

Rafr Basics



UDM Current Titans

Rafr Implementation Team
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Rafr is the University's community engagement platform that allows Detroit Mercy to connect as one campus-wide community while also supporting smaller subcommunities such as colleges/schools, academic departments, student organizations. It serves as a central space for sharing and discovering campus events - including academic programming, student organization activities, and student life events - and is also used by offices such as the Office of the Registrar and Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid to communicate and engage directly with students.

Students are automatically invited to join **UDM Current Titans** and are placed into Rafr communities (called rafts) based on their primary academic program. Each college or school has a dedicated raft that includes all of its students, with separate channels for academic departments to support targeted, program- and department-specific communication.

Students are also automatically connected to rafts for key student support offices, including the Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid, Office of the Registrar, Residence Life (for on-campus students), Student Life, the Wellness Center, and the Center for Career and Professional Development. This structure allows information to be shared directly with the appropriate student audiences without requiring students to self-enroll.

Want to join the fun?

Faculty are not automatically added to Rafr, but participation is strongly encouraged. Faculty who would like access should email **titansapp@udmercy.edu** from their Detroit Mercy email address and include their college or school and academic department so they can be connected to the appropriate communities.


Go Titans!!

Your college experience should be more than just a classroom education. You are more than your major and the Detroit Mercy experience extends beyond academics. Connect with resources, updates, and Titans here!




Visit UDM Rafts 🏡

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University Services
University Services

12 Public



Volunteer Central
Connect with peers & get involved!

189 Public



Student Life
Explore activities, events, and student orgs!

4770 Member



Office of the Registrar
Here for Every Step of your Academic Journey

4758

GETTING STARTED: GENERAL TERMINOLOGY

■ COMMUNITY PAGE

is the main destination/landing page for community-wide information that's curated by your Community Admins

■ RAFT

connects people based on a common topic, function, team, club, or other group. Think of it as groups where like-minded individuals can join around something they have in common

■ CHANNEL

is a subgroup within a Raft for smaller subsets of people to get together to chat, plan Events and more.

■ POST

is a text, image, or video update on a Raft. They appear in feeds on your Home Page and within a Raft. Remember, you can post in Rafts to share information with other members as well!

■ POLL

in Rafr lets you propose options that your community members can choose from

■ EVENT

is a type of Post in Rafr that has a date, time and often a location associated with it.

■ INTERESTED

marking yourself "Interested" in an Event enables you to receive notifications and reminders about specific Events.

■ ANNOUNCEMENTS

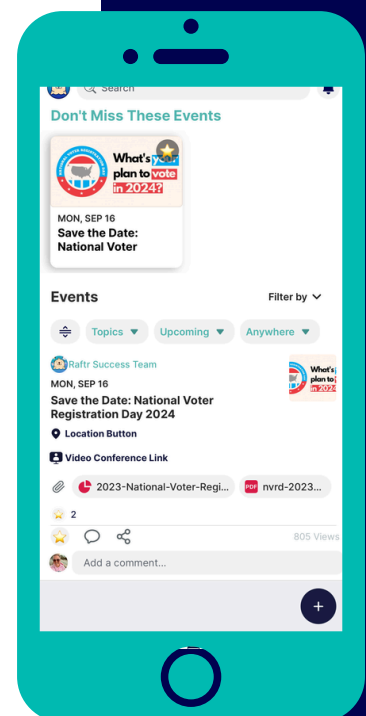
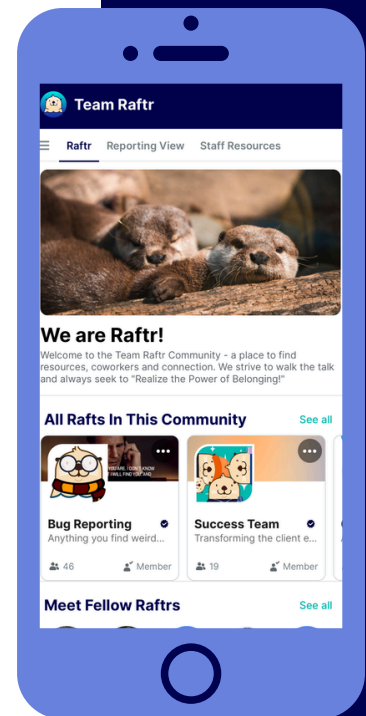
are customized notifications that Raft Leaders can send to their members. You can send them as push notifications or email.

■ GROUP MESSAGE

in Rafr lets you propose options that your community members can choose from

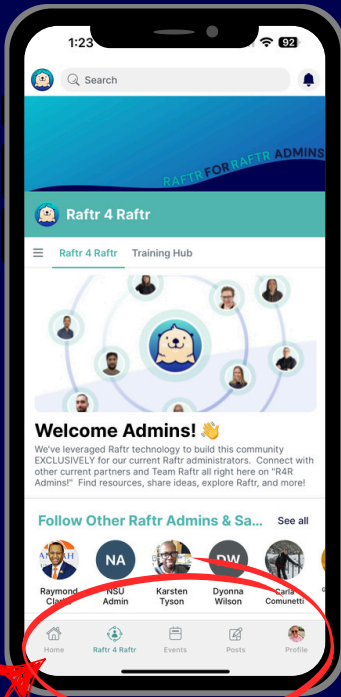
■ DIRECT MESSAGE

is a on-on-one message conversation between two people that is not part of a Raft or Channel.



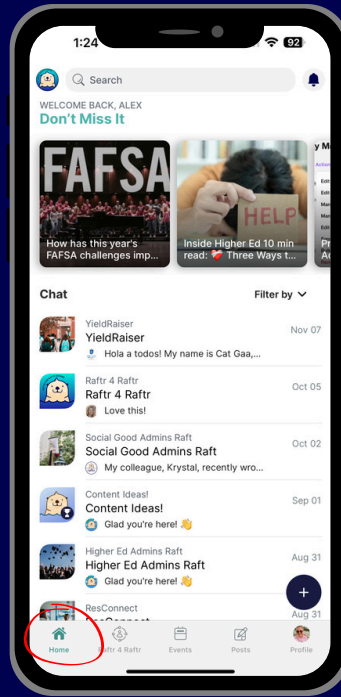
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RAFTR'S COMMUNITY PAGE

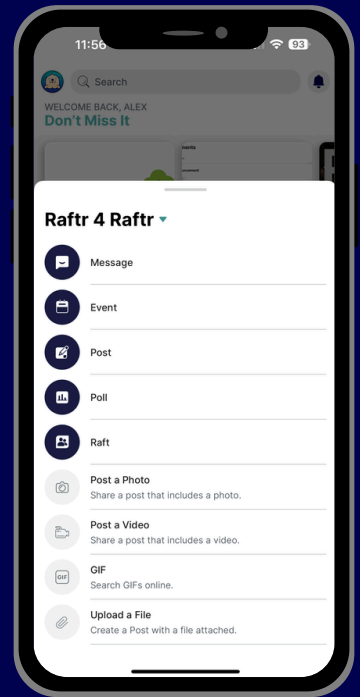


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Home, Community,
Events, Posts, Profile

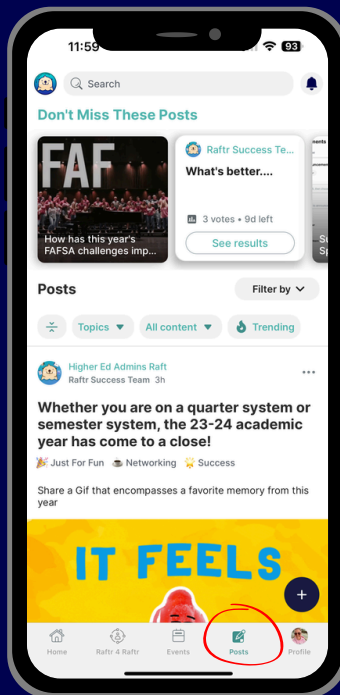
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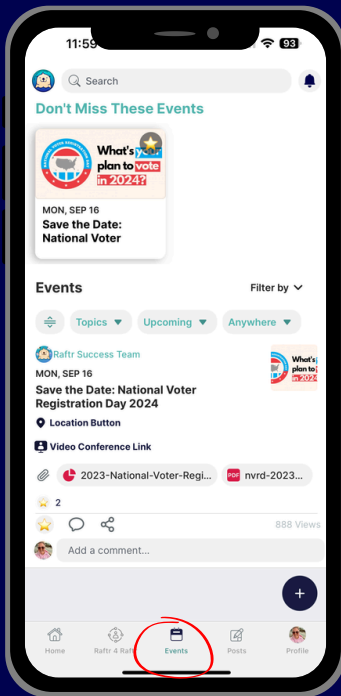
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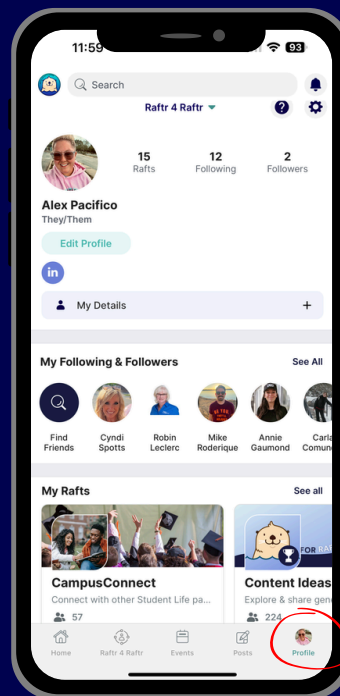
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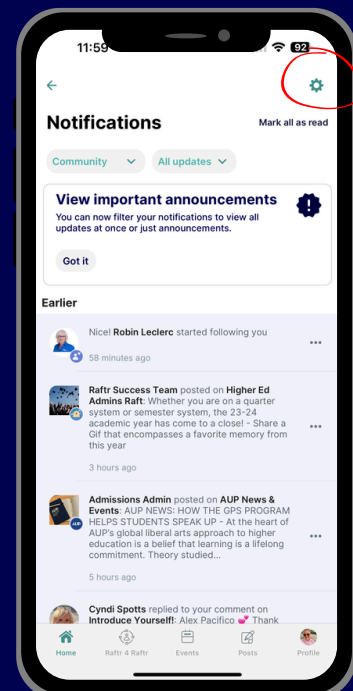
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YOUR PROFILE PAGE



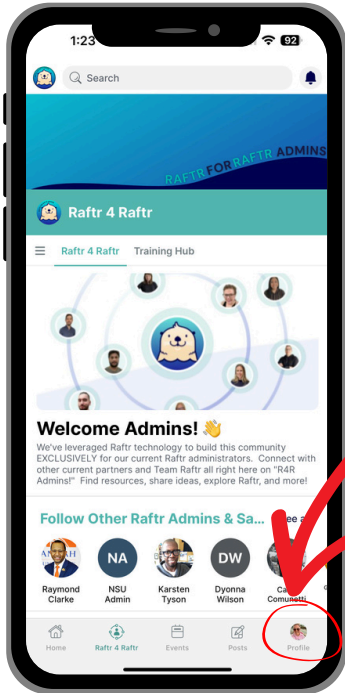
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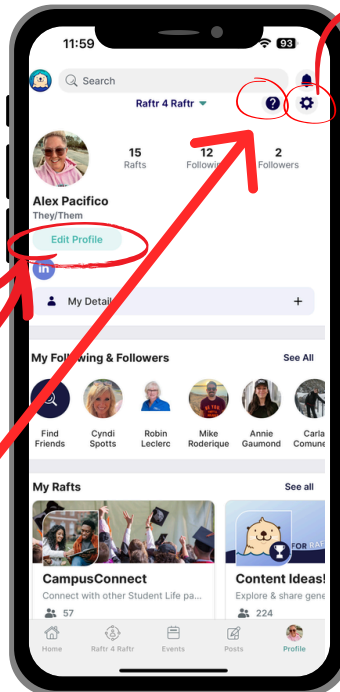
GETTING STARTED: CREATE AND EDIT YOUR PROFILE

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Select the circular icon on the bottom right of the menu bar to view your profile, followers, Rafts and Activity

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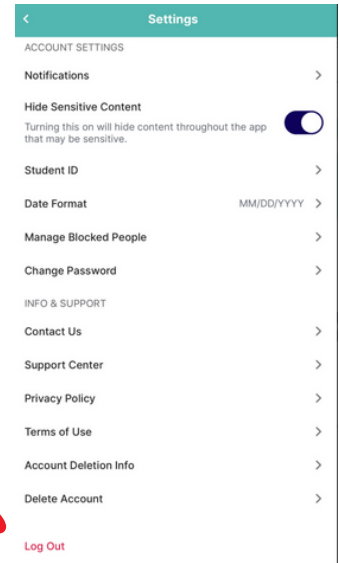
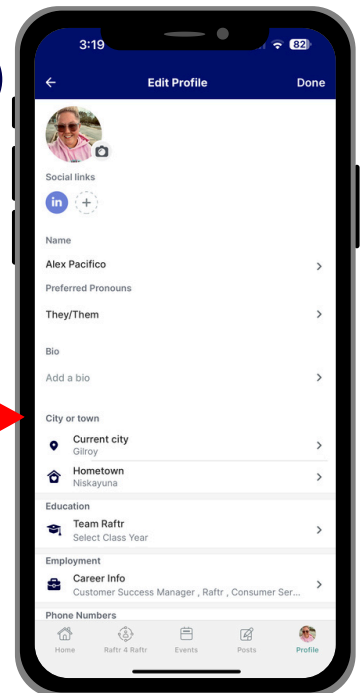


Select the "Edit Profile" button to edit your profile. See #3 for more info.

Select the question mark icon for the support center

Under the edit profile menu – change your profile photo, write a bio so others get to know you, list your pronouns, location, education and career info

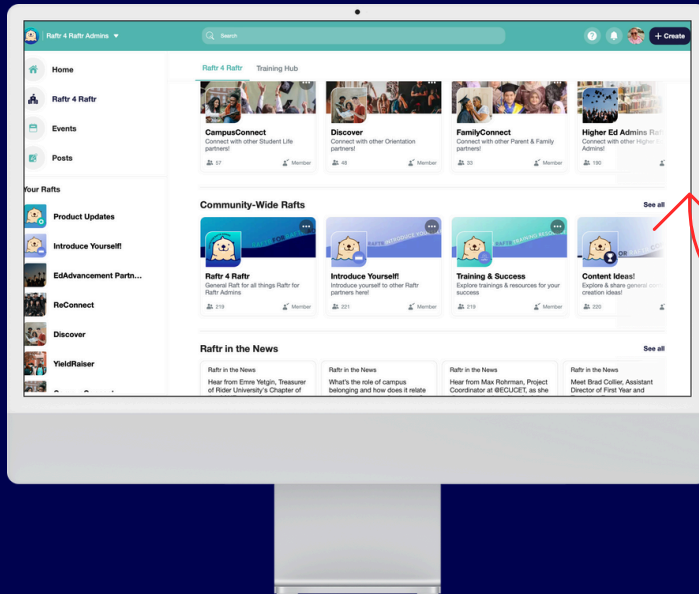
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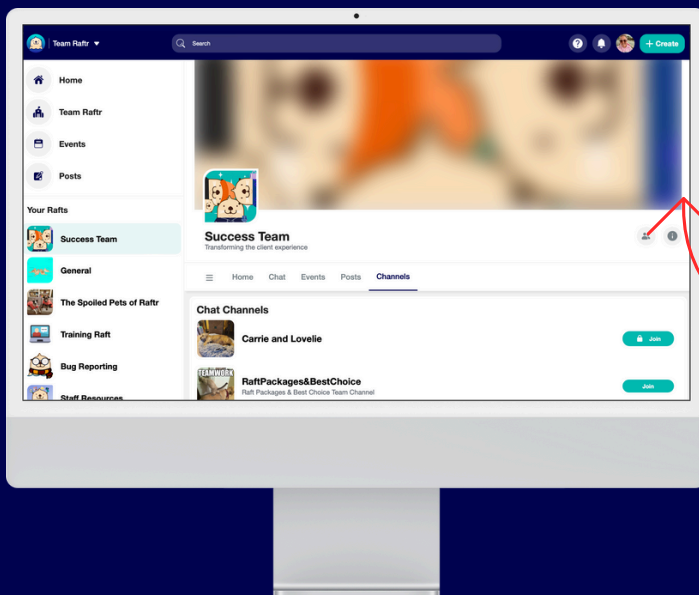
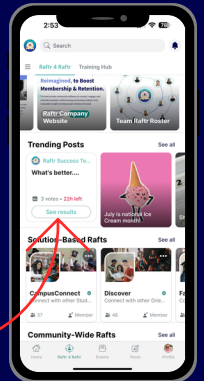
Select the gear icon to edit push notifications, edit date format, contact us and more!



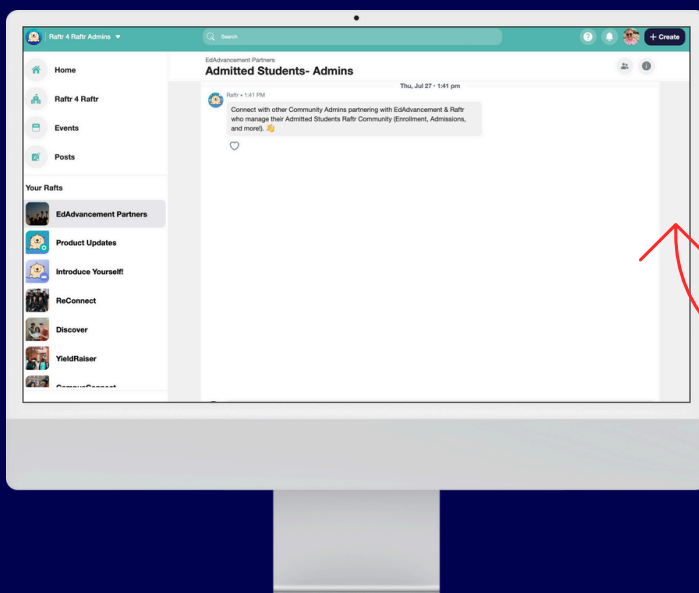
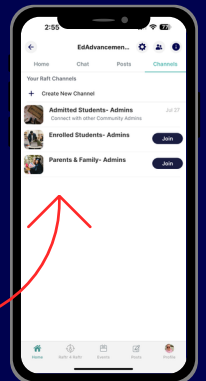
GETTING STARTED: FIND AND POST IN YOUR CHANNELS



On the Community Page, locate your Community Rafts section and find a premium Raft you're interested in.



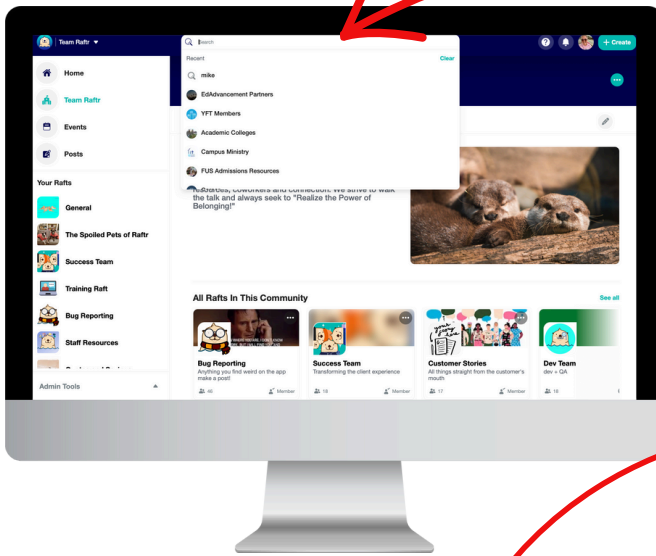
In your Raft locate the "Channels" tab. From there, find your specific Chat Channel.



Once you've selected your specific Chat Channel, you'll enter your designated Chat. Now add a message and get the conversation going!

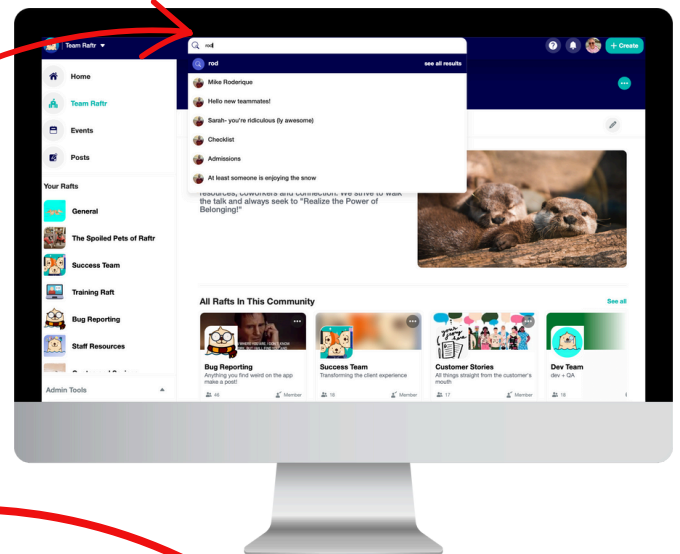


GETTING STARTED: SEARCH AND FILTER TO FIND OTHERS ON RAFTR

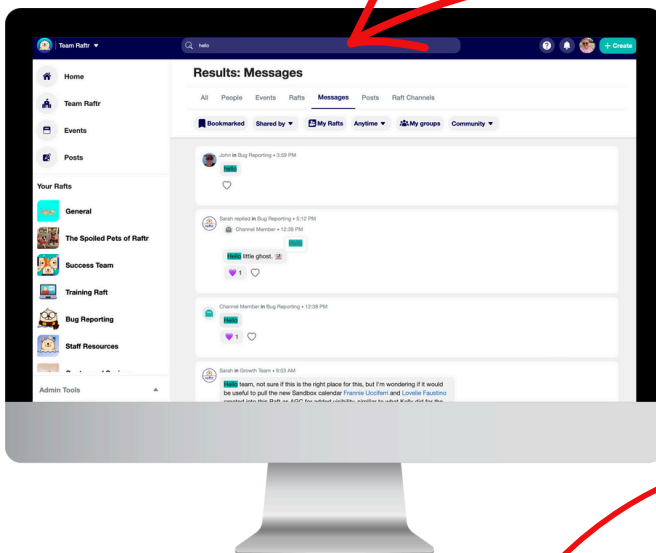


Use the search bar to search for people and information by key word

Find a friend by searching for their name in the search bar. Then, filter by the categories to find them



Looking for a specific message? Search a keyword and select the "messages" tab to narrow down your search.



Use the search bar to find people with similar interests. For example, search "dogs" and filter by categories to find other dog lovers.

