



Getting Started Guide for EARLY ALERT Faculty & Staff

Welcome to Starfish®

Starfish gives you a convenient way to keep track of your students – raising flags when you observe a pattern of behavior that concerns you, ensuring that the people on campus who can intervene are aware.

Getting started is easy. Accessible through your existing systems (often your Learning Management or Student Information system) Starfish will automatically display all students that you have been assigned or are enrolled in your courses.

ADD LOG IN INFORMATION FOR YOUR INSTITUTION HERE

From there, you can raise flags about students, review flags that have been raised about your students, and provide additional information.

This guide highlights the steps for completing 3 common tasks in Starfish EARLY ALERT:

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Setup your Profile

Some of your profile, such as your contact information, is imported from your LMS or SIS. You have the ability to edit other parts of your profile, such as your biography.

1. Click on your name in the Top Navigation bar and select the **Institutional Profile** tab.



2. Edit your **Phone** and add an **Alternate Email** address if you would like Starfish to send email to an address in addition to your institution email.

Select the **Both** radio button to receive email at both accounts.

3. Double check that the **Time zone** selected matches your time zone. This time zone will be used when including appointment times in emails from Starfish.
4. Help students put a face to your name by clicking the **Upload Photo** link beneath the existing photo or photo placeholder.

Browse to a photo file (.jpg, .png, or .gif), and then click the **Upload Now** button to update your photo.

5. Click the **Submit** button to save your changes.

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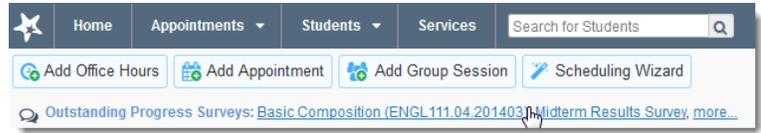
You may find the following Starfish Two Minute Tips helpful:

- [Update your Starfish Profile](#)
- [Update how you are emailed about Flags](#)

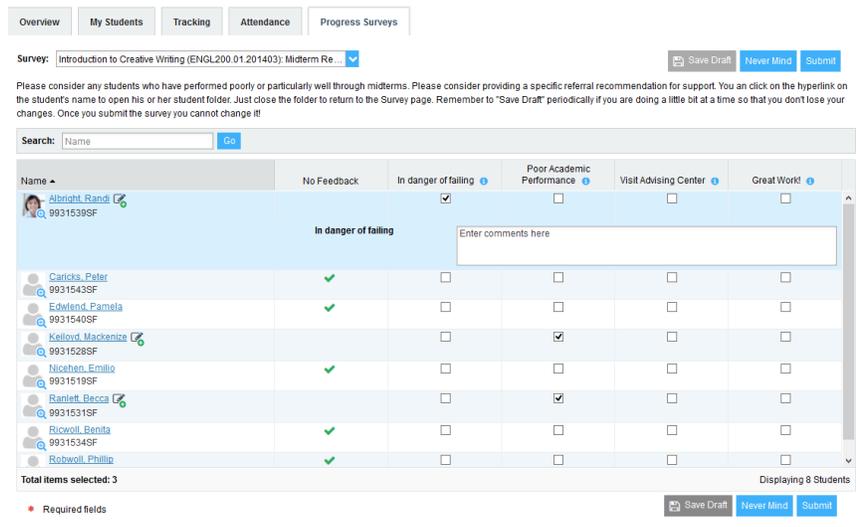
Respond to a Progress Survey for students in your courses

You will receive an email reminder when there is a new survey for you to complete. Each individual survey presents a student roster for one course section on whom you can raise flags.

1. Select the progress survey link on your Starfish **Home** page to go the **Progress Surveys** tab. (only visible when you have active surveys).



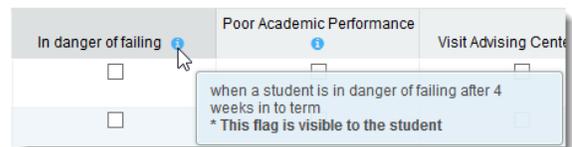
The selected survey opens, listing your students on the left, and items you may raise across the top.



2. Check the box for each desired item/student combination.

Click the comments icon (🗒️) to open a text box for your notes.

Click the information icon (ℹ️) associated with an item to verify whether or not the student can view the flag and related comments.



3. Click the **Submit** button *only* when you are finished providing feedback. The items you selected will be raised on your students when you submit the survey.

Important

Once you have submitted the survey you will not have an opportunity to add to or undo the items you raised. Use the **Save Draft** option if you aren't ready to submit your survey.

Notes:

You may be asked to submit more than one course survey if more than one of your courses has been included in the survey plan for your institution. They will be listed in the drop-down menu on the **Progress Surveys** tab.

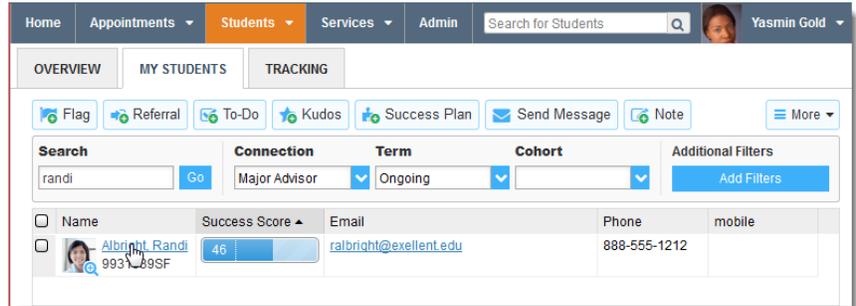
Watch the [Two Minute Tip on completing a progress survey](#) for a demonstration of this feature.

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Raise a Flag on one of your students

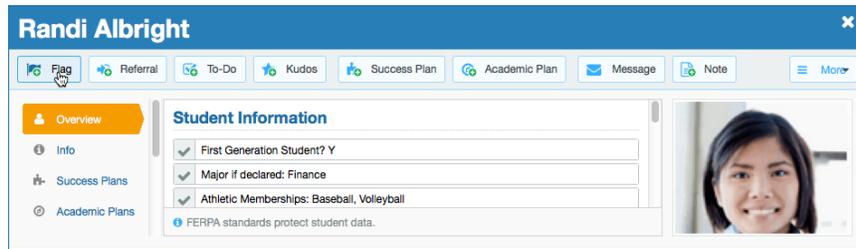
When you have a concern with a particular student, raise a flag, to-do, or referral to communicate your observations. The appropriate individuals will be automatically notified when you save the item.

1. Click on the **Students** navigation item to see your list of students.



2. Find the desired student by typing the name into the **Search** box.

3. Click on the student's name to bring up the **Student Folder**.



4. Click the **Flag** button.

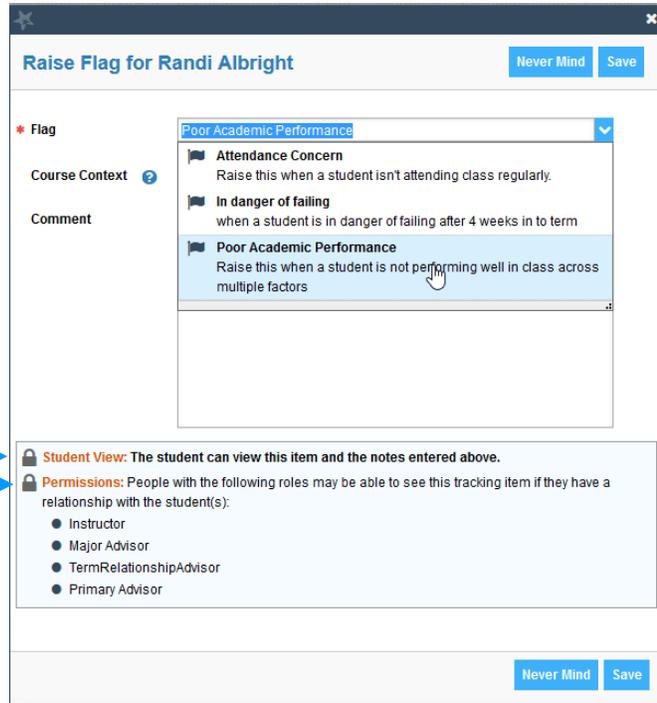
A list of flags that you have permission to raise on this student is displayed.

5. Select the desired **Flag** from the list.
6. If relevant, select a course from the **Course Context**, drop down list, and enter notes in the **Comment** box.
7. Click the **Save** button.

Notes:

The **Student View**: indicates whether the student can view the flag and the notes you include in the **Comment** box.

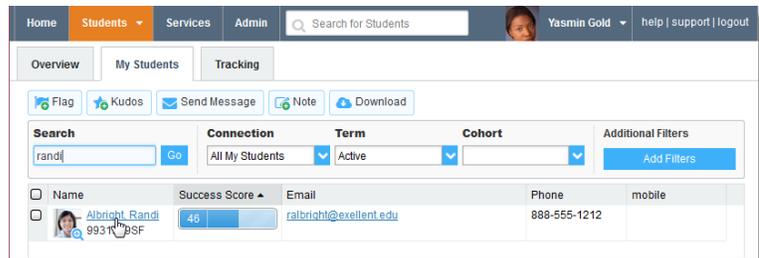
The **Permissions** area lists roles that have permission to view the selected flag and the notes you include in the **Comment** box.



Frequently Asked questions

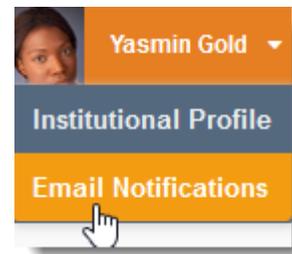
How do I get more detail on a student?

Anytime you see a student's name as a hyperlink (e.g. in your student list, on an appointment or in a progress survey) this hyperlink takes you to the **Student Folder**.



How do I change how I am emailed by Starfish?

Starfish will email you a calendar item for each appointment and a summary of flag activity for your students. Use the **Email Notifications** tab of your **Profile** to modify details of how and when you receive these notifications. For more information see this Two Minute Tip: [Update how you are emailed about Flags](#)

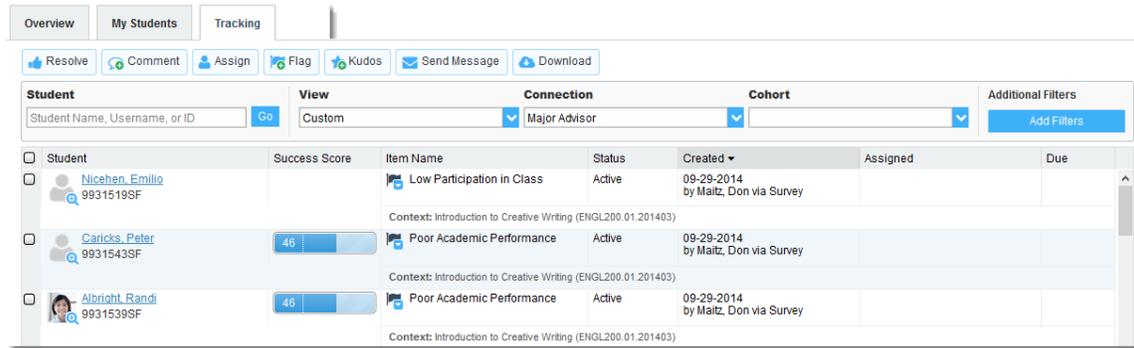


Where can I find information about flags raised on my students?

The **Tracking** tab within the **Students** area lists the flags (and kudos) that have been raised on your students. Use the filters provided to filter your list based on your connection to the students. For

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example you can filter to your role as advisor vs. your role as instructor, or as an instructor to one of your specific course sections.



The screenshot displays the 'My Students' tab in the Starfish EARLY ALERT system. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Overview', 'My Students', and 'Tracking'. Below these are action buttons: 'Resolve', 'Comment', 'Assign', 'Flag', 'Kudos', 'Send Message', and 'Download'. The main interface is divided into sections for 'Student', 'View', 'Connection', 'Cohort', and 'Additional Filters'. The 'Student' section shows a search bar with 'Go' and a list of three students: Nicehen, Emilio (9931519SF), Caricks, Peter (9931543SF), and Albright, Randi (9931539SF). Each student has a success score of 46. The 'View' section is set to 'Custom'. The 'Connection' section is set to 'Major Advisor'. The 'Cohort' section is empty. The 'Additional Filters' section has an 'Add Filters' button. The table below shows the details of the flags raised on these students.

Student	Success Score	Item Name	Status	Created	Assigned	Due
Nicehen, Emilio 9931519SF		Low Participation in Class	Active	09-29-2014 by Maltz, Don via Survey		
Context: Introduction to Creative Writing (ENGL200.01.201403)						
Caricks, Peter 9931543SF	46	Poor Academic Performance	Active	09-29-2014 by Maltz, Don via Survey		
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Albright, Randi 9931539SF	46	Poor Academic Performance	Active	09-29-2014 by Maltz, Don via Survey		
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You can also go into the individual **Tracking** tab of any **Student Folder** to look at details of flags raised on that student. The details of what you see are based on your relationship to the student(s) and the privileges granted to your role.