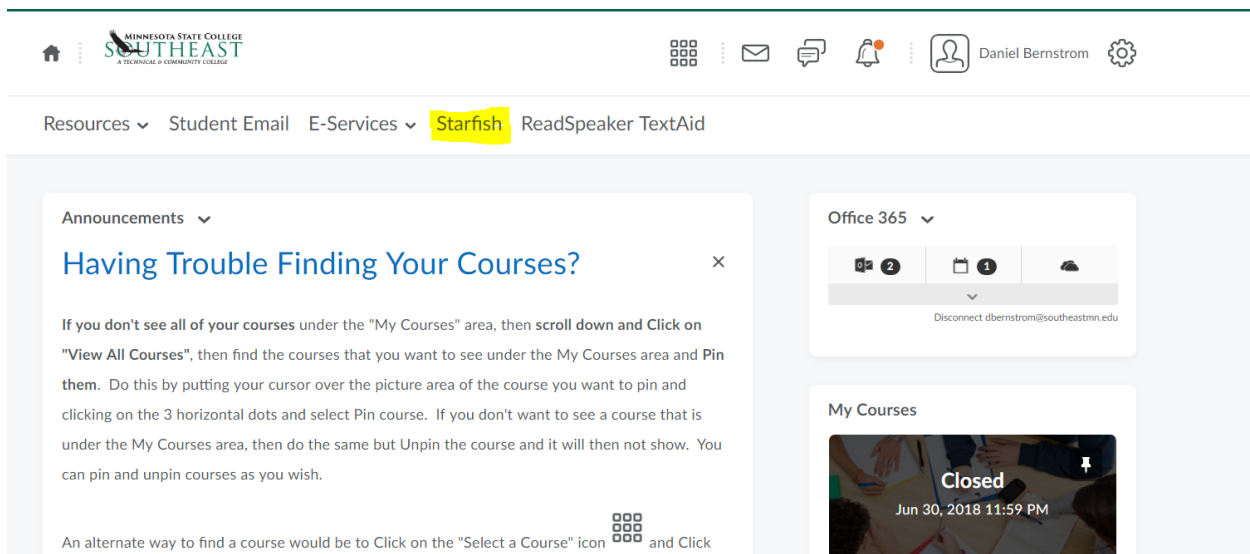



Welcome to Starfish ®

Starfish is a tool that helps connect you to faculty and staff while you are MSC Southeast. The Starfish System will let you know if there are any problems in your course and connect you with someone who can help keep you on track to finishing your degree.

To find Starfish, log in to D2L-Brightspace and click the **“Starfish”** button in the menu.



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

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.

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. **Connect to people and services that can help you**

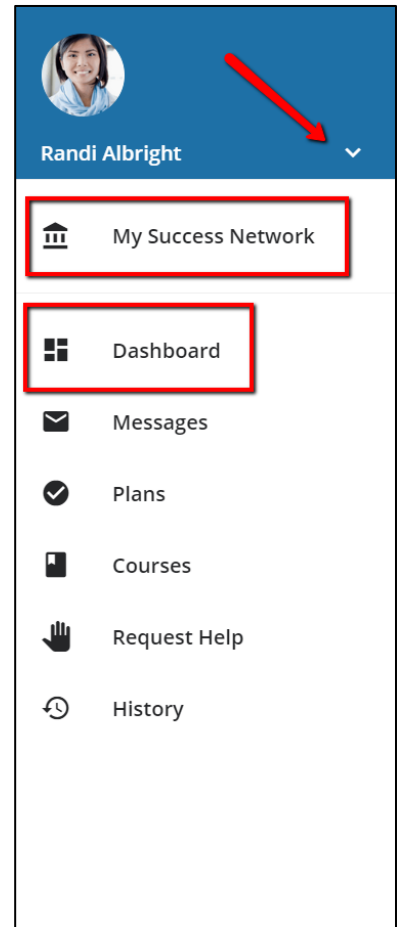
Use your personalized **My Success Network** and **Courses** channels for quick access to contact information, **appointment scheduling**, and **course help**.

3. **Stay on track**

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

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. Open the navigation menu and click your name, and then **Profile** 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:
- Check the **Also send notifications to my alternate email address** radio button.

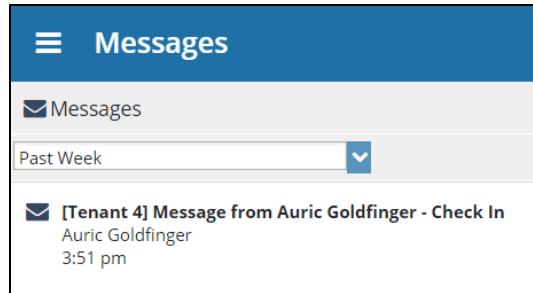
2. Once you have made your desired changes to your profile, click the **Submit** button to save your updates.

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

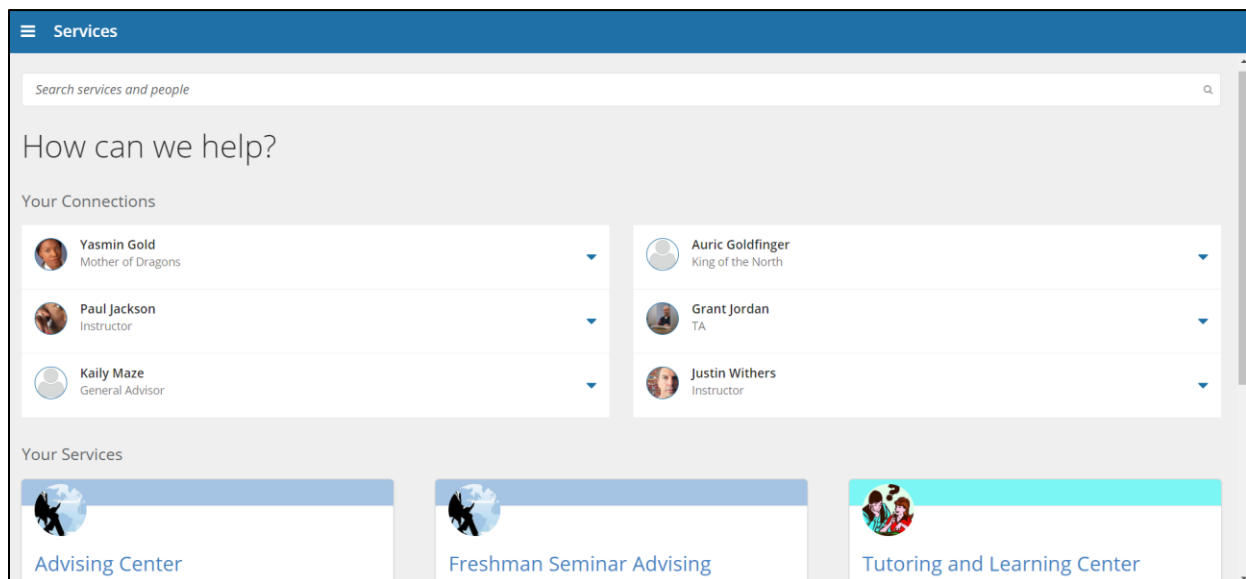
Select **Messages** to display messages sent to you in Starfish. Click on any message in the list to display the full contents of that message.



My Success Network

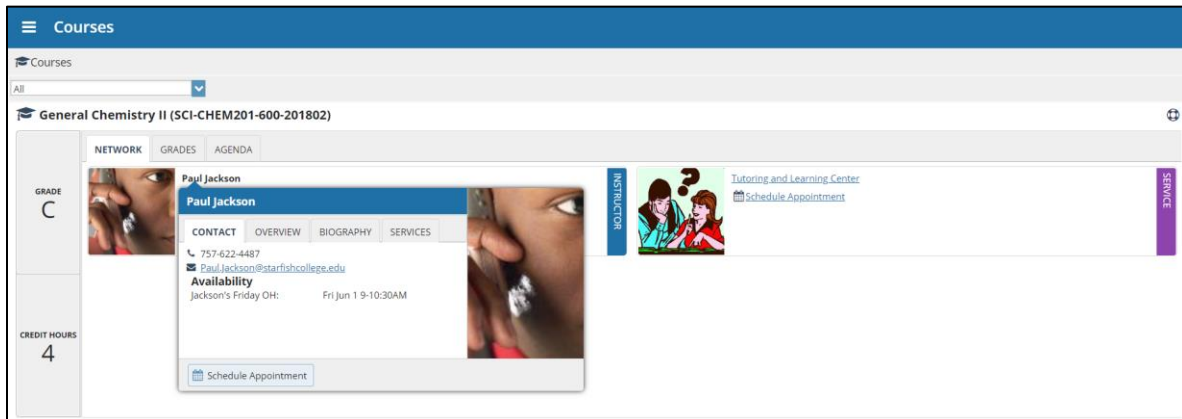
Select **My Success Network** from the navigation menu to display your personalized network. This channel lists the people and resources that are available to assist you. For each person or service listed, you will find contact information, supporting websites, and, if online scheduling is enabled, a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



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 the ability to **Schedule Appointment** or **Request Help** related to a course.



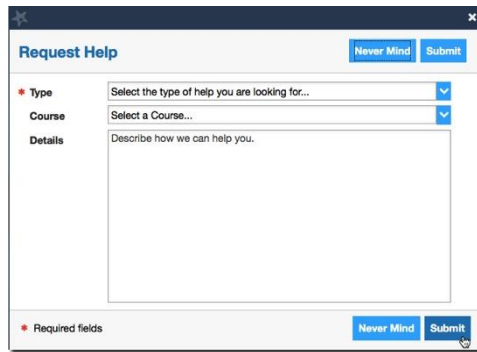
1. Click the Help icon (🗨️) link in the upper, right corner next to any of the courses in which you are currently enrolled.
2. This will bring up the **Request Help** form. Select the **Type** of help needed from the drop down menu and give specific **Details** on how staff can assist you.
3. Click the **Submit** button to submit your request when you are finished.

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 a description.



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.

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 technical issues, contact the Starfish Admin at 651-385-6329. For questions regarding a flag, please contact your instructor or advisor.