, prospect new business, and drive agency clout (along with your own).

Typography ART DIRECTORS

Every AD should be a font nerd at heart. Work with the nerdiest font-head we know to learn the fundamentals of type, how to use it properly, and explore the history of typefaces and more modern type trends.



Writing for Screen copywriters

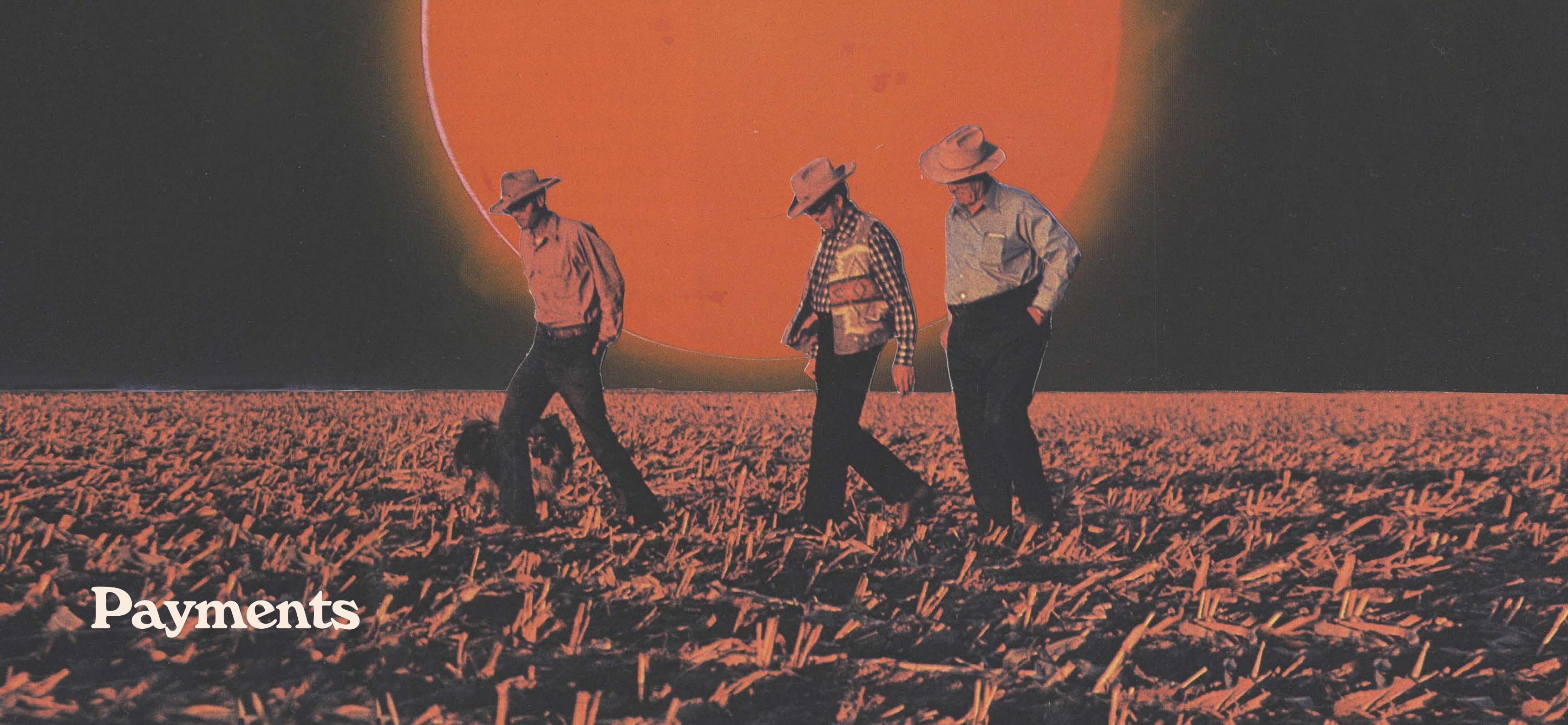
Become a script-writing machine. Bang out 15, 30, and 60 second commercials, Spotify spots, and more. Then learn how to properly format your scripts so your boss thinks you're some sorta Hollywood big shot.

Writing for Space copywriters

You've got a lot to say and only a little space to say it. Learn the structure and rhythm of all the projects that copywriters are expected to know, from headlines to taglines and every line between, and how to be concise.

Writing for Tone copywriters

You've got the structure down, now it's time to inject more creativity. Start to write in multiple brand voices and tones to become a more efficient and versatile copywriter.



You've got options when it comes to paying tuition at DAD. And like everything else around here, we've made it easy. Simply choose the payment plan that works best for you, we're good with whatever. The price you see is the price you pay — no hidden fees and no extra costs down the line, because we're cool like that.

Here's how we like to secure the bag.

Full Payment - \$25,000

One (1) lump sum payment of \$25,000 payable via check (\$2,000 discount).

Quarterly Payment - \$5,200

Five (5) payments of \$5,200 payable via check, credit card, Bitcoin (\$1,000 discount).

Monthly Payment - \$1,500

Eighteen (18) payments of \$1,500 payable via check, credit card, Bitcoin.



If you can't afford it, we'll find a way.

Our tuition was priced very specifically at \$27,000 because we wanted to be the most affordable, fully-comprehensive advertising portfolio program in the country. But we know for some of you that's still a daunting number.

No one will ever, ever get turned away over money. If you belong here, we'll get you in here – simple as that. To help break down the barriers that are preventing people like you from finding a more creative career, we currently have two big scholarship options that are aimed at helping a certain segment of students, while a third in-house option helps everyone else.

To achieve real diversity in advertising, we need to dismantle all the barriers that have long prevented diverse talent from entering the ad industry. Portfolio schools and ad agencies need to show the world that we think Black creativity matters.

In 2020 we launched Black Creativity
Matters, a scholarship fund that allows all
Black students to attend DAD at a heavily
discounted tuition rate. To learn more,
visit denveradschool.com/bcm

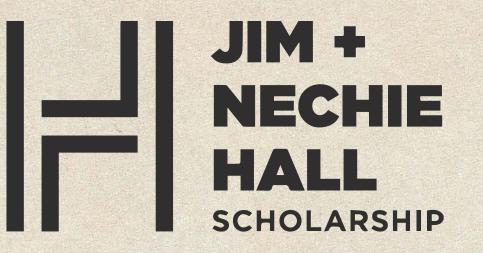
Black Creativity Matters





Many people think they're not cut out for advertising, that the only way to break in is if you major in advertising at college and then attend a pricey portfolio school. The founders of Vladimir Jones, Denver's most storied ad agency, followed a different path 50 years ago and now they want to make it possible for one student every year to follow in their footsteps.

Every year, Vladimir Jones will select one student to receive a full-ride scholarship to attend DAD. To learn more and apply, visit denveradschool.com/scholarships





Go ahead, ask your DAD for money.

Even though our tuition is between \$11,000 and \$28,500 less than the other major ad schools, we recognize there are still deserving students who can't quite afford to attend DAD. Unlike the other joints, our goal here is not to make a gigantic profit off of your hopes and dreams, our goal is to give the best portfolio school training to any and all who want it.

If you're worried about our tuition price being a barrier for you, hit us up! For real, don't just assume you can't afford this. We're creative people (duh) and are always willing to get creative with personalized payment options to ensure that you can attend portfolio school without the dark cloud of debt hanging over your head.

We enroll students every single quarter who are on **unique payment plans**, we can do the same for you!



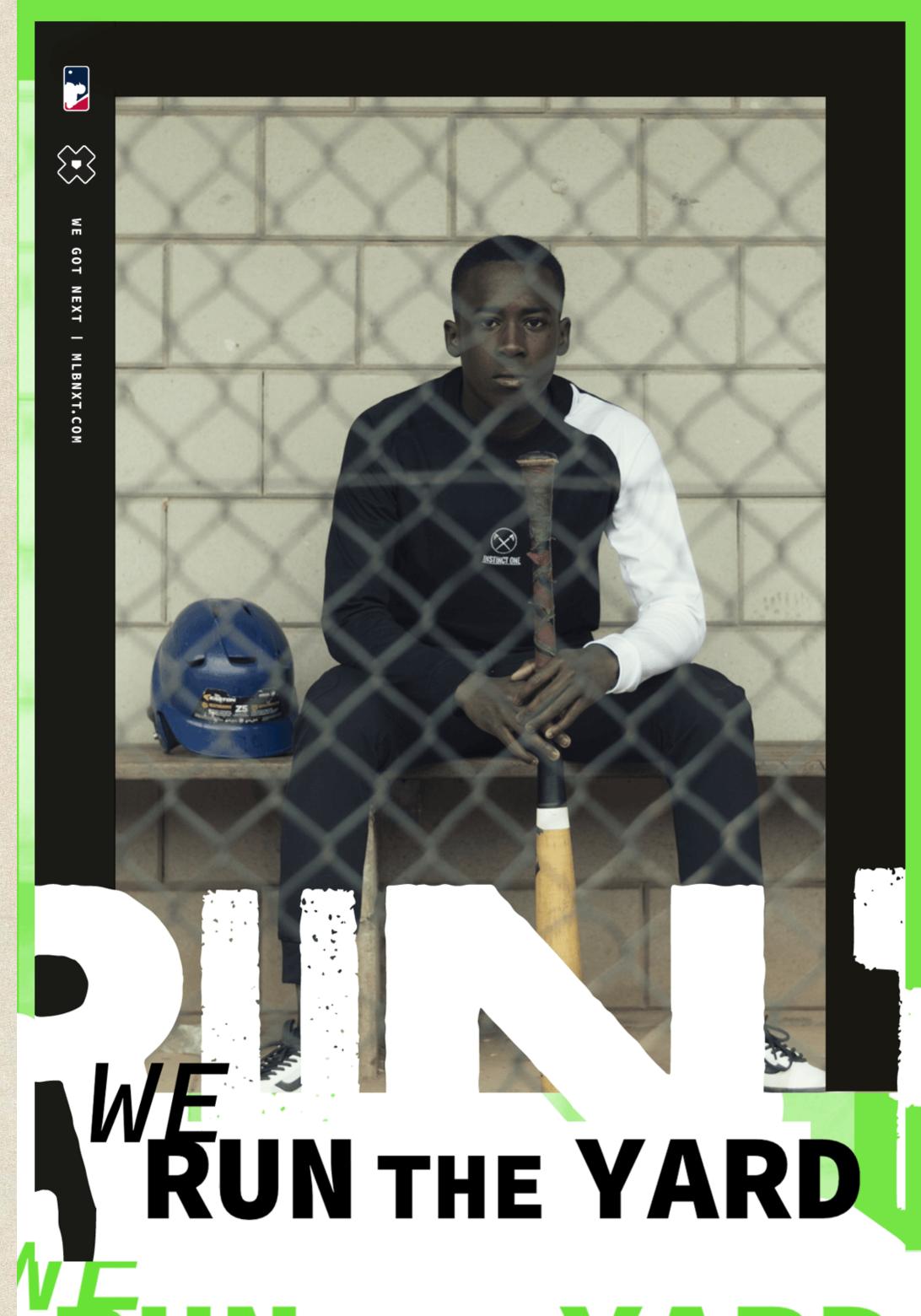
The work, the work, the work, the work.

We don't do student work, we do agency work. It's how ad agencies know our students are ready to come out of DAD and crush it in this business from day one, because our standards for success are higher. That's probably why our student's work is regarded as some of the best around. Compare our portfolios to the work that comes out of the other schools and it's easy to see we dig for deeper insights, shoot for bigger ideas, and go bolder with the way we bring those stories to life.

The student portfolios aren't hidden on our site (like some other schools) because we're proud of every single one of the portfolios that come out of DAD. And not only that, we're totally confident every incoming student can get to that same level. Because like we tell people all the time, we're not in the business of making shitty portfolios.

Check out just a small sample of what our students make here on the next few pages, then check out the whole collection at **denveradschool.com/portfolios**.

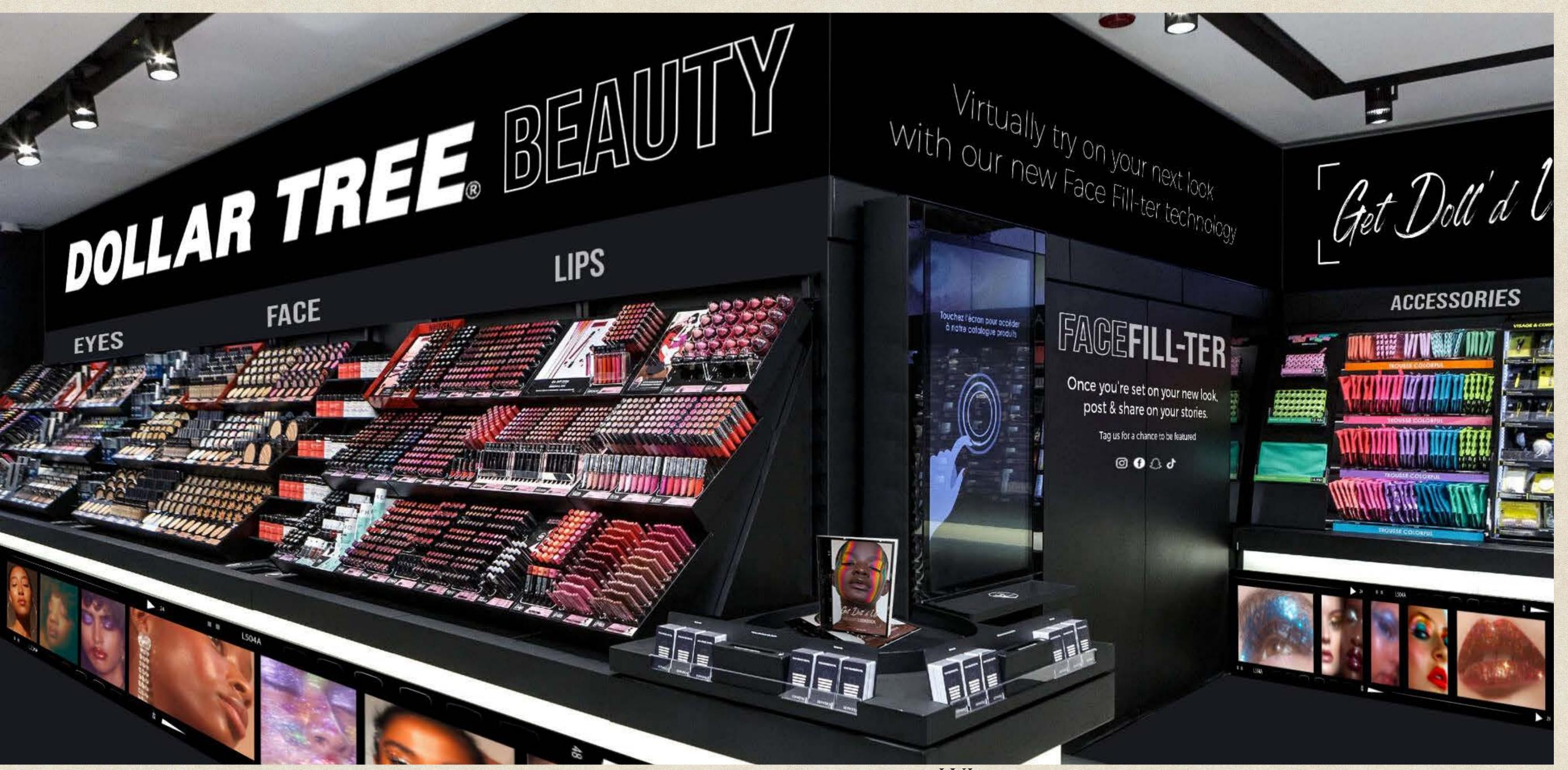








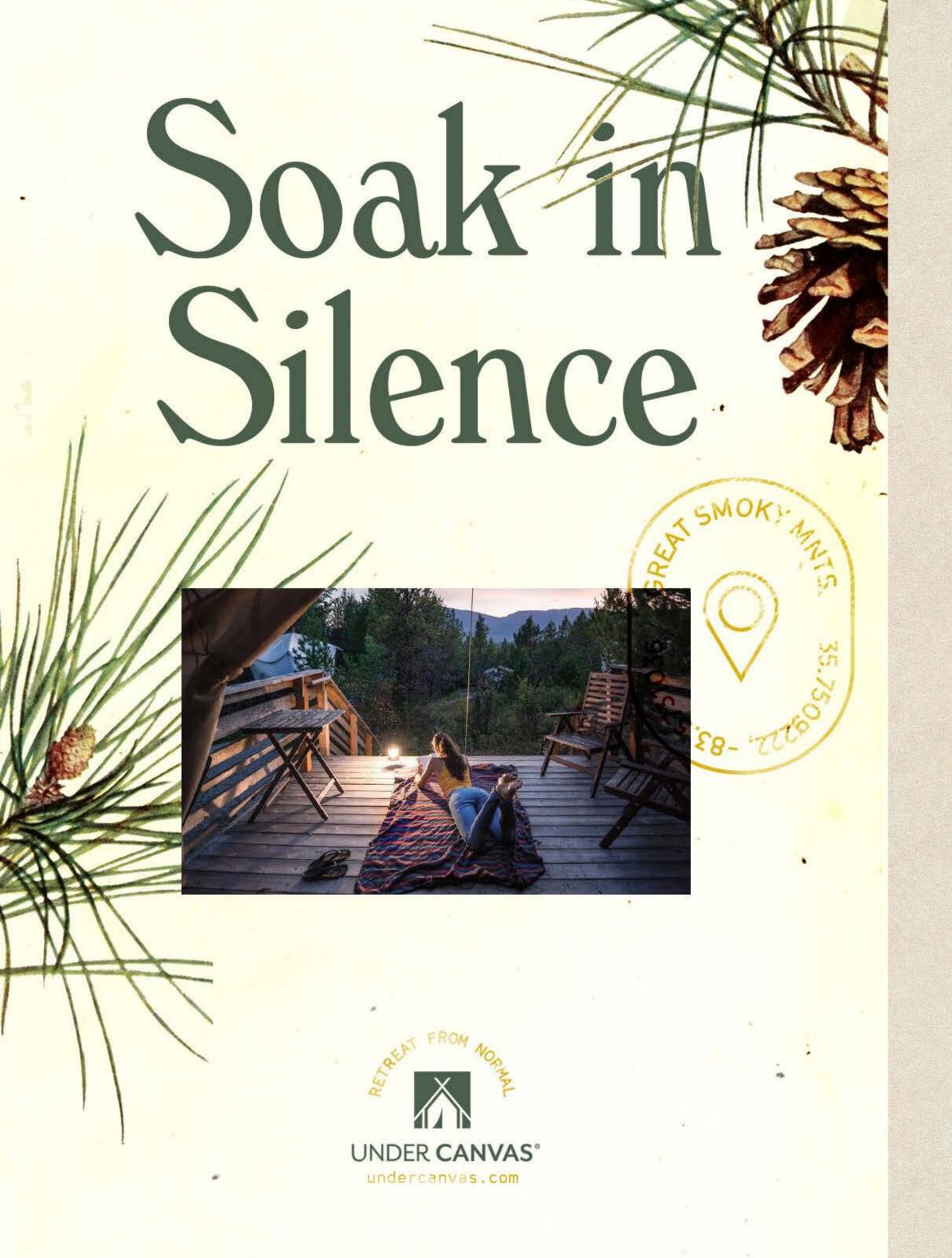














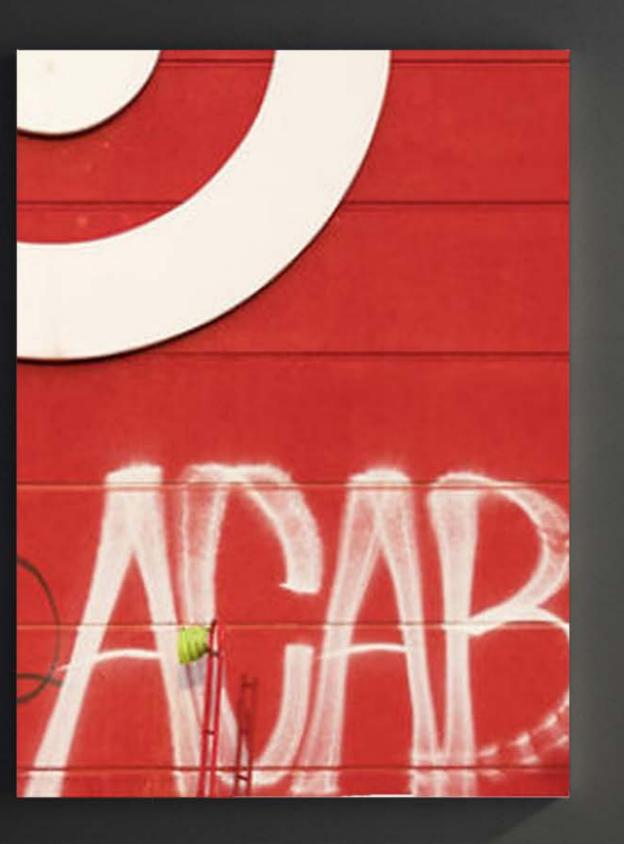








THOSE WHO FAIL TO LEARN FROM HISTORY



ARE BOUND TO REPEAT IT

It's up to us to fix this

There have been 231 school shootings in America since Columbine. Since when did that become a right of passage? We've normalized deaths in school shootings when we should be changing laws. Now's our time. We're young, powerful, and pissed off. And it's up to us to change this shit. Register to vote now. Read about laws on the ballot now. Figure out how your vote matters no. Vote for our lives.

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The 26th amendment allows 18 year olds to exercise their right to vote. The 2nd amendment gives us the right to bear arms. But bearing arms shouldn't be for everybody. We're fucking tired of being the aftermath of that. That's why we're using our right to vote to pass laws that protect us and throw out elected officials who have not passed the vibe check. Involved with the NRA? Gone. Support loose gun control. Bye. Take matters into your own hands and vote for your life on November 3rd.





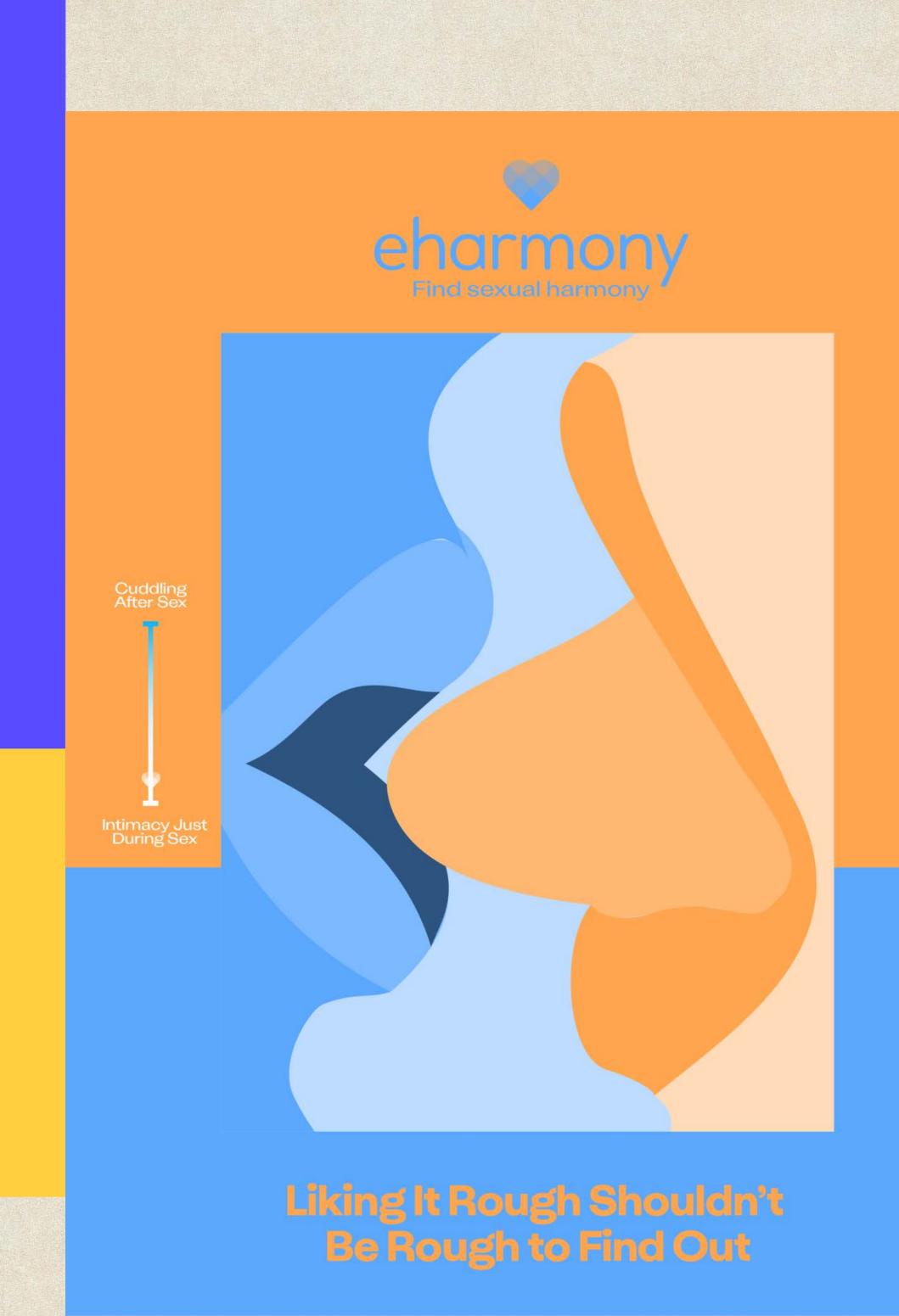


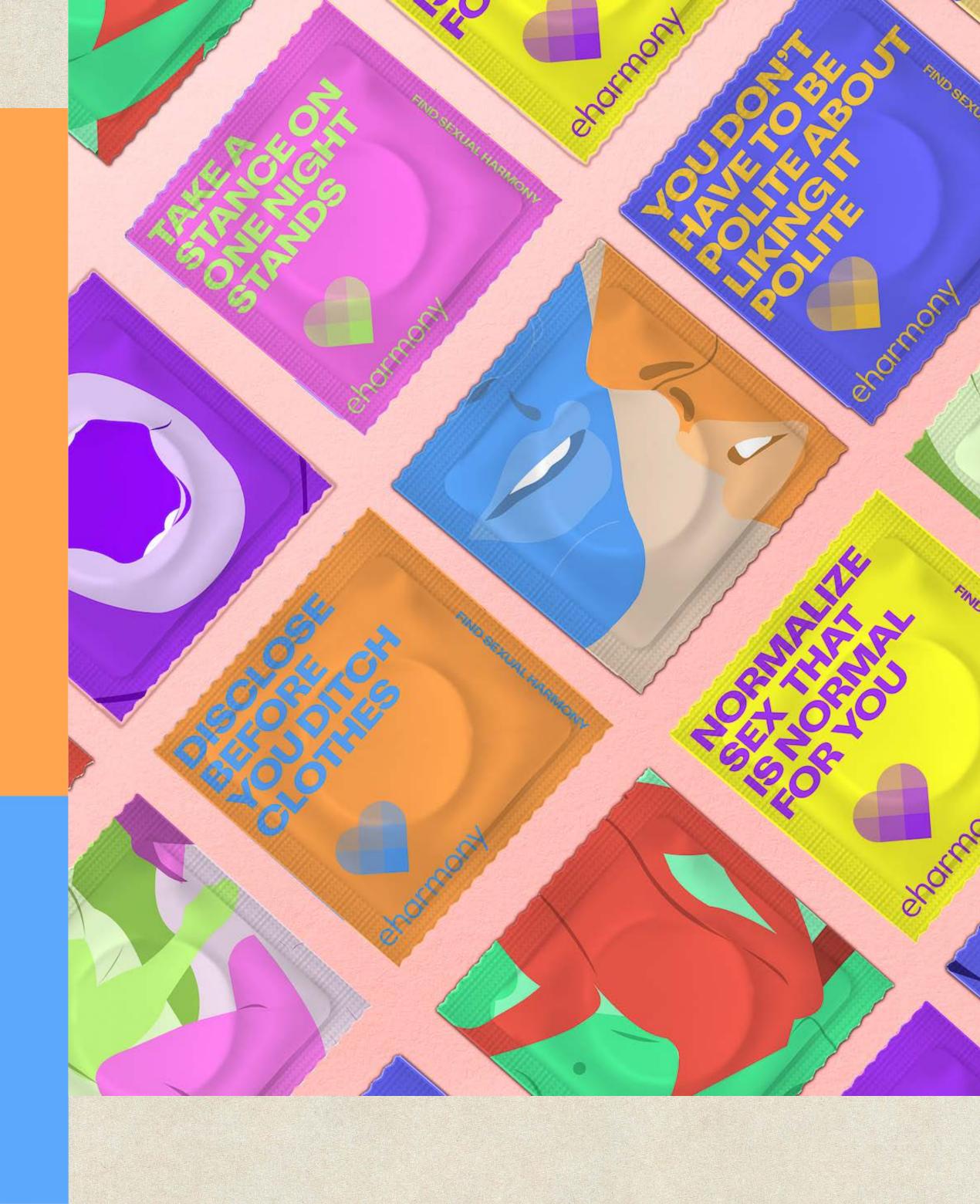






Get on Top of Always Being on Top

















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Got some more questions? Need to chat about something? Wanna drunk text us some memes? Here are all the spots you can hit us up in order from quickest response time to slowest response time.

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2301 Blake Street
Denver, CO 80205











Stalk us, we don't mind.

We're on a lot of the socials, some more than others - you can blame your parents for driving us away from Facebook. But we're pretty active on all the rest, so connect with DAD on the platform of your choice and we can chat, answer questions, or you can just enjoy our content like all the other good little consumers.

Here's some stuff to show your lawyers.

Denver Ad School is independently owned and operated because we're cool like that. DAD was founded in Fall 2019 and is a registered corporation with the state of Colorado.

We are an approved school by the Division of Private Occupational Schools of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. DAD meets the requirements for Certificate of Approval pursuant to the Private Occupational Educational Act of 1981, Title 23, Section 101 et seq., C.R.S.

DAD willingly chose not to become nationally accredited because we kind think that whole process is bullshit and actually doesn't mean anything. We're regulated by the Colorado Department of Higher Education, as stated above, and that's enough for us.

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