



GAV CONNECT

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

This fall marked the successful launch of Gav Connect as the centralized system for progress reporting at Gavilan College, and we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all faculty for their participation. Your engagement helped ensure that students received the support they needed to succeed. We appreciate the time and effort you dedicated to this new process, and we remain committed to making it even more efficient and user-friendly in the future. In this newsletter, you'll find a recap of key highlights, helpful resources, and insights as we look ahead to continued success with Gav Connect.

SHOUT OUT TO OUR DAY ONE PARTICIPANTS!

Thank you to everyone who was among the first to embrace our new progress report system, Gav Connect! Your enthusiasm and dedication to student success is truly inspiring!

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CAP BREAKDOWN

Here's a breakdown of Fall 2024 Progress Report Completers

168 Faculty Completed

- 14 Arts & Media
- 16 Business & Information Systems
- 21 Health Sciences & Wellness
- 8 Skilled Trades & Industry
- 75 Social Sciences & Humanities
- 24 STEM
- 8 Short-term Training & Skill Building

DATA AT A GLANCE

Here's a breakdown of Fall 2024 Data

- 473 Progress Reports Completed
- 1,583 Students Reached
- 4,428 Items Raised (Kudos & Flags)
- 87 Referrals Made

WHAT ARE FACULTY SAYING?

"It is easier than what I thought!"

"This is much simpler than before, especially for our GECA students"

"The process to review and submit the progress reports has been really easy and user friendly"

SPRING 2024 PROGRESS REPORT PILOT RESULTS

Course completion rates were **13% higher** in sections where progress reports were submitted compared to those where no report was completed.

In ENGL courses, the difference in course completion was **15% higher** when a report was submitted.



WHY DO PROGRESS REPORTS MATTER?

Faculty participation in submitting progress reports is crucial for several reasons:

- **Students in Special Programs:** Submitting progress reports is a **requirement** for students enrolled in programs like EOPS, Athletics, GECA, and AEC. These reports directly impact a student's access to vital aid and services. Without a completed progress report, students may risk losing essential support, including grants and other forms of assistance.
- **Counselor Guidance:** Progress reports allow counselors to monitor student performance and provide timely support when needed.
- **Timely Intervention for Students:** Early feedback gives students the opportunity to seek assistance and improve their grades before it's too late.

Submit progress reports for the students who require them with just a few clicks of the mouse! Your reports play a vital role in ensuring students have the support they need to succeed!

WHY GIVE KUDOS?

Did you know that a [study conducted by the Kentucky Community & Technical College System \(n.d.\)](#) found that use of Starfish (Gav Connect) to send students kudos **supports student success, retention, and completion?**

- Receiving one or more kudos **increased credits earned by nearly 1 per semester** on average.
- Receiving one or more kudos were **15.2% more likely to be retained the following fall** than students who did not receive at least one kudo.
- Each additional kudo **increased students' odds of completing a credential** within three years by 1.3%.

Benefits were found to be more pronounced for part-time students, underrepresented minorities, and low income students:

- **Part-time students** who received at least one kudo:
 - Greater increase in credits earned each semester compared to their full-time counterparts.
 - 21.6% more likely to be retained the following fall than part-time students that did not receive at least one kudo.
- **Underrepresented Minorities (URM) students** who received at least one kudo:
 - Saw larger increases in credits earned each semester compared to non-URM students.
 - For every additional kudo, odds of completion increased at a rate that was twice as high as the rate for non-URM students.
- **Low-income students:**
 - For each additional kudo, odds of retention increased at a significantly higher rate than for non low-income students.

By using Gav Connect to give kudos, you're not only recognizing great work but also supporting student retention and success.

REFERRALS

With just a few clicks, you can refer a student to the service they need.

Instantly, students receive a notification, and the service areas begin their work!

Library

Math Lab

STEM Center

Tutoring Center

Writing Center

El Centro

SUBMISSION WINDOW

The progress report submission window is from weeks 6 to 9

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EARLY CONNECT?

Gav Connect Progress reports are only used for students who *require* them for any given reason, but with **Early Connect**, you can raise flags, make referrals, and give kudos to **any** student on your roster.

This allows you to provide support and recognition to every student, fostering a positive learning environment.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is it possible to make changes to my progress reports once I submit?

A: No, once you click "submit" the report for your section will close and it cannot be edited or updated. If you didn't expand and report on all students before clicking "submit," you won't be able to submit a report for them later. If this occurred by accident, please contact us at gavconnect@gavilan.edu, and we will be glad to assist you.

Q: What happens if I submit a progress report for one student but still need to submit reports for other students in the same class?

A: Progress reports must be submitted for all students in one single session. The new system makes this process easier and more efficient, allowing faculty to submit reports for all students who need them with just a few clicks. This way, you can avoid being approached after class or dealing with multiple emails over time. If you accidentally submitted for one student, please contact us at gavconnect@gavilan.edu, and we will be glad to assist you.

Q: Why don't I see all the students in my class on my progress report list?

A: Faculty will only see students who **require** a progress report for any given reason, such as support program participation, GECA or being a student athlete. But don't worry—you can still raise flags, send referrals, or give kudos to any student on your roster if you notice they need extra support or deserve recognition for their efforts!

Q: What if I am being asked to report on a late start class that hasn't started yet?

A: Fall 2024, faculty can "submit" the progress reports without any progress indicated at the time.

However, we encourage you to raise individual flags, referrals, or kudos for your students as the course moves forward—especially if you notice a student needing extra support, a referral, or recognition for their hard work.

We are happy to announce that Spring 2025, we will be able to exclude late start courses from progress reporting.

Q: Where can I go for more training and support on submitting progress reports?

A: We have an [iLearn shell](#) with training modules designed to guide you through the process. You can access step-by-step tutorials, helpful resources, and additional support materials to ensure you're comfortable using the system.

If you want to see a video tutorial of how to submit your progress report, please view the [Progress Report Tutorial](#).

Q: How can I see what the student receives and where my comments are integrated into the progress report template?

A: If you'd like to view what the student receives and see how your comments are integrated, check out the "[Student Message Templates](#)." This will give you a clear idea of the email template the student receives and how your feedback is presented.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[JOIN OUR ILEARN SHELL](#) [STEPS/VIDEO TUTORIAL](#)



[STUDENT MESSAGE TEMPLATES](#)

[GAV CONNECT WEBSITE](#)



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

We value your feedback and want to ensure that Gav Connect continues to meet your needs.

Please take a few minutes to complete our anonymous survey to share your experience and suggestions.

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