Welcome to SUNY Potsdam Starfish

Starfish provides you with a central location to connect to the people and services that can help you build your academic success– all accessible from the hamburger menu of your Starfish **Home** page.

Log in to your Starfish Home page by going to
https://potsdam.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/

The navigation menu ☰ 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.
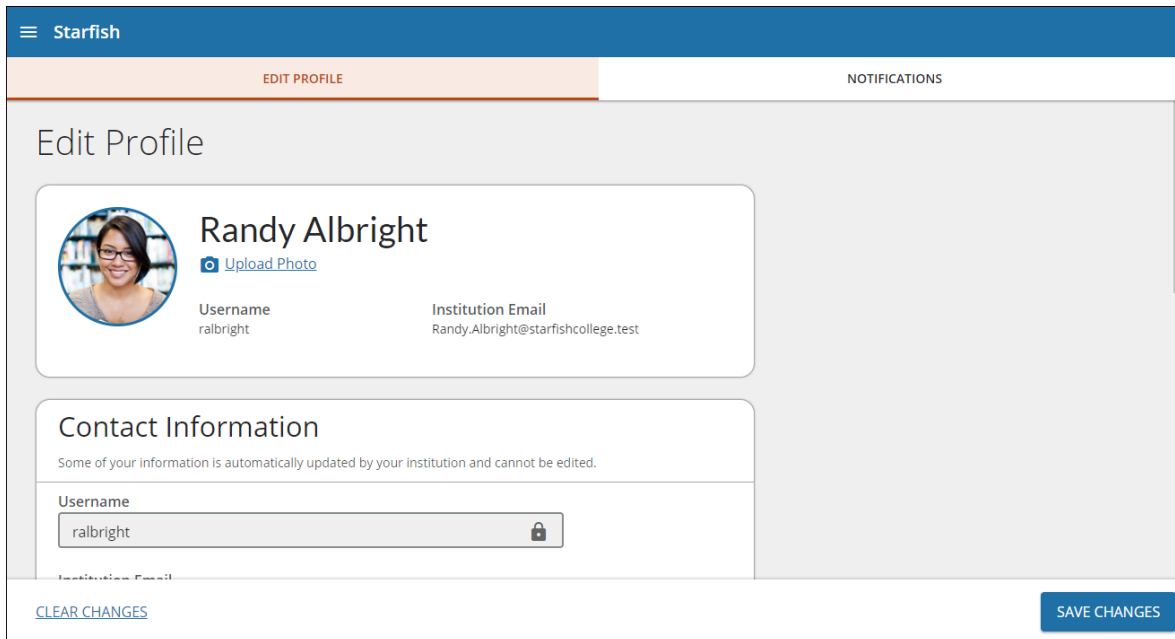
Setup Your Profile

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.
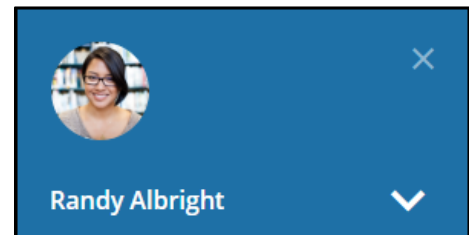
1. Open the navigation menu and click your name, and then **Edit Profile** to open your profile.

From here, you can customize your profile by uploading a photo, including a cell number to receive text notifications, and adding a secondary email address for receiving Starfish emails.
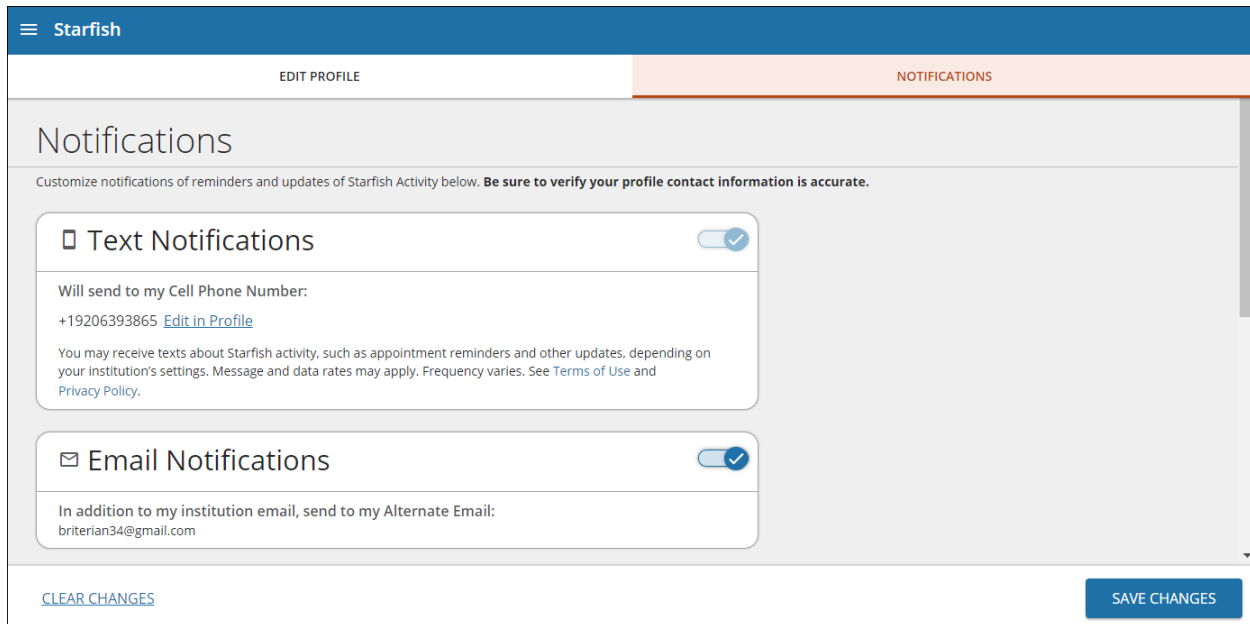
2. Once you have made your desired changes to your profile, click **Save Changes**.

Notifications

SUNY Potsdam has turned on text notifications for students, you can opt out via the **Notifications** tab as well as manage email notifications and appointment preferences. We encourage students to remain opted in to ensure you get important notices and can follow up quickly.

Connect to People and Services that Can Help You

The **Messages** channel allows you to see any message that was sent to you in Starfish. 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.
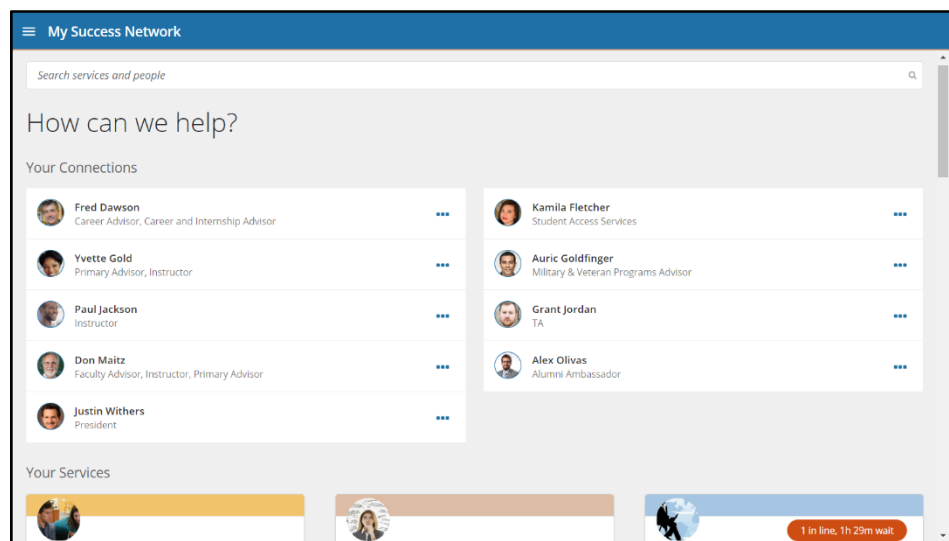
Messages

Select **Messages** to display messages sent to you in Starfish. Click on any message in the list to display the full contents of that message.
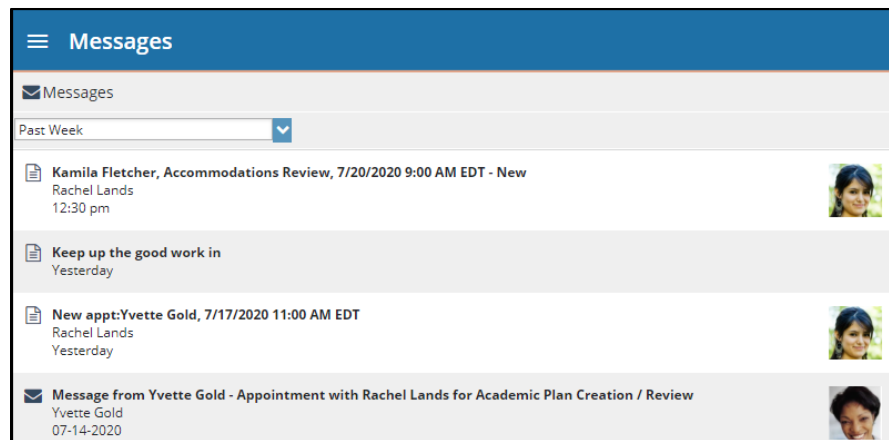
My Success Network

Select **My Success Network** from the navigation menu to display your personalized network. This channel lists the people and resources that are available to assist you. For each person or service listed, you will find contact information, supporting websites, and, if online scheduling is enabled, a link to Schedule 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.

The Services that are most relevant to you are displayed first. Select **Show Other Services** at the bottom of the page to see additional services.

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Courses

Select **Courses** from the side navigation menu 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 personalized to show the people
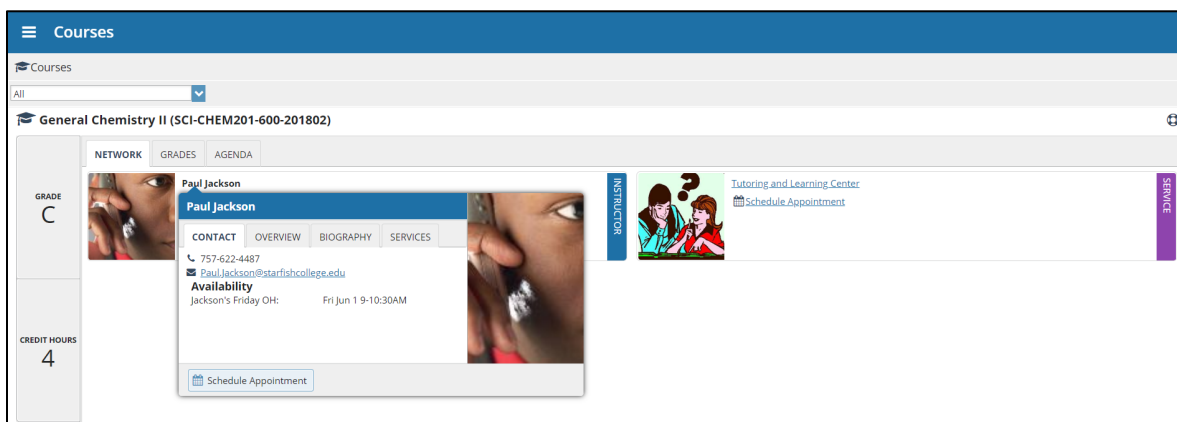

and services specific to the courses you are taking and gives you can **Schedule Appointments** or **Request Help** related to a course.

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 dropdown menu and give specific **Details** on how staff can assist you.
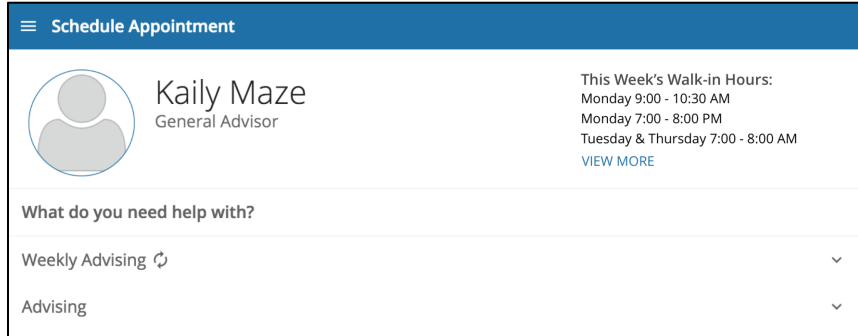3. Click **Submit** when you are finished.

Make an Appointment

1. From the **My Success Network**, click the ellipsis ▪▪▪ beside the name of the person you want to schedule an appointment with, and then select **Schedule**.
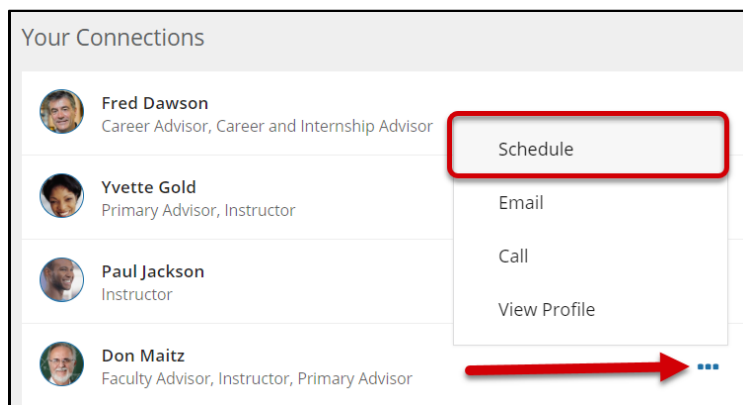
For Services where appointments are available, select **Schedule** for the desired service.

Or, from the **Courses** channel, select **Schedule Appointment** below the contact information for the person or service.
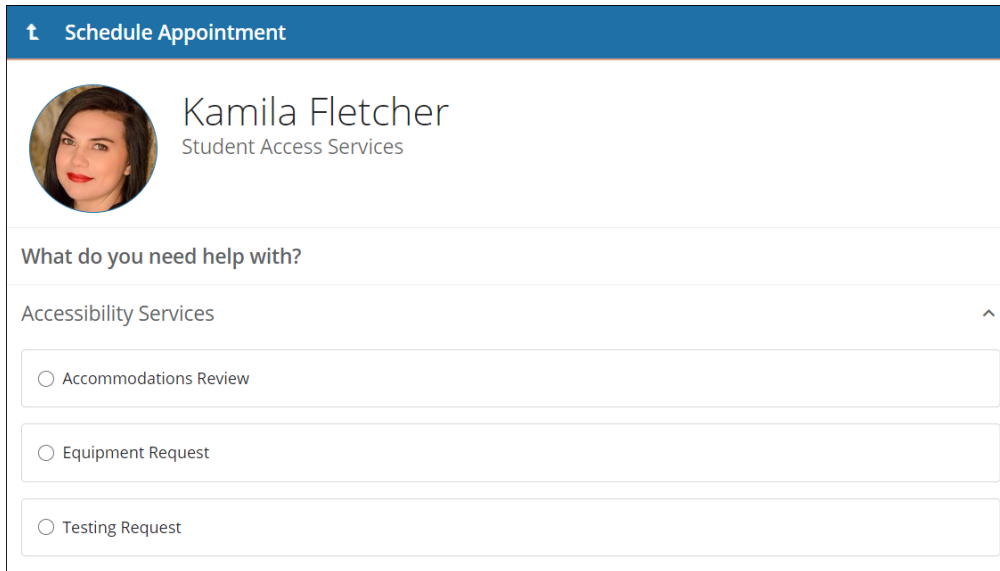
2. Select the type of appointment you want to schedule and choose a reason from the list.

3. Adjust the date range as needed to find days and times that work for your schedule, and then select a time from the list.

4. Complete your sign up by adjusting any details, such as duration or course, where applicable, and add a description for why you want to meet.

5. Click **Confirm** to finish scheduling the appointment. A confirmation page displays allowing you to make changes to the appointment or jump to another page. Additionally, you will get an email with the appointment details and the appointment will be listed on the **Upcoming** tab.
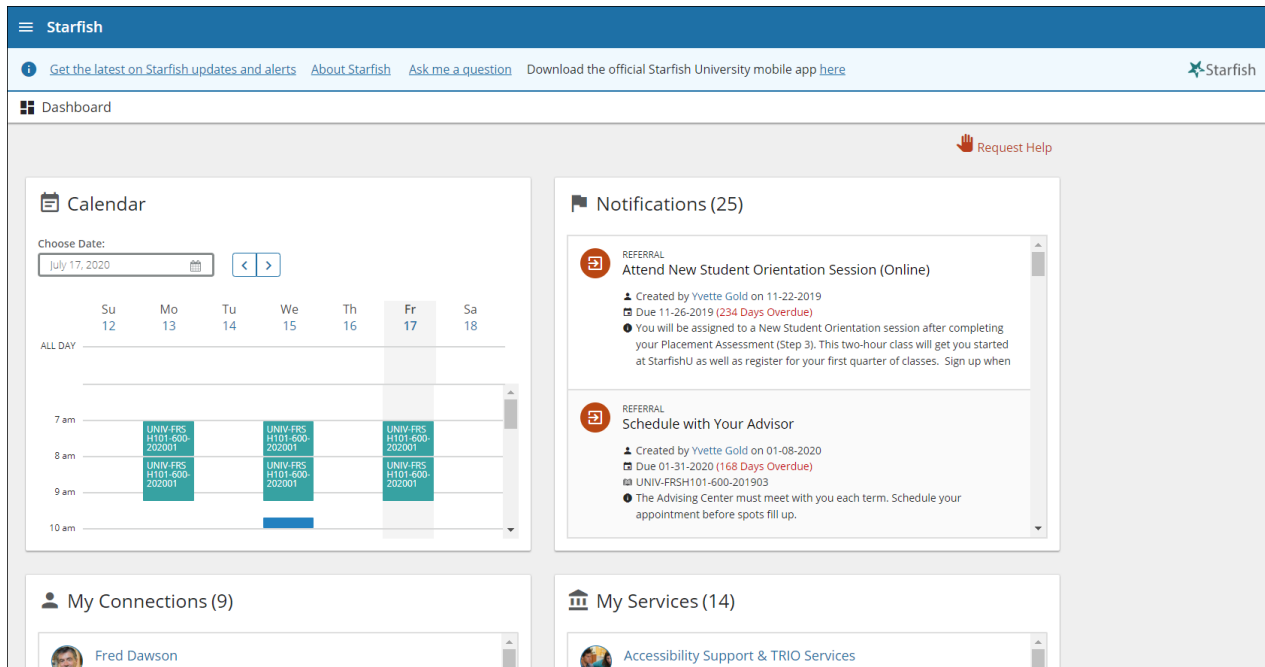
Change an Appointment

On the **Upcoming** tab, you can view scheduled appointments and make changes. Click on an appointment to make changes to it, such as changing the location or duration, when available. You can cancel the appointment by clicking the ellipsis ⬛⬛⬛ and selecting **Cancel appointment**.
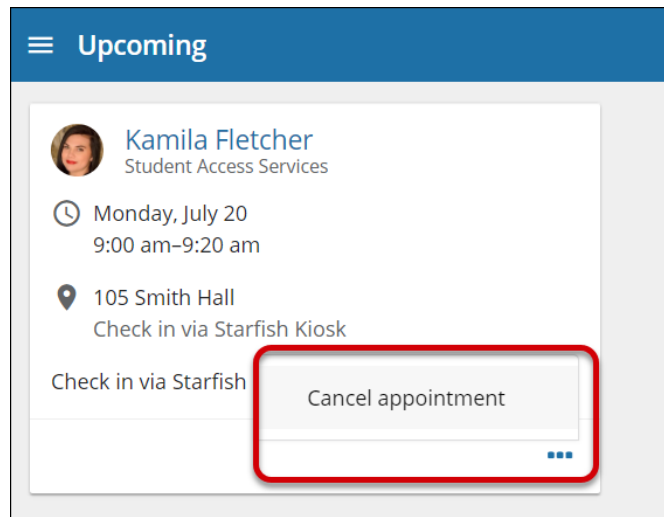
Stay on Track

Dashboard

Your **Dashboard** also displays upcoming appointments as well as 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.

Success Plans

The **Success Plans** channel will display any customized success plans created for you by your advisor. These plans contain specific tasks with due dates. Click **View Details** associated with a plan to display a printable version of the plan.
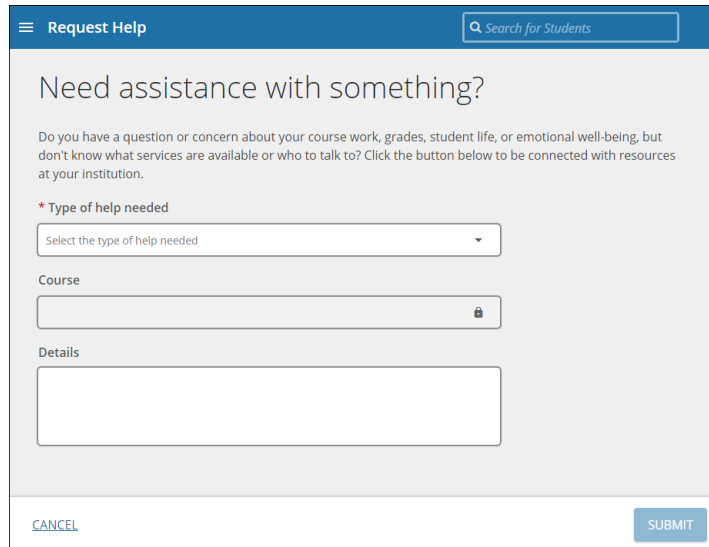
Select **Degree Planner** to create, view, and/or manage your academic degree plan.

Not Sure What You Need?

Request Help

Select **Request Help** from the navigation menu to see information about where to go for assistance.

From here, you can select **Help Me** 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 details.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't see anyone listed in My Success Network?

Your specific advisors or counselors might not be assigned yet. Check back later or contact your institution's help desk for additional assistance.

What if I click the Starfish link and get a "You do not have access" message?

Contact your institution's help desk for assistance with accessing the Starfish system.

What if I need more help?

For more information about Starfish for students, click the link below:

https://www.potsdam.edu/academics/resources/student-success-center/starfish

For technical issues with Starfish, contact the **Starfish Help Desk** at starfish@potsdam.edu.

For questions regarding a flag, please contact your instructor or advisor.