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SUBJECT:	Introducing VandalStar: A New Tool for Student Success

The University of Idaho is pleased to introduce the university community to VandalStar, a new tool aimed at increasing the success of our students.

Powered by Starfish software, VandalStar is a web-based student tracking, early alert, appointment scheduling and retention application that supports student success and engagement. It can be used by advisors, faculty and other relevant staff to share information related to student success and track risk factors that may prevent graduation.

VandalStar gives U of I employees a central location to share relevant information and prevent students from falling through the cracks. It's also a tool for students to schedule appointments with advisors, faculty and other support staff, as well as track their own progress.

Strategic Enrollment Management will begin pilot testing VandalStar with selected faculty and staff this spring, and the tool will rollout university-wide in fall 2018.

To help you learn more about VandalStar and how it can improve your interactions with students, we will hold workshops and training sessions for students, faculty, TAs and academic support personnel this spring. Specialized training is also available for colleges and academic departments who request it. Additional video tutorials, handouts and FAQs will also be posted on the VandalStar website, uidaho.edu/sem/vandalstar.

Staff from U of I's Advising Services will meet individually with college leadership to give a more comprehensive introduction to the program and how it can benefit colleges and faculty.

For more information about this program, please email vandalstar@uidaho.edu.

We are looking forward to the implementation of VandalStar and the benefits it will provide for you and our students success.