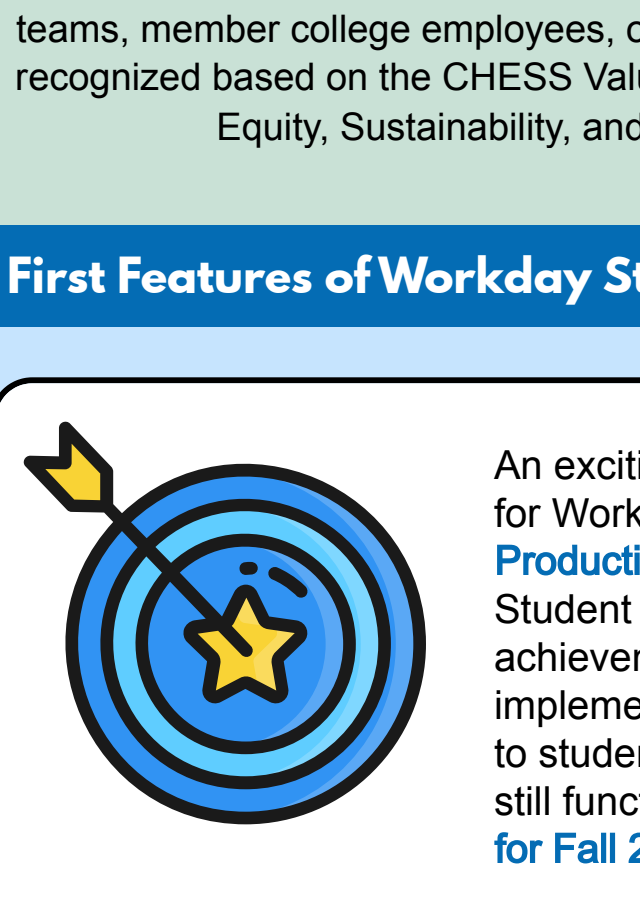


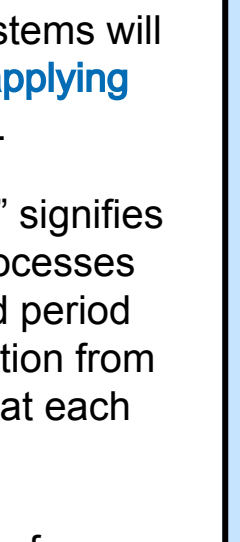
Congratulations to Our Newest CHES Superstars!

ESMERALDA MARTIN SFCC



Esmeralda's nomination came from Amanda Lamb Rupe with CHES. Amanda wrote:

As the new SFCC college lead for the Student Core/Cross Functional Workstream, Esmeralda has stepped into her role with care, professionalism, and strong attention to detail. In a short time, she has demonstrated a solid understanding of Workset topics, a collaborative approach with the Student Core/Cross Functional Workstream, and a clear commitment to high-quality work. Her ability to take on this responsibility so effectively so quickly is commendable, and she deserves recognition for her efforts.



CHES Superstars are individuals on project implementation teams, member college employees, or CHES employees who are recognized based on the CHES Values of Collaboration, Honesty, Equity, Sustainability, and Student Success.

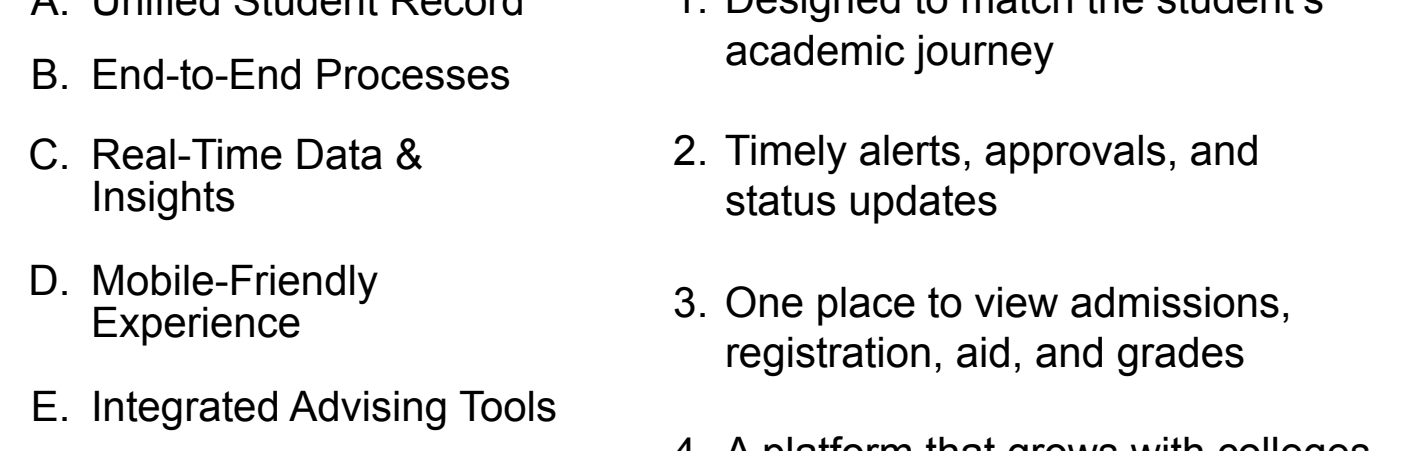
First Features of Workday Student Go Live in September 2026



An exciting milestone is ahead in **September 2026** for Workday Student implementation – **"Move to Production 1" (MTP1)** - when the first Workday student features will go live. This phase is a major achievement, showing that the system implementation is on track to deliver real benefits to students, faculty, and staff. Legacy systems will still function, and **only students who are applying for Fall 2027 Admission will use Workday.**

Frequently, in large technology implementations, the term "Go Live" signifies a one-time event. Transitioning to Workday Student means new processes are introduced in a manageable cadence over a carefully calibrated period of time. Rest assured, the process is designed to smoothly transition from one system to the next in manageable steps with plenty of support at each step along the way.

MTP1 will introduce foundational tools and processes in preparation for future milestones leading up to full implementation. During this phase, specific features of student recruitment & outreach, academic foundation, admissions (until matriculation), duplicate management for student prospects & employees, and FAFSA/ISIR loading will "go live."

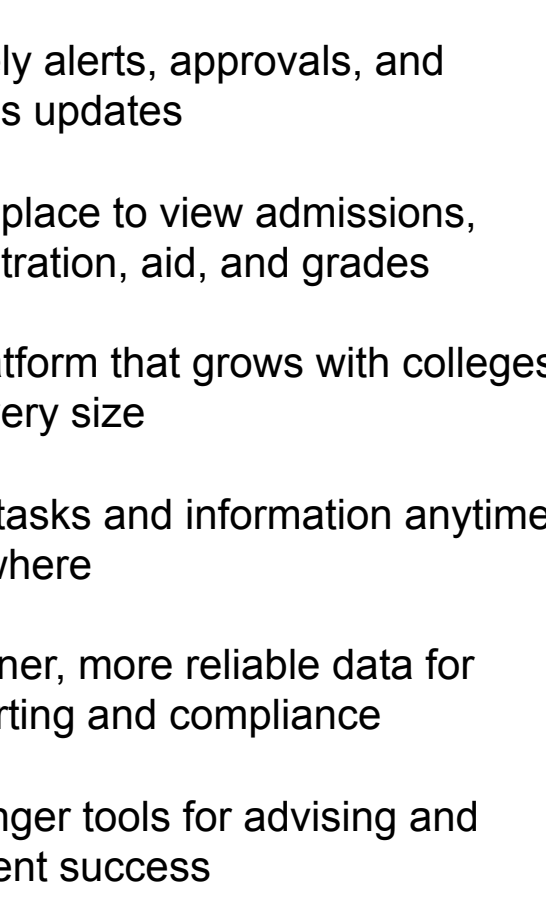


A Match Made in the Cloud: Workday SIS and You

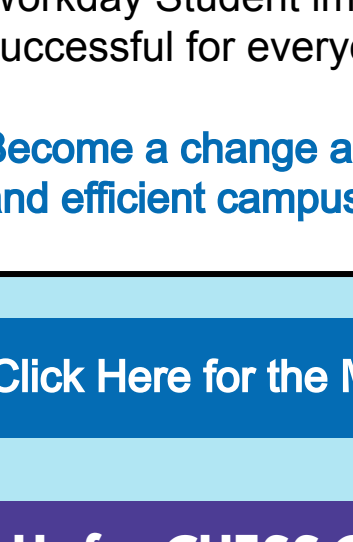
A Workday Student Valentine Match-Up Game

CHESSTER, our very own Cupid, is back in orbit exploring and making his matches! 🏹💕

Your Goal: Match each Workday Student feature with the benefit it brings to students and staff across CHES member colleges.



Workday Student Features	Match with the Benefit
A. Unified Student Record	1. Designed to match the student's academic journey
B. End-to-End Processes	2. Timely alerts, approvals, and status updates
C. Real-Time Data & Insights	3. One place to view admissions, registration, aid, and grades
D. Mobile-Friendly Experience	4. A platform that grows with colleges of every size
E. Integrated Advising Tools	5. Key tasks and information anytime, anywhere
F. Consistent User Experience Across Colleges	6. Cleaner, more reliable data for reporting and compliance
G. Automated Workflows & Notifications	7. Stronger tools for advising and student success
H. Improved Data Quality & Governance	8. Fewer handoffs and less manual work between departments
I. Scalable Cloud-Based Platform	9. A seamless experience for member college students and employees
J. Student-Centered Design	10. Faster access to insights for informed decisions



Workday Release Update (2026R1)

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(ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS & SUPPORT)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING RELEASE NEWS

ESS is currently reviewing the upcoming Workday release. New and updated Workday features will go live on **March 14th, 2026.**

If any of these changes require action on your part, your college will share details by email. Additional information may also be included in an upcoming CHES Connection.

Empower Change. Shape the Future. Become a Workday Student Change Agent!

Workday Student is transforming how we manage student information, streamline processes, and support success across campus. To make this transformation a success, we need dedicated change agents—member college employees who care deeply about making a positive impact and helping their colleagues adapt and thrive in this new environment.

Change agents play a vital role in connecting people, information, and innovation at each member college. They listen, share updates, answer questions, and help their departments understand what's changing and why. Most importantly, they ensure that everyone feels supported and confident as we transition to Workday Student.

Why become a Change Agent?

- Be among the first to learn about new processes and tools in Workday Student.
- Influence how your department adopts and benefits from the new system.
- Strengthen teamwork and enhance campus-wide collaboration.
- Build valuable leadership, communication, and project collaboration skills.
- Make a lasting difference by helping your peers embrace new ways of working.

Your involvement matters.

By becoming a change agent, you'll help us move forward together—bridging the gap between the technical rollout and the people who use Workday every day. With your insight and influence, the Workday Student implementation will be smoother, faster, and more successful for everyone.

Become a change agent to help lead the way to a more connected and efficient campus experience!

[Click Here for the Mission Change Agent Volunteer Application](#)

Join Us for CHES CHAT with Shaun McAlmont, CHES CEO

CHAT
Come, Hear, Ask, Talk

Engage with Shaun McAlmont, CEO

Welcome to CHES

Get the Latest CHES Updates & Project News

Email any specific questions or topics you'd like to discuss to info@ches.edu ahead of time!

Have Your Lunch During this Casual Session

Use the button below to join the live session on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 12 Noon (Mountain Time)**

Come join with CHES and get the latest CHES updates and project news!

[Click Here to Join CHES CHAT on Wednesday, March 4, 2026](#)

Quick Access to the Technology Support Hub

The **Technology Support Hub** is located within the Member Hub on the CHES website. The pull-down menu will quickly get you to the right information. Use the buttons below to get the information you need most!

- SERVICE REQUEST HUB**
 - Create a New Service Request Ticket
 - Follow Up on a Service Request
- TENANT INFORMATION HUB**
 - Top Reports by Functional Area
 - Reporting Tips & Tricks
- REPORTING HUB**

A Match Made in the Cloud - Answer Key

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	0-2 matches: First date vibes, and that's okay!

Your Feedback Is Important!

We want to hear from you—yes, you!

Whether you've got brilliant ideas, helpful suggestions, or just want to give CHESSTER the Squirrel a virtual high-five, this is your chance to speak up. Your feedback helps us make CHES even better for everyone. So go nuts and drop us a line—CHESSTER'S all ears (and tail)!

[CLICK HERE TO LEAVE FEEDBACK](#)

Contact CHES

Do you have any questions? Do you have suggestions for new stories?

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The **CHES Connection** provides news about CHES and our Workday Enterprise Resource Planning and Student Information System projects. Please feel free to share.

CHES, the Collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services, is a nonprofit comprised of member colleges that employs a unique approach to transform the student experience and streamline administrative operations through state-of-the-art technologies. Mission: All Together is the CHES initiative to launch Workday.