

# CONNECT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025

## Reminders, Opportunities & New Updates

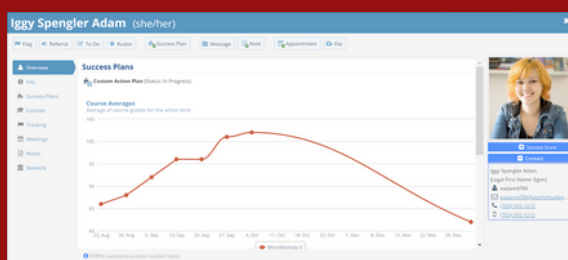
### Advisement Hold Release:

Connect tracks students with active school advisement holds. This list refreshes each day with Banner updates. Holds have been added to students accounts for first-year students, new transfers, and select upper-level students. Holds can be removed in Connect by adding a "note" to a student folder for "Hold Release." This will take effect in Banner within 4 hours of being released. This includes the "Missing CRWT or Math Course" hold. To review how to remove a hold please click [here](#).

### Adding/Editing Pronouns:

Students, faculty and staff now have the ability to update their pronouns in Connect. We encourage faculty to remind their students of this helpful feature. This [How To Guide](#) can be sent to students.

Once entered in the system, student pronouns will show at the top of the student folder next to the student's name as seen below.



## Academic Progress Report

Each semester Connect releases an Academic Progress Report for faculty members to report feedback on students from the following populations: NCAA Athletics, Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF), Office of Specialized Services, first-year, sophomore, junior, senior and transfer students. As a reminder, feedback for students can be raised prior to the release of the report (e.g., feedback regarding attendance/participation concerns at the onset of the semester).

### Important Dates

The report release date is timed with the college academic calendar to ensure that feedback is provided before the withdrawal deadline (April 9, 2025). This allows students to have the necessary time to withdraw from their courses if needed. Progress reports were sent out on Monday, March 3, 2025 and are due by Friday, April 4, 2025.

## Helpful Features

- **Appointment Usage:** In Connect faculty have the option of utilizing the appointment system for advisee appointments. The steps to view and manage your advisees can be found on [this document](#). For information about how to set up your calendar in Connect, please visit: [Connect Preferences and Calendar Option](#).
- **Select All Option for Mass Messaging:** Connect now allows users to "select all" when mass messaging student lists. There is a limit of 1000 recipients but you no longer need to go page by page to select students on your list.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions please email Tracey Bender at [tpastori@ramapo.edu](mailto:tpastori@ramapo.edu)

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## Viewing Student Success Advisement Notes

- Notes from your advisee's previous academic advisement appointments with the Center for Student Success are now viewable in Connect for all Faculty Advisors. To view these notes simply click on a student's hyperlinked name in the Connect system to open their student folder. Within the student folder click on the Notes section in the left side menu. All previous appointment notes with the Center for Student Success and Center for Reading & Writing will be listed here.

Type	Subject	Written By	Date
Appointment	Appointment with [redacted] on 5/3/2024 for Reading & Writing Assistance	Role: Critical Reading and Writing Tutor	05-03-2024
Appointment	Appointment with [redacted] on 4/18/2024 for Reading & Writing Assistance	Role: Critical Reading and Writing Tutor	04-18-2024
Appointment	Appointment with [redacted] on 3/13/2024 for Academic Advisement Hold	Role: Academic Advisor, Generic Nursing Advisor	03-13-2024

- To view more detail on the appointments, click on the plus sign icon next to the appointment.

## Office Hours in Connect

If you need assistance editing your Connect calendar or Connect office hours, please refer to the how-to guide on the Connect Resource Website at: <http://www.ramapo.edu/connect/faculty/>. As a reminder, office hours carry forward from semester to semester.

**To share feedback, please contact your school or unit's designated member of the Connect Faculty Advisory Board.**

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