

Join State University's Class of 2013 Facebook Group

A college guide book publisher called College Prowler was recently criticized for creating Facebook communities for students in the class of 2013 that appeared to be organized by their college or university. A recruiter with the admissions department at Butler University uncovered the ruse when he found a Class of 2013 page for Butler University on the site, but no one at Butler knew who had created it.

The recruiter, Brad Ward, blogged about the find and said pages had been created for many major universities around the country, including the University of Michigan, Cornell University, Duke University and Northwestern University. According to Ward, none appeared to have been created by any one with legitimate ties to the class of 2013 at any of the schools.

Invites to Facebook groups run the gamut from alumni groups to groups with common interests in sports or hobbies. But if you don't know the person inviting you, it may be best to ignore it. Other instances of fake groups have included invitations that prompt users to install certain applications in order to "chat" with other members, but instead install malware. In some instances, unwanted products, such as toolbars, have been installed onto the user's computer after the person joined a group.