WE FOUND MINO.

THINK MOST ADVERTISING SUCKS?
YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S FIX IT.
We've started an ADTHING here at the University of Utah.

Imagine handpicking the best writers, strategists, and visualists at a PAC-12 college campus and throwing them into the deep end of advertising for 1-2 years.

Not classes.

This is real work. Engaging real clients. Directed by global pros.

So the work is at a pro level.

But with a “where the heck did that come from?” style that defines this generation.
In the end, these talented students are years ahead of their peers. And for the lucky companies recruiting them, like these.
Who's behind this?
Bill Oakley, former Chief Creative Officer in the McCann Worldgroup.
Creative lead on the world’s largest beer at age 26.
The world's largest airline at 32.
And the world's largest company at 38.
More than 100 global awards including Cannes Lions, One Show, D&AD, National Effie’s (also judge),
Communication Arts (also judge), and one of Ad Age’s “12 Ads That Changed Super Bowl Marketing.”
And now he’s started this ADTHING.
With help from a global Advisory Board.
OUR WORLD-CLASS ADVISORY BOARD

The cool, experienced, global pros we lean on for inspiration:

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Our very first client was a charming 25-year-old from China who owned a little sushi joint. We gave him a look, a feel, and a boatload of cool. One month later he sees a 30% traffic increase. Then he decides to move back to China. The new buyers of his restaurant remember his ads as "effing awesome." He makes a 50% profit in 3 years. Because of the ads! In our minds, of course.
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YOU'RE ONE BITE AWAY FROM A GOOD MOOD.

ON 200 S. NEXT TO UNIVERSITY PHARMACY

SUSHI PIZZA? OH HELL YES.

YOU'RE ONE BITE AWAY FROM A GOOD MOOD.

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SUSHI PERRMTO? RAWESOME.

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A local franchisee for FREEBIRDS World Burrito asked for help.

Our first ads get a click-through rate 50 TIMES the national average.

Their CEO calls, and we’re signed as an Agency Of Record for Strategy and Creative – less than 6 weeks after opening our doors.

We’re now doing TV, OOH, social, in-restaurant marketing and more.

The work is now running on all these major networks:

Oh... and same store sales are up 40%.
IN CASE VAMPIRES DO EXIST
TRY ROASTED GARLIC ON YOUR NEXT BURRITO
IT AIN'T NORMAL
FREEBIRDS
MORE SMOTHERING THAN YOUR MOM
FREEBIRDS WILD MEXICAN
So, out of the blue we contact one of the hottest startups around, Allbirds, from San Francisco and New Zealand.

Touted as “the world’s most comfortable shoe” by FAST COMPANY, WIRED, and TIME, these sustainable shoes had marketing that, in our minds, was in serious need of some attitude.

So we sent them some.

The founder called the very next day wanting to talk.
yes, feet can have organs.

and then God said “let there be shoe.”
Our students felt powerless in the wake of the changing immigration laws of this country.
So they decided to write a letter.
To the whole world.
And put it on film.
The Huffington Post picked it up and wrote a wonderful endorsement.
We were asked to pitch electric bikes to thousands of college students. “Aren’t those for old Germans who can’t pedal uphill?” we ask. “Yes, what’s your point?” they answer. Okay...

We did some work that’s really fun, running all over campus and online. Over $250,000 worth of bikes sold in 7 weeks. Yes... $250,000.

Go figure.
BIKE TO CLASS
WITHOUT SMELLING LIKE JEFF FROM ECON WHO DOESN'T SHOWER.

BIKE TO CLASS LIKE IT'S DOWNHILL BOTH WAYS.
Planned Parenthood and their agency, McCann, asked for our thinking.

There was a time, before Planned Parenthood, when family planning and women's health issues were an underground, unsafe place.

And without proper funding, we could have ended up back there.

There are countless examples of why we should never go back.
Utah’s Hogle Zoo wanted to announce their two new exhibits.

A red panda habitat (man, are they adorable).

And not one, but two, new polar bears.

With those amazing animals as images, sometimes the ads just seem to write themselves.
WE’VE GOT A CUTENESS PROBLEM.
RED PANDAS ARE BACK

Polar Bear Bear
2 NEW POLAR BEARS
The founder of Alpha Coffee, a decorated veteran, wanted to take his brand to the masses. We found something special in a program they had been doing since the day they started. Sending a cup of coffee to front-line troops (not pentagon desk jockeys) for every single purchase. Every one. To us, this is more than kick-ass coffee. This is kick-ass coffee with a cause. So, we added that to their logo.
Go carpe the hell out of that diem.
One of the fastest-rising business schools in the nation asked us to help with their brand identity.
We developed a new positioning around the real-world, real-experience, entrepreneurial approach the David Eccles School of Business is bringing to its entire curriculum.
All with a new theme.
And a clear Call-To-Action for the kinds of students and faculty they wish to attract.
Where last year over 400 companies were launched... by students.
How much was your last raise?

12 Masters with up to 63% salary increases.
A small non-profit asked us to promote an unusual cause: preparing for end-of-life care.

We created a series of real-life films highlighting the need for families to talk about this uncomfortable topic. And avoid the extraordinary mistakes most of us make for the last years of our lives.

We decided to speak to the children of the elderly with a unique premise:

Your parents had the awkward “Talk” with you about sex.

It’s time for you to have “The Talk” again... with them.
9 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE INTEND TO TALK TO THEIR LOVED ONES ABOUT END-OF-LIFE CARE.

ONLY 3 ACTUALLY DO.

LET'S ALL HAVE "THE TALK" AGAIN.

HaveTheTalkAgain.com
We were asked to help University of Utah Health Sciences’ first rebrand in 25 years. Positioning, a brand film, and brand identity. We even added a cool business idea to differentiate their Health Insurance Plan.
Cool design! Logos! Identity systems?

Yes. Yes. And yes.
Talented photographers and film makers! Yeah, we got that, too.
The best way to connect with the next, savvy, social generation?

Hire them.