

Welcome to Starfish®

Starfish provides you with a central location to connect to the people and services that can help you finish what you start – all accessible right from your Starfish **Home** page.

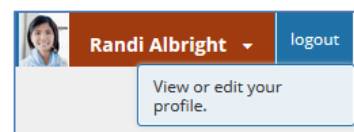
Log in to your Starfish Home page by going to the **Student Portal** on the **ECC Homepage** and clicking on the “**STARFISH**” link

Your **Home** page includes access to a customizable profile and personalized channels that make it easy to schedule the dedicated time you need with your instructors, advisors or counselors. Starfish can also help you manage the steps you need to take to stay on track and meet your goals.

Here are three great ways to get started:

1. Set up your profile

Make it easier for your instructors and advisors to get to know you and stay in contact.



2. Stay on track

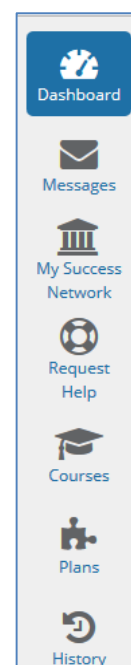
Use your personalized **Dashboard** to stay on top of upcoming appointments, assignments, plans, and recommendations from your instructors.

3. Connect to people and services that can help you

Use your personalized **My Success Network** and **Courses** channels for quick access to contact information, **appointment scheduling**, and **course help**.

Not sure what you need?

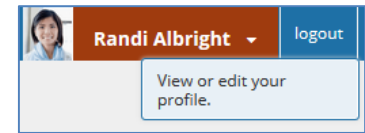
Browse the **Services Catalog** or use the **Request Help** option if you can't find what you're looking for through your personalized channels.



That's it. Simple for you. Powerful for your future.

Set up your Profile

Begin by setting up your student profile. Your profile lets instructors and advisors know who you are and how to contact you. It also gives you control over how you wish to receive emails.



1. Click your name in the top right corner of your **Home** page to open your profile.

From here, you can customize your profile by uploading a photo, setting appointment reminders, and adding a secondary email address for receiving Starfish emails (e.g. your mobile phone).

To have Starfish emails sent to your mobile phone (in addition to sending to your primary institutional email address):

- Enter the **email address** of your mobile phone in the **Alternate Email** field. This address will be a combination of your phone number plus carrier information. Click the more information icon (?) for a list of common carriers and email address formats :
- Click the **Both** radio button associated with “**Send my correspondence to**”.

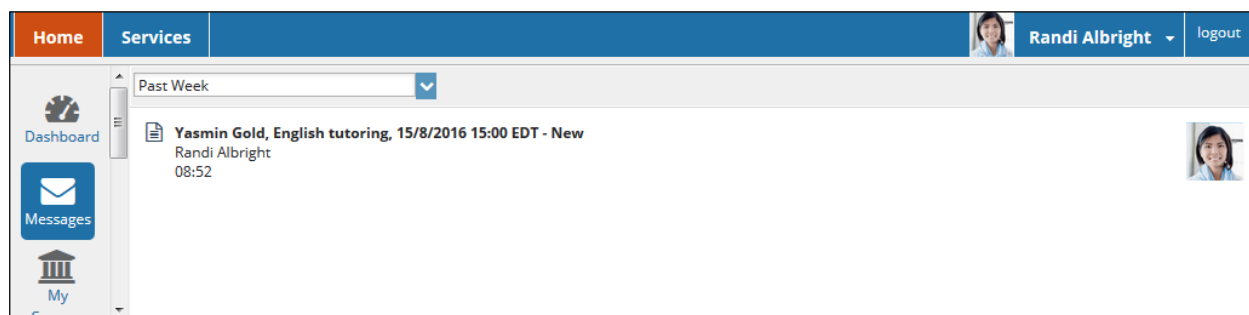
2. Once you have made your desired changes to your profile, click the **Submit** button to save your updates.

Connect to people and services that can help you

The **My Success Network** and **Courses** channels display the people and services that are available to help you succeed. Here you can find key contact information as well as links to student service web sites and online appointment scheduling.

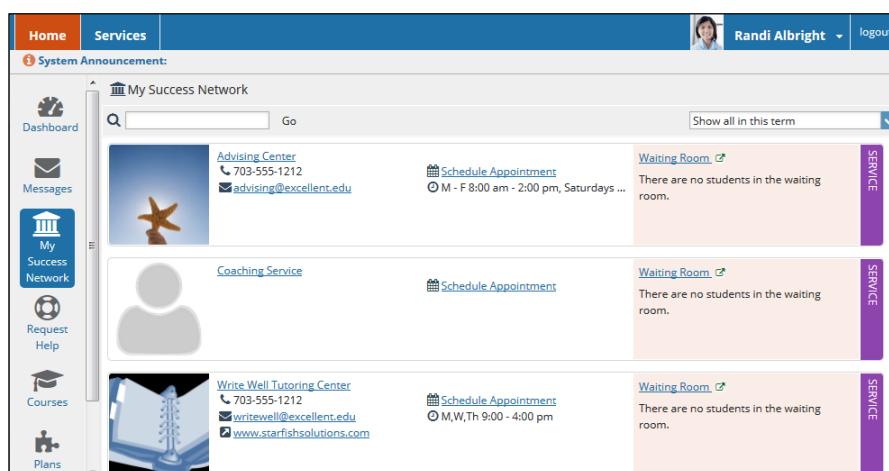
Messages

Click the **Messages** icon on your Home page to display messages sent to you in Starfish. Click on any message in the list to display the full contents of that message.



My Success Network

Click the **My Success Network** icon on your Home page to display your personalized network. This channel lists the people and resources that are available to assist you. (You can browse a broader list of available services in the [Service Catalog](#)). For each person or service listed you will find contact information, supporting websites, and, if online scheduling is enabled, a link to [make an appointment](#). If a service includes a waiting room for walk-in appointments, you can click the “Waiting Room” link to find out how many students are currently in line.



Courses

Click the **Courses** icon on your Home page to display information about courses you are enrolled in as well as contacts and available support related to each. Like the **My Success Network** channel, it is

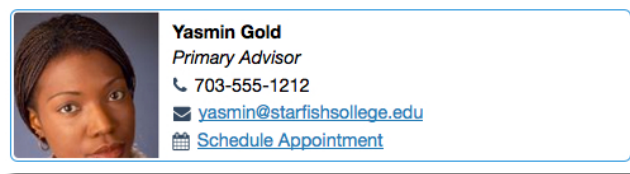
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personalized to show the people and services specific to the courses you are taking, and gives you the ability to [make an appointment](#) or [request help](#) related to a course.

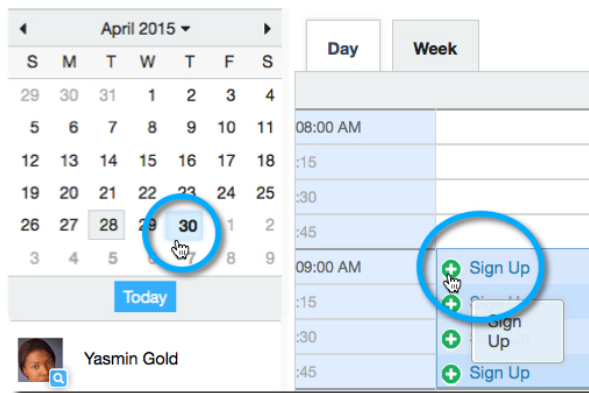


Make an Appointment

1. Click the **Schedule Appointment** link below the contact information for the desired person or service in the **My Success Network** or **Courses** channel.



2. Use the small calendar on the left to quickly identify days with available office hours (available days will be shown in **bold**). Click the desired date in the small monthly calendar to display availability on that day
3. Available time slots on the selected day will include a **Sign up** link. Click the **Sign Up** link associated with the desired time slot.

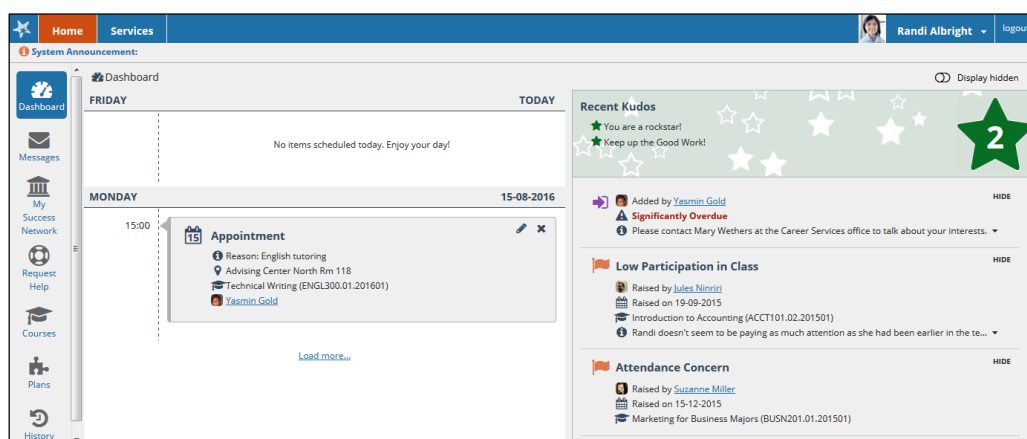
A screenshot of the 'Add Appointment' form. The form includes fields for 'With' (Yasmin Gold), 'Reason' (General Advising Visit), 'Course' (No Course), 'When' (9:00 am 04-30-2015), 'Duration' (20 minutes), and 'Where' (Advising Center North Rm 118). There is a section for 'Instructions' with a text area for the user to provide details. The form has 'Never Mind' and 'Submit' buttons at the bottom.

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4. This opens the **Add Appointment** form. Complete the form by selecting a reason for the meeting and a course (if relevant). Include an explanation of what you need so that your instructor or advisor can be prepared for the meeting.
5. Click **Submit** to set the appointment. You will get an email with the appointment details and the appointment will be listed on your **Dashboard**.

Change an Appointment

Upcoming appointments will be listed on your **Dashboard** in the time line view (left column). Click the edit icon (✎) to modify the appointment or the cancel icon (✕) to cancel it.



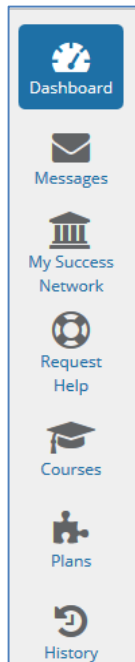
Request Help with a Course

Need help with a course, but not sure where to go? Request help with a course directly from the **Courses** channel.

1. Click the Help icon (🔗) link in the upper, right corner next to any of the courses in which you are currently enrolled.



2. This will bring up the **Request Help** form. Select the **Type** of help needed from the drop down menu and give specific **Details** on how staff can assist you.

A 'Request Help' form window. At the top, it says 'Request Help' with 'Never Mind' and 'Submit' buttons. Below is a dropdown menu for 'Type' with the text 'Select the type of help you are looking for...'. Underneath is a 'Course' field with the text 'Introduction to Accounting (ACCT101.02.201501)'. Below that is a large text area for 'Details' with the placeholder text 'Describe how we can help you.'. At the bottom, there is a 'Required fields' label and 'Never Mind' and 'Submit' buttons.

3. Click the **Submit** button to submit your request when you are finished.

Stay on track

Dashboard

Your **Dashboard** displays upcoming appointments and date-based tasks on the left to help you plan your week. The right hand column of your Dashboard highlights items that require your attention and may include alerts related to your class work, recommended referrals to campus support offices to help you succeed, and Kudos from your instructors.

Messages

The messages will display the content of email messages sent to you through Starfish.

Plans

The **Plans** channel will display any customized **Plans** created for you by your advisor. This might include an Academic Plan or a more targeted plan for a set of specific tasks with due dates. Click the **View Details** button associated with a plan to display a printable version of the plan.

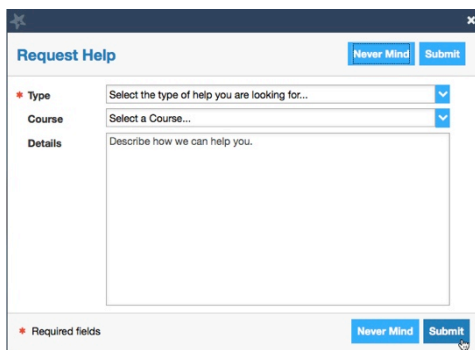
A screenshot of the 'Plans' section. At the top, it says 'Plans' with a puzzle piece icon. Below is a header 'Finding your way around the university (In Progress)' with a 'View Details' button. The main content is a list of tasks, each with a checkbox, a title, a status, and a due date. The tasks are: 'Attend Time Management Seminar' (Status: Open, Due: 04-24-2015), 'Freshmen Counseling Seminar' (Status: Resolved, Due: 04-05-2015), and 'Meet with Your Buddy' (Status: Resolved, Due: 04-22-2015). Below the last task is a description: 'Connect with the peer mentor for your program'. At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: '© 2008-2015, Starfish Retention Solutions, Inc. U.S. Patent No. 8,472,862. Additional Patents Pending.'

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Request Help

Click on the **Request Help** channel icon. Additional information about where to go for help will be displayed on the page. Click the **Help Me** button to submit a request for help.

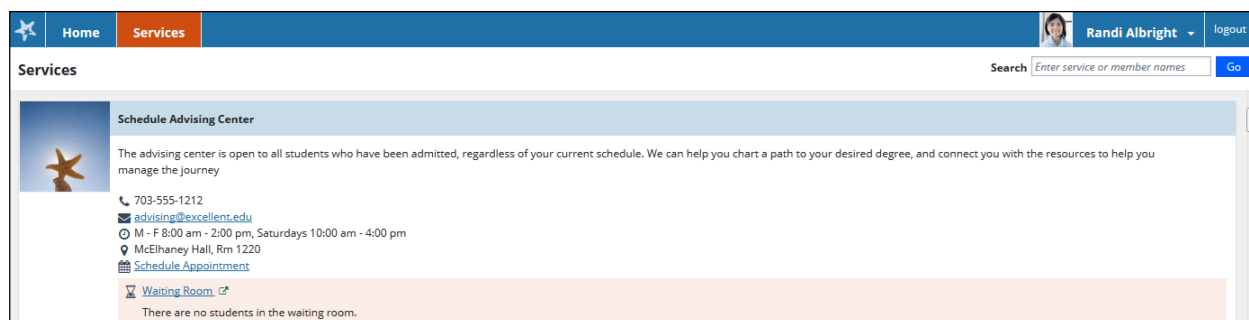
You will be asked to provide additional information such as the type of help you are requesting, the related course (if applicable), and a description.

A screenshot of a web form titled "Request Help". The form has a header bar with a star icon, the title "Request Help", and two buttons: "Never Mind" and "Submit". Below the header, there are three sections: "Type" with a dropdown menu labeled "Select the type of help you are looking for...", "Course" with a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Course...", and "Details" with a large text area labeled "Describe how we can help you.". At the bottom of the form, there is a red asterisk icon followed by the text "Required fields", and two buttons: "Never Mind" and "Submit".

We encourage you to make your description as detailed as possible to insure you get the appropriate help needed. Click **Submit** to submit your request when done.

Services Catalog

Certain counselors and advisors may be listed in your personal [My Success Network](#) channel, but other individuals and services can be found in the broader **Services** catalog accessed from the top navigation bar. On this page you can search for a service or scroll through the list of available services. For each service you can, view contact information, visit service websites, and schedule online appoints (if available).

A screenshot of the "Services" page in a web application. The top navigation bar has a star icon, "Home", "Services" (highlighted), and a user profile for "Randi Albright" with a "logout" link. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with the text "Search Enter service or member names" and a "Go" button. The main content area is titled "Services" and features a card for the "Schedule Advising Center". The card includes a star icon, a description: "The advising center is open to all students who have been admitted, regardless of your current schedule. We can help you chart a path to your desired degree, and connect you with the resources to help you manage the journey.", contact information: "703-555-1212", "advising@excellent.edu", "M - F 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Saturdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm", and "McElhane Hall, Rm 1220". It also has links for "Schedule Appointment" and "Waiting Room". At the bottom of the card, it says "There are no students in the waiting room."