

Using Navigate to Support a Summer Bridge Program

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UVI Summer Bridge Program at a glance...



5-week academic residential program designed as introduction to college life to ease transition



Hosted at the University of the Virgin Islands- Orville E. Kean Campus (St. Thomas) and Albert A. Sheen Campus (St. Croix)



Free to students



Foundational courses plus 1-credit course on how to succeed academically



Personalized advising, "Meet the Deans" event, campus tour, and other belongingness activities



Registration and all other aspects of overall university orientation also included

Using Navigate (BucsConnect) to Support Summer Bridge Students



Empowering Students and Tracking Progress



Train Students

- Show video on how students can incorporate features of Navigate into their academic life
- Explain purpose of campaigns and how meetings will be scheduled
- Demonstrate how to schedule tutoring sessions and review course records
- Explain that advisors will receive alerts on student performance
- Demonstrate texting feature (important to appeal to this digitally-savvy age group)



Monitor Progress

- Send campaigns at mid-semester and during pre-registration for upcoming term
- Campaigns request students schedule appointment to discuss progress
- Mid-semester: ask students what platform features they are using
- Also schedule group meetings through campaigns
- Look at midterm grades and attendance record



Students Who Attended Summer Bridge Program:

- Have higher graduation rate than students who did not
- Perform better on placement tests



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