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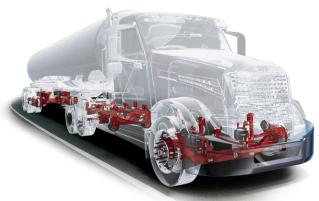
Recruiting and Retention for the Hourly Workforce

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Leading global manufacturer and supplier of medium and heavy-duty mechanical and air suspensions systems, axle systems, springs, stabilizers and bumper and trim components









Hendrickson

- 108-year-old company founded in 1913
 - 1978 Purchased by Boler Family
- Operations in 12 different Countries
- Over 30 facilities
- Over 5,000 employees







Hendrickson - Hiring



Problem:

 Struggling to keep up with demand in hiring and retaining production labor





Hendrickson - Hiring

What we offer:

- Competitive wages (typically in 80th + %)
- Low-cost benefits Self Insured
 - Low deductible plan
- Strong 401K
- Pension
- Career Paths for Technical positions
- Very low turnover







New Role Created



- April 2021: HR Project Leader – Recruiting & Retention
- Immediate goal:
 - How can we attract more candidates?





Research / Comparison

Hendrickson

- Long Application
- No Technology / AI
- No Job bots
- Traditional phone call
- Up to a week to complete a phone screen

Other Manufacturing Orgs.

- One Click Easy Apply
- Al enabled Recruiting
- Career page job bots
- Text Recruiting
- Candidate identified screened & hired in under week





Research - Prevent Candidate Drop-off

- #1 Reason: Online application is too long to complete
- Mobile application process
 - 86% of active candidates use their cellphones to begin a job search
- Poor Communication / Timing
 - 47% of candidates waited 1+ months before receiving a response
- Lack of flexibility for interviews
- Extensive Interview Process





Hendrickson – Hiring

- Let's now look at Hendrickson with a focus on the ease of the process:
 - Application: 20 30 minutes to fill out via computer
 - Application: Near impossible to fill out with phone
 - Drop off Points: 4 drop off points
 - [H] has 40% application drop off
 - Traditional phone screen process
- Time from application to first contact from [H] HR
 5-7 days.





Solution - Applied

Immediate & Free solutions

- Work with job board vendors to set up Easy Apply with our ATS.
 - 5x growth in candidate pool over the past 6 months.

- Remove barrier to long application
 - Open interview times





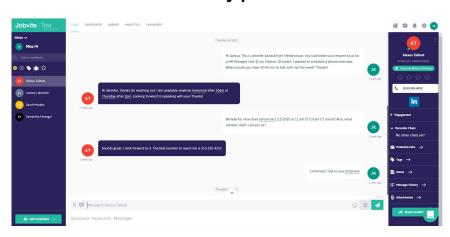
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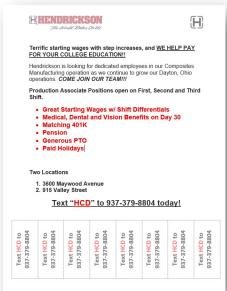
Minimal Investment

Text to Recruit solution

 Over last year we have piloted a text to recruit platform. Initial candidate response went from days to under 10 minutes.

- Recently started using at additional Plant Facilities.
- Feedback has been very positive.

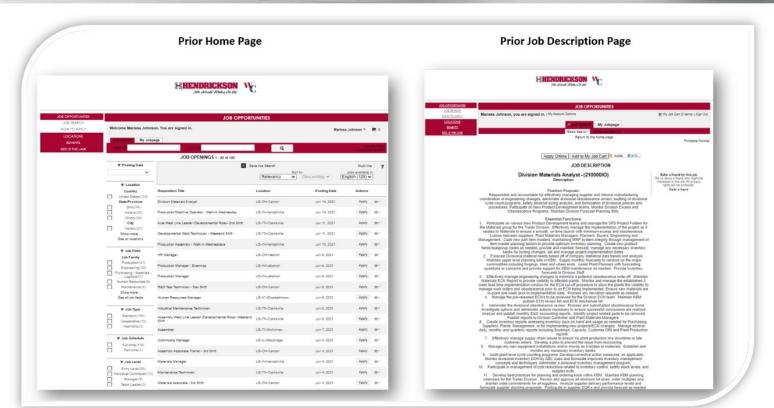








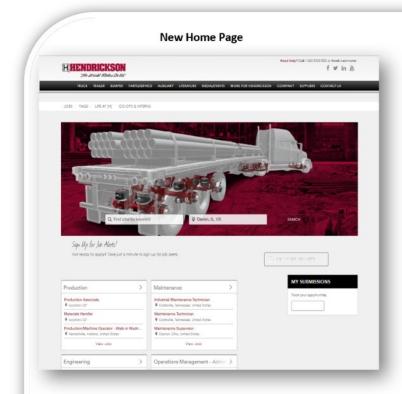
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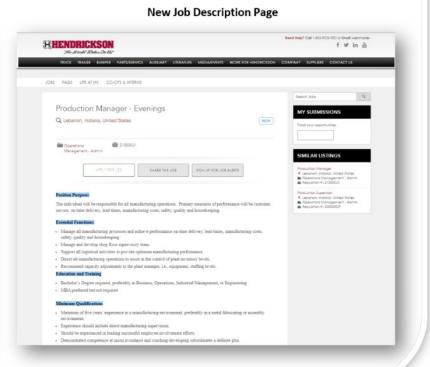






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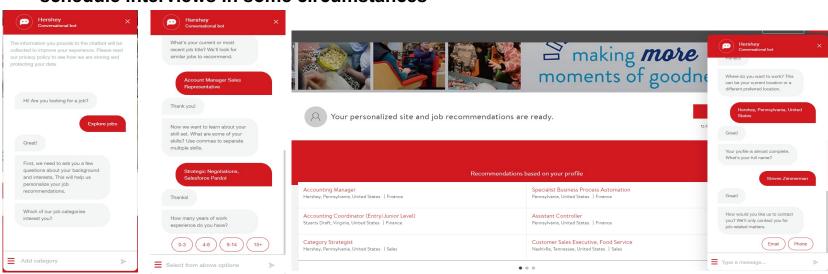


Solution

Investment

Recruiting Bot

- Ability to have a recruiting feature 24/7
- Bot can complete initial screen questions, answer candidate questions, and even schedule interviews in some circumstances







Retention



- Current Projects:
- Brand Awareness
- Training & Development
 - Mentor Program
- Stay Interviews





Brand Awareness



Careers / Social Media Pages:

- Culture
 - Career Development
 - Women in Manufacturing
 - Diversity in the workplace
- Outreach & Engagement
 - Salvation Army
 - Marines Toys for Tots Programs
 - Educational Program
 - And more..
- Safety
 - Safety Excellence Program
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - VPP Certifications





Mentor Program



Production Leaders

- 6-month program
- Cross Location
- Grouped discussion meetings among locations facilitated by HR





Stay Interviews

- Instead of waiting until someone leaves and asking why, be proactive and find out what would cause someone to leave
 - Understand why they chose to work for [H]
 - Ask what are the key aspects of the job that keep them coming to work every day
 - Ask what factors would cause them to leave





Supervisor Role

- Day 1 Introduction
 - Very important to make contact on day 1
 - Take the conversation off the floor, make a connection
- Daily check-ins
 - Specifically ask:
 - What have you learned today/yesterday/this week?
 - Do you have the tools / resources you need?
 - How often does your trainer check on you?





Stay Interview Questions

- Team Lead Holds Stay Discussions
 - Day 8 and Day 30
- Interview Questions:
 - When you travel to work each day, what things do you look forward to?
 - What are you learning here?
 - Why do you stay here?
 - When was the last time you thought about leaving our team?
 What prompted it?
 - What can I do to make your experience at work better for you?





Accountability Process

Accountability Team

- HR, Trainers, Area Leaders, Team Lead
- Establish metrics and goals (turnover, how many people leave in first 15 days, first 60 days, etc.)
- Weekly meeting
 - Review 2 lists
 - List 1
 - Who is in their first 60 days, assign a specific person to follow-up with employees
 - » Review feedback from Stay interviews
 - List 2
 - » Who did we lose and why
 - » What changes are needed





Questions

