



## Spring 2021

Dear colleague,

I would like to encourage you to integrate Starfish into your course to help students stay on a positive path by connecting them to resources and sharing information with advisors, coaches, and everyone responsible for student success in real-time with just a few clicks.

Starfish is an easy and efficient online communication system that allows you to communicate with your students about course attendance and course grades, with the ability to refer your students for extra support such as tutoring and to the Writing Center. Starfish also provides students with a central place to connect to the appropriate support services that can assist students to be successful in your course.

### **What instructors are saying:**

*"I thought you would like to know that I just completed the first progress survey for all of my courses. Within 5 minutes, I had 6 students contact me regarding their missing work. Five who received "keep up the good work" emailed me to thank me for supporting them."*

*"I just wanted to share some news about Starfish. I sent Kudos this week to my clinical group after a great job during their vitals lab. After my lecture today one of my students, Shawna, came up to me and said, "thanks for the email it meant a lot". She stated that she had a bad week and thought she was doing terrible and that the email made her feel good about herself.....and her new learned skills. I like this Starfish!!!"*

### **What students are saying:**

*"You noticing my hard work means more to me than you'll ever know, this is my third attempt for this class to receive the credit I need to follow the JAA path, to go to URI, and I've been working super hard to achieve that, and glad you noticed."*

### **Get started now resources:**

- Connect with [Tanekar Alexander](#) for a personalized training session(s)
- Talk with a peer instructor who is using the Starfish
  - **English:** Kathleen Beauchene and Alyson Snowe
  - **Chemistry:** Ann Omollo
  - **Math:** Justin Moniz
  - **Nursing:** Susan Sienkiewicz
  - **Psychology:** Rachel Rogers
  - **Social Science:** Jana Knibb

- Access Starfish from CCRI Home Page, Blackboard and [MyCCRI](#)
- Learn how to set-up your [Starfish profile](#)
- Learn how to easily record [class attendance](#) in Starfish
- Learn how to schedule your [office hours](#) in Starfish for online appointment booking
- Login and access the Help Center via your Starfish Profile page
- Include a statement about Starfish in your [syllabus](#)
- Review the [standardized email](#) for each Flag and Kudo sent directly to the student on behalf of you. Each email allows you the ability to share individual feedback to your students. A blank email is also available for your use.

**Starfish student progress survey:**

- During the semester, you will be provided two opportunities to quickly and easily evaluate your students' academic performance. You will be automatically notified when the progress surveys are available. Completion of the progress survey will help you alert each of your students and their larger support network (including academic advisors) about their academic performance.
  - **~Week 4:** February 8 progress surveys should be focused on attendance and general academic performance before midterm (midterm grades due March 3)
  - **~Week 7:** March 1 progress surveys should be focused on expected outcomes and students in danger of failing prior to the withdrawal cutoff date (March 30)
- Progress surveys will include your course roster along with select Flags and Kudos relevant at that point in the semester. The progress survey also allows you the ability to share individual feedback to your students.
  - Watch a [video](#) about how to complete your student progress surveys.

I look forward to your participation and hearing from you about your experience. Thank you in advance for your participation and time!

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