



Data-Driven Student Success with Rapid Insight: Strategies and Best Practices

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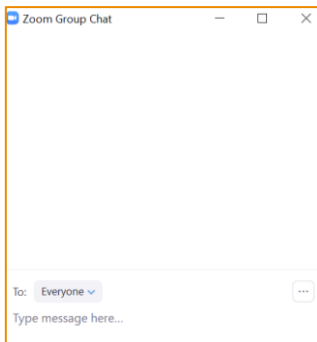


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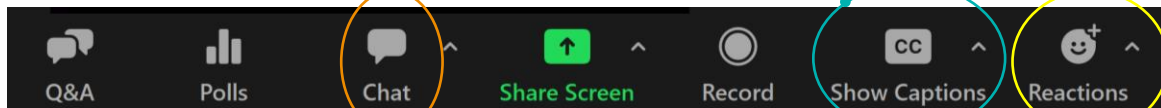
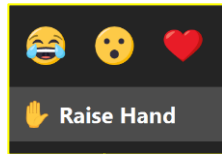
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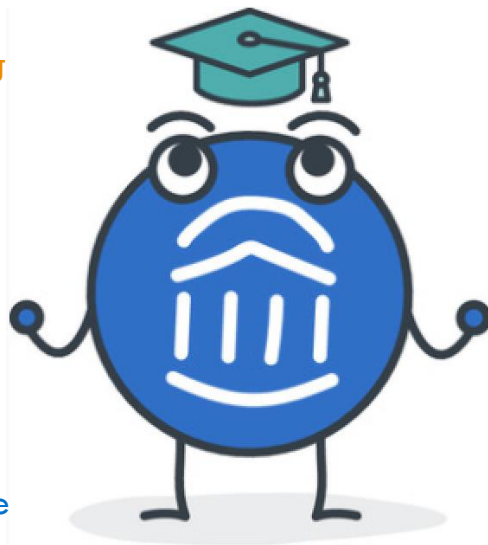
Where did you find student success support in college?

Academic Advising

Career Services

Tutoring Services

Office of Undergraduate
Research



Study Abroad Office

Financial Aid &
Scholarships Office

Student Organizations

Writing Center

or somewhere else!



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Objective:

We want you to understand how adding data analytics to student success strategies can **foster collaboration** and **build strong data alliances across various departments.**



Which functions are you currently supporting on campus through data analysis in Rapid Insight?
(select all that apply)

- A. Retention and graduation rate analysis
- B. Student success interventions assessment
- C. Academic advising analytics
- D. Course and curriculum analysis
- E. Financial aid analysis

Something else – please share in the chat!

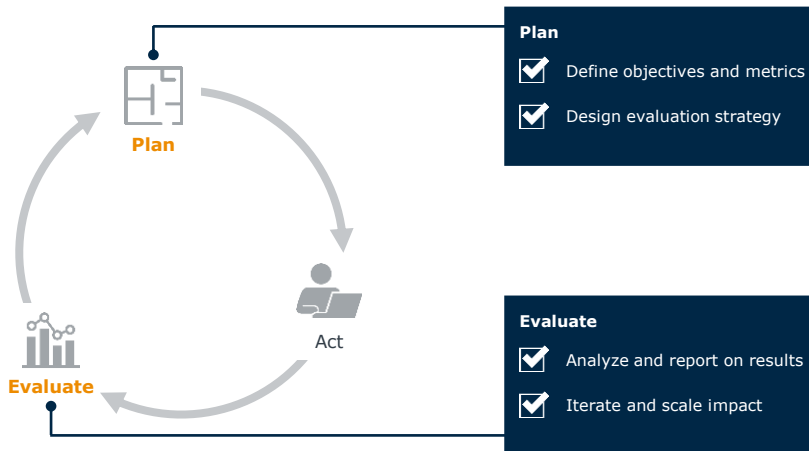
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A Useful Framework for Analyzing Impact



Focus on These Steps Annually to Hardwire Evaluation into Your Approach

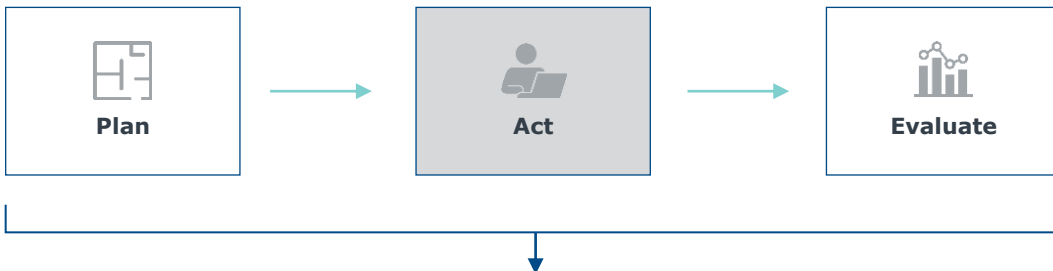
Sustain Momentum Through Ongoing Evaluation



The Plan, Act, Evaluate Framework



We often focus too much attention here



Leading to Common Challenges

- Work does not align with institutional student success goals
- Data not collected to allow for easy evaluation
- Purpose unclear, leading to “analysis paralysis”
- Potentially ineffective practices continue to be implemented
- Several initiatives happening at once, impact of each unknown

3-Minute Brainstorm:

Jot down what processes you normally do that fall into this “Act” step.

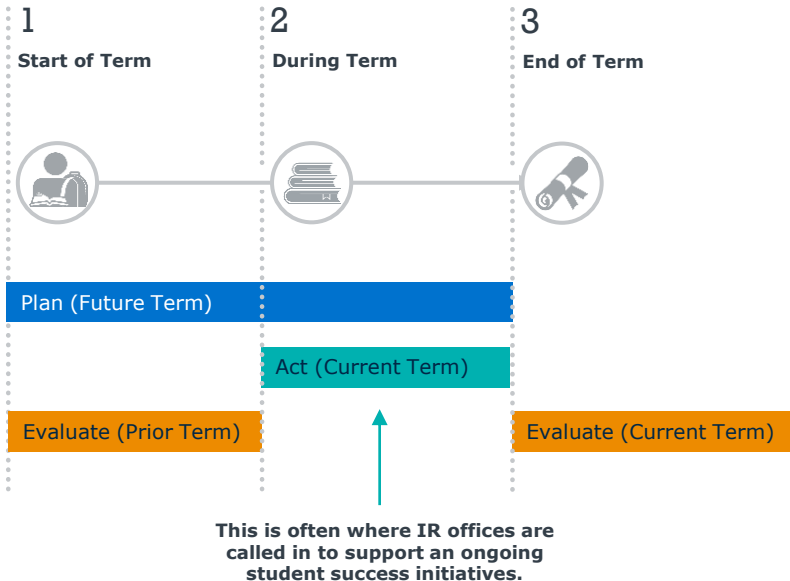
Example:

Gathering data from campus offices for IPEDS reporting

Incorporate Impact Year-Round



Start with the End in Mind



Key Areas for Alignment

Align framework with assessment cycle

Consider when you are defining, measuring, learning, and improving your impact.

Align with Leadership Team engagements

Bringing into Progress Review meetings, Executive Updates, etc.

Align with Annual Student Success Initiatives

Thinking about annual priorities outlined in student success initiatives and making sure we can track key metrics associated with these initiatives

Institutional Reporting: A Powerful Ally for Student Success



Rapid Insight offers key insights at every stage of student success efforts

Identify At-Risk Students

Predict identifies students who would benefit most from intervention (and a comparison population to evaluate against)

Evaluate

IR offices can pull reliable data from Rapid Insight to communicate the **impact** of student success interventions



Gather Data

Construct compiles and cleanses institutional data with automated workflows



Prioritize Outreach

Bridge provides democratized access to key student success metrics to allow for more agile decision-making.



Key Questions to Ask in the Planning Phase



- 1 What is the primary goal of this student success intervention? (*e.g. increase first-year retention*)
- 2 Who should be involved? Which partners/offices have a stake in this project?
- 3 What specific data points, populations, or variables should we analyze?
- 4 Which data sources or systems should be included in the analysis? (*e.g. SIS, LMS, survey data*)
- 5 What type of deliverable is most useful? (*e.g. detailed report, dashboard, raw data set*)
- 6 Has similar analysis been conducted before? If so, what were the findings and how will this project build on that work?
- 7 How will you act on the findings, and can we assist in that process?

3 Steps Rapid Insight Users Can Take Now



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To Identify Opportunities for Analysis in Existing Data



Evaluate recurring processes

*Is there a report that consistently needs tweaking or refreshing?
Are there questions you get asked over and over again?*



Empower student success offices to answer data questions

*Work together to identify questions that routinely get asked.
Reduce bottleneck by enabling student success offices to answer these themselves.*



Identify process improvements

Ask student success allies if there are possible process improvements that would free up their time to focus on student success initiatives.

Rapid Insight + Navigate360 or Starfish

Partners gain agile insights through connecting data in EAB platforms



Student Success Initiative:

CCSNH wanted to improve access to pivotal decision-informing data for Advisors, Admissions, and the Registrar.

Rapid Insight Solution:

Live, personalized dashboards provide academic counselors with lists of students who need assistance, enabling responsive and impactful support. Administrators use Rapid Insight to identify programs with strong term-to-term persistence, sharing out best practices to improve retention in other programs.

Advisors can use data from live dashboards to inform personalized outreach to students in Navigate360. Offices on campus can use the data to offer coordinated, holistic student support.



Student Success Initiative:

Century wanted to close equity gaps in student outcomes by 2030 without overwhelming an overloaded advising staff.

Rapid Insight Solution:

Through an opportunity analysis, Century College identified equity gaps in their early alerts and appointment traffic in Starfish, their student success platform. After tweaking practices, they used Rapid Insight to make sure the identified equity gaps in their processes were resolved with correlated positive impact on student outcomes.

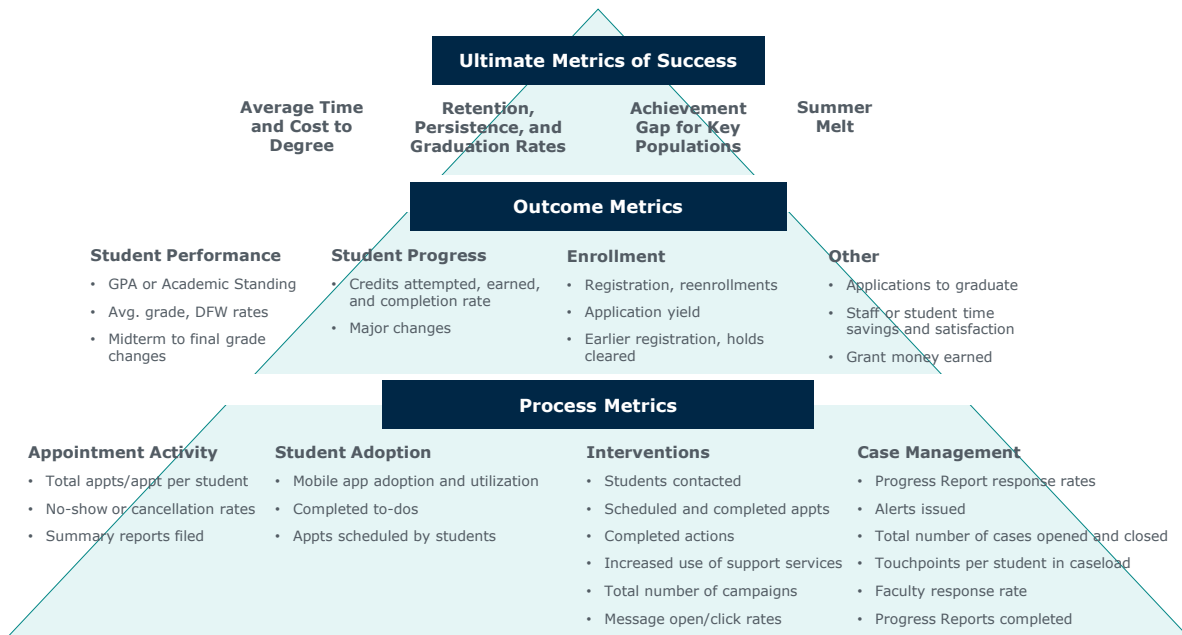
Advising leadership now has a dashboard to help them monitor equity gaps in early alert processes and correlated student outcomes each year. They also set up dashboards to replicate the opportunity analysis for appointment equity gaps.

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Identify Impact Metrics



Impact Metrics are Everywhere!



sight
before the



Platform Demonstration

You've Measured Impact – Now What?



The data you've gathered can help inform key processes at your institution



Institutional Goals

Align your work to your institution's stated priorities and provide the data needed to support the strategic planning efforts for student retention, graduation, and overall success.



Effectively Allocate Resources

Make the case for resources, whether continuing or additional, and support data-informed decisions about where to allocate funds for maximum impact.



Celebrate Successes

Compare impact data with your institution's expectations to demonstrate the value of your institution's services on student success goals.



Promote Progress

Power initiatives aimed at promoting equity by providing data on disparities in student outcomes and identifying effective interventions.



Ultimate Benefits:



Provide Evidence of Return on Education (ROE)



Promote Buy-In Among Key Partners at Your Institution

► Background

Contextual information

- What details does the audience need to know to understand what's happening? (e.g., participants, goals, past and future initiatives, etc.)

► Challenge

Student success challenges or issues that the initiative helped to solve

- What issues does this initiative seek to help with?
- What kinds of students are experiencing these challenges?

► Solution

The initiative(s), project(s), and responsibilities that were carried out by the office(s)

- What kinds of student outreach were performed?
- What support services were offered by the office(s) and used by students?
- Who was impacted by this work and how?

► Results

Data, data, data!

- What data shows the office(s)' work and demonstrates student success impact?
- What resources, if any, would support the office(s)' work moving forward?
- Are there qualitative anecdotes or feedback that supports your story?
- How can the office(s)' work be scaled and continue to return greater impact?

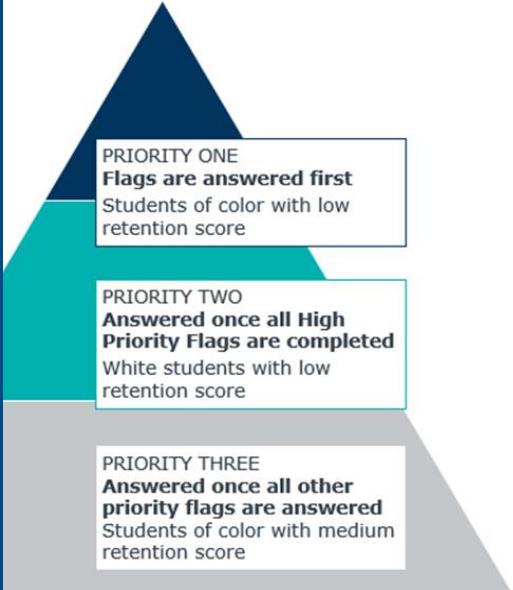
The Goal: Equity 2030

The Problem: Equity Gaps in Early Alert

Less Student of Color Flags
Receive Advisor Outreach

Student of color flags had advisor outreach
2.5% less times than white student flags*

The Solution: Race and Need Conscious Flag Triaging



PRIORITY ONE
Flags are answered first
Students of color with low retention score

PRIORITY TWO
Answered once all High Priority Flags are completed
White students with low retention score

PRIORITY THREE
Answered once all other priority flags are answered
Students of color with medium retention score

Step 1: Starfish Admin set up priority cohort filters that use both race data and more holistic Retention Score Data to help advisors identify which flags need response first.

Step 2: Advisors were trained to filter one cohort at a time to respond to Progress Survey flags

Step 3: Advisors used Closure Reasons to record outreach outcomes (see assessment on next page)

Outcome Metrics Measured in Rapid Insight

Efficiency, Equitable Processes, and **Increased GPA, Credit Earning, and Re-enrollment – Goal Achievement**

| Term | # of Flags Raised | % and # of Flags that went to Students of Color | % and # Manual Closure for Student of Color Flags | % and # Manual Closure for White Student Flags | % and # of Positive Closure Reason for Students of Color |
|-----------|-------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Fall 2021 | 2,796 | 51% 1,432 | 11.7% 168 | 14.2% 195 | 9.6% 137 |
| Fall 2022 | 1,990 | 53% 1,063 | 40.4% 492 | 30.3% 281 | 20.2% 215 |
| Fall 2023 | 1,880 | 50% 933 | 55.7% 520 | 39.3% 373 | 29.2% 273 |

Increased Flag Response

Advisors Manually Closed:

315 flags in FA21

vs.

710 flags in FA22

vs.

893 flags in FA23



| Term | % Students Re-enrolled in SP Terms | Average GPA for Semester Student was Flagged | Average Earned Credits (Semester Flagged) |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Fall 2021 | 62% | 1.26 | 4.58 |
| Fall 2022 | 67% | 1.42 | 5.60 |
| Fall 2023 | 66% | 1.34 | 5.26 |

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After today's session, which functions are you excited to support on campus through data analysis?

How was today's session?

What was your biggest takeaway from today's session?

What would be most helpful for you as you consider enhancing your student success efforts?

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