

Blackboard Shell for New Students

Take Flight: Resources for First Year Success

The screenshot displays the Blackboard user interface for a course titled "Take Flight: Resources for First Year Success". The top navigation bar includes the course name, "Announcements", and a status indicator "Edit Mode is: ON". A left-hand navigation menu lists various course resources such as "Announcements and Flight Information", "Syllabus & Schedule", "Assignments", "At-Risk Mental Health Training for Students", "Harper Resources that will Prepare You for Takeoff!", "Information about Harper Courses", "Online Course Information", "Connect with Other Students", "Bookstore info", "WellTrack", "Questions? Contact Us", "Tools - Communication", "My Grades", and "Student Support".

The main content area features a large banner with the text "FLIGHT OF THE HAWKS Prepare to SOAR". Below this is an "Announcements" section with a sub-header "New Announcements appear directly below the repositionable bar. Reorder by dragging announcements to new positions. Move priority announcements above the repositionable bar to pin them to the top of the list and prevent new announcements from superseding them. The order shown here is the order presented to students. Students do not see the bar and cannot reorder announcements." A "Create Announcement" button is also visible.

A specific announcement titled "Prepare for Finals Week!" is shown, posted by Brandon Santana on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 12:56:14 PM CST. The announcement text reads: "With Finals Week soon approaching, we hope these programs will help you to de-stress and give you a positive boost to finish the Fall semester strong. We hope to see you there, and good luck with your finals! Check out all the events and support available starting today! [You can do it!](#)". Below the text is a graphic featuring a red apple on a stack of books and a pencil, with the word "FINALS" written in large letters.

Metadata for the announcement includes: "Posted by: Brandon Santana", "Posted to: Take Flight: Resources for First Year Success", and "Success".

Resources Organized by SOAR

Search | Onboard | Advance | Realize

The screenshot displays the SOAR (Search, Onboard, Advance, Realize) interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation links: Take Flight: Resources for First Year Success, Announcements and Flight Information, Syllabus & Schedule, Assignments, At-Risk Mental Health Training for Students, Harper Resources that will Prepare You for Takeoff!, Information about Harper Courses, Online Course Information, Connect with Other Students, Bookstore Info, WellTrack, Questions? Contact Us, Tools - Communication, My Grades, Student Support, and Respondus ID Browser. The main content area is titled "Harper Resources that will Prepare You for Takeoff!" and features a navigation bar with "Build Content", "Assessments", "Tools", and "Partner Content", along with a "Discover Content" link. Below this are four resource cards, each with a book icon, a title, a status indicator, and a description:

- Search: Explore Your Journey** (Enabled: Statistics Tracking)
As a new student, there may be some questions that you still feel you don't have all of the answers to. Are you still deciding on a major? This module contains information on using FOCUS 2 (a career assessment tool), important financial aid and scholarship information.
- Onboard: Prepare to Take Flight**
The module contains important information regarding how to register for courses and we also introduce our degree planning tool "Degree Works" as well as how to find "Student Aide" jobs on campus. Also included in this module is the financial aid information from the first module.
- Advance: Follow Your Flight Plan**
This module contains information regarding many of the important resources at Harper. These resources are very important to your success as a Harper student and include:
 - Keys to Communication
 - Academic Support Services
 - Counseling Services
 - Blackboard
 - How to Find Events at Harper College
 - How to Make an Appointment with your Academic Advisor
- Realize: Ensure a Successful Landing**
This final module contains information regarding the Job Placement Resource Center (JPRC) and well as how to order a transcript.

SEARCH Module Examples

MyHarper Portal Overview & Financial Aid and Scholarships Overview

The screenshot displays a search results page within a learning management system. The top navigation bar includes the course title "Take Flight: Resources for First Year Success", the search query "Harper Resources that will Prepare You for Takeoff!", and a search bar with the text "Search: Explore Your Journey".

The left sidebar contains a "Table of Contents" with the following items:

- MyHarper: Your Portal to All Things Harper
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Focus 2
- Assess Your Knowledge

The main content area shows two search results:

- MyHarper: Your Portal to All Things Harper**
 - Enabled: Statistics Tracking
 - Thumbnail: A screenshot of the MyHarper portal interface. A red box highlights the "Advising and Counseling Center" section, which lists various services and contact information.
 - Description: "Watch this brief 2.5 minute video tutorial to become familiar with your MyHarper Portal and where to find important information, including access to email and Blackboard, information about campus events and resources, how to set up an appointment with your Academic Advisor, and many other important tips."
- Financial Aid and Scholarships**
 - Enabled: Statistics Tracking
 - Attached Files: My Harper College Financial Action Plan.pdf (212,361 KB)

ADVANCE Module Examples

Academic Support Center Overview & Counseling Services Overview

The screenshot displays the ADVANCE module interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: Customization, Packages and Utilities, and Help. The main content area shows two module cards. The first card, 'Academic Support Center', features a grid icon, a title bar with a menu icon, a large video player with a red play button, and a description: 'Learn more Academic Support Services at Harper College by watching this 3 minute video.' The second card, 'Counseling Services at Harper College', includes a colorful icon, a title bar, a blue header 'Personal Counseling', a circular image of two people, and a list of services: Wellness Techniques, Stress Reduction, Community Resources, and Walk in Hours.

Customization →
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Academic Support Center

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User: n/a - Added: 11/9/20

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