

Ascendance Release Bulletin

July 22, 2019

In this bulletin...

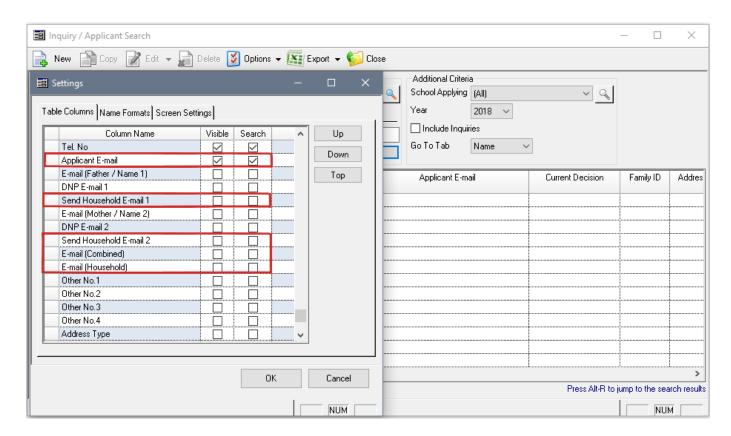
Contents

Admissions	2
Inquiry/Applicant Search	2
Household Email fields added to query system	
Alumni Development	
Constituent Search	3
Gift Search	4
Send Household E-Mail fields added to query system	4
Fund Maintenance – General Ledger distribution for Stock Payments	
Enrollment Management	
Student Search	6
Household E-Mail fields added to the query system	6
General Ledger	7
Account Posting	7
Registrar	
Web ID was added to the Student Export	8
Parent Web IDs were added to the Addresses Export	
Send Household E-mail fields added to query system and Student Search screen	9

Admissions

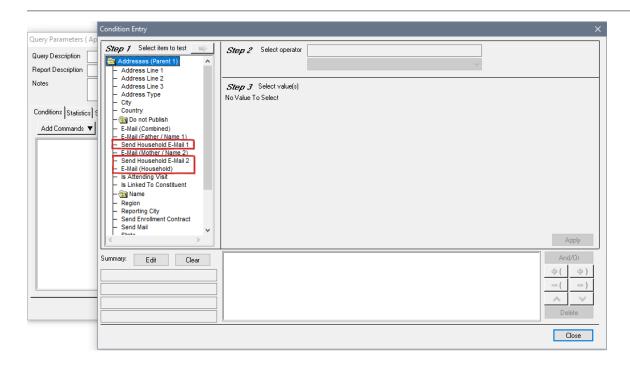
Inquiry/Applicant Search

Applicant E-mail, Send Household E-mail 1, Send Household E-mail 2, E-mail (Combined) and E-mail (Household) have been added to the Inquiry/Applicant Search screen. See screenshot below.



Household Email fields added to query system

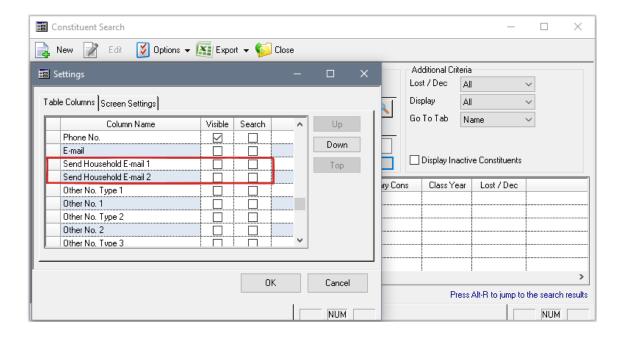
Send Household E-Mail 1, Send Household E-Mail 2 and **E-Mail (Household)** fields have been added to the Address query nodes in Admissions. See screenshot below.



Alumni Development

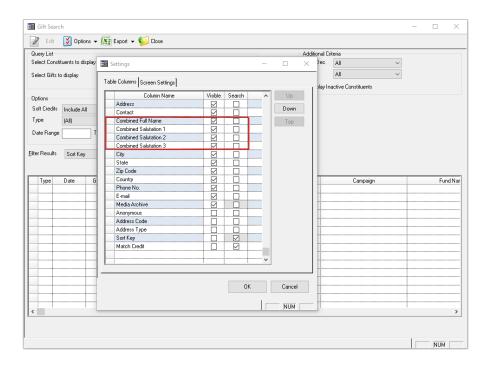
Constituent Search

Send Household E-mail 1 and **Send Household E-mail 2** have been added to the Constituent Search screen. See screenshot below.



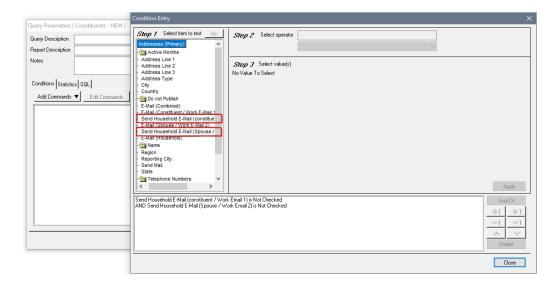
Gift Search

Combined Full Name, Combined Salutation 1, Combined Salutation 2 and Combined Salutation 3 have been added to the Gift Search screen. See screenshot below.



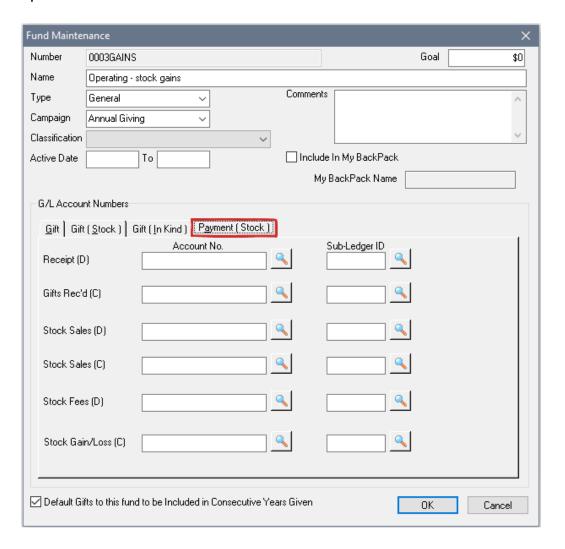
Send Household E-Mail fields added to query system

Send Household E-Mail (Constituent / Work Email 1) and Send Household E-Mail (Spouse / Work Email 2) fields have been added to the Addresses (primary) query node in Alumni Development. See screenshot below.



Fund Maintenance – General Ledger distribution for Stock Payments

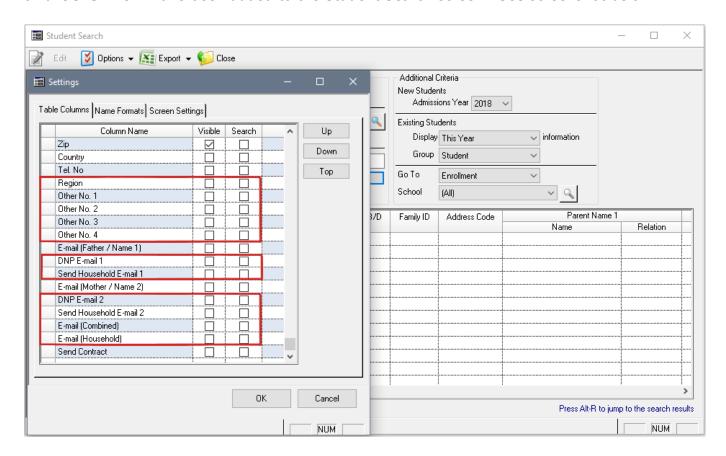
Fund Maintenance in Alumni Development now has a new option for defining the General Ledger Accounts to update when posting Stock Payments (as opposed to Stock Gifts). When updating to 93_6 the accounts defined on the **Gift (Stock)** tab will copy into the new fields on the **Payment (Stock)** tab. From there you can choose to define different G/L accounts for Stock Payments. Gift Entry, Posting and Transmittal have been updated to support this new option. See screenshot below.



Enrollment Management

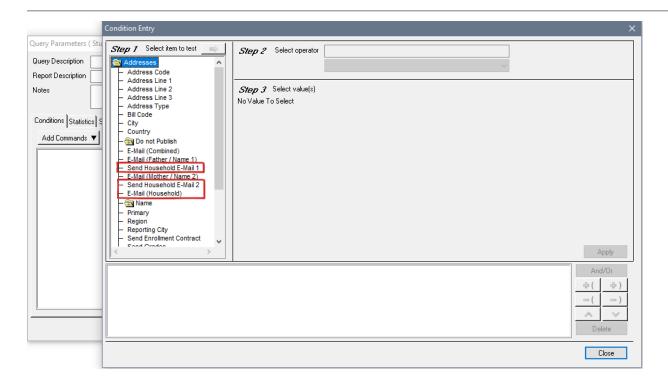
Student Search

Region, DNP E-mail, Send Household E-mail 1, DNP E-mail(2), Send Household E-mail 2, E-mail (Combined), E-mail (Household), Other No.1, Other No.2, Other No.3 and Other No.4 have been added to the Student Search screen. See screenshot below.



Household E-Mail fields added to the query system

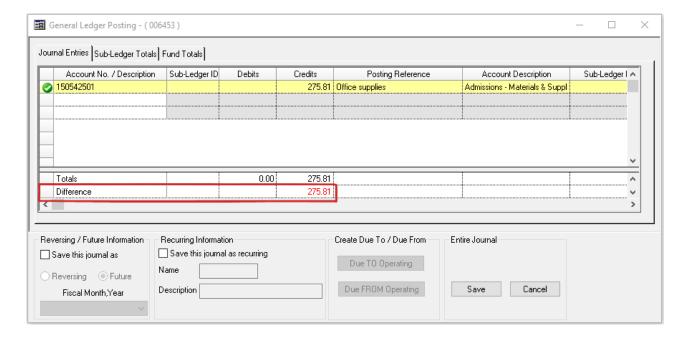
Send Household E-Mail (Father / Name 1), Send Household E-Mail (Mother / Name 2) and E-Mail (Household) fields have been added to the Addresses query node in Enrollment Management. See screenshot below.



General Ledger

Account Posting

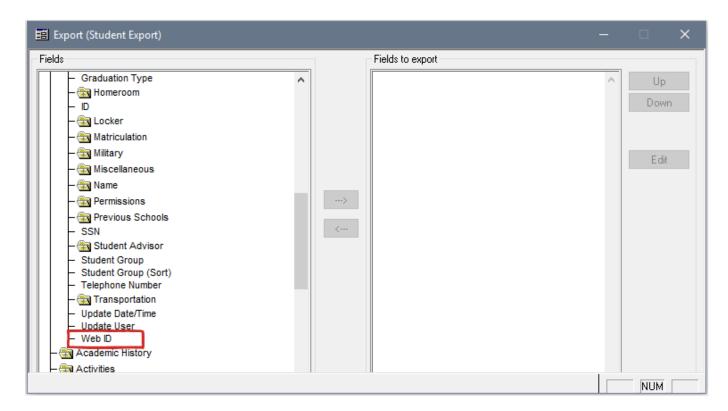
A **Difference** amount was added to the General Ledger Posting batch window to clearly show you how much the sum of credits is over or under the sum of debits. See screenshot below.



Registrar

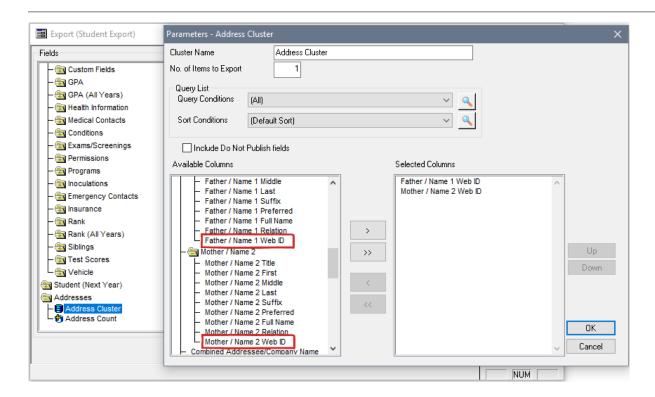
Web ID was added to the Student Export

The Students' **Web ID** was added to the Student Biographical and Student Biographical (Next Year) folders within the Student Export in Registrar. See screenshot below.



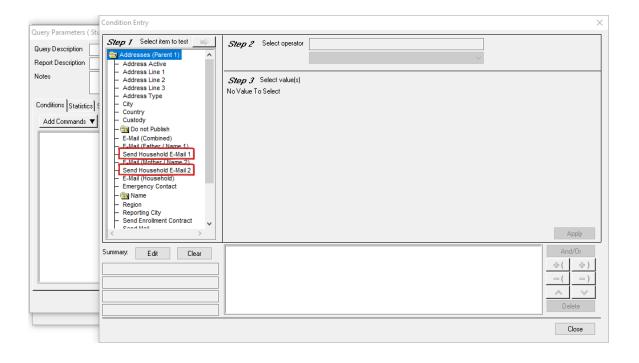
Parent Web IDs were added to the Addresses Export

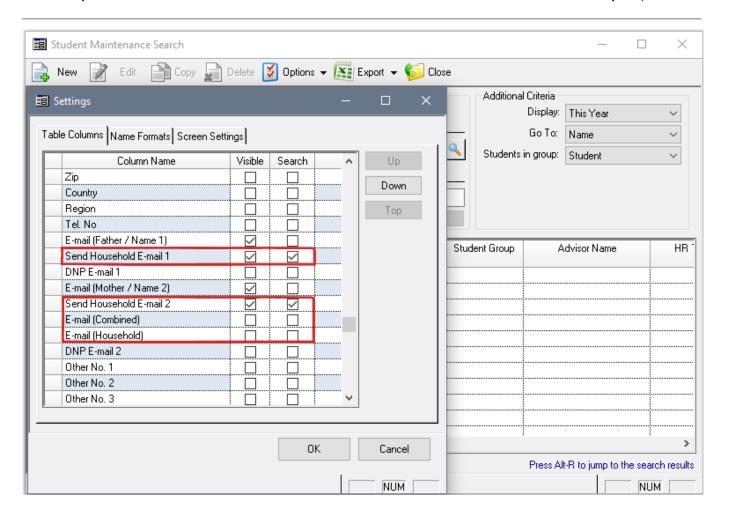
Father / Name 1 Web ID and **Mother / Name 2 Web ID** have been added to the Addresses node within the Student Export. Use the Query to define which addresses codes to view in your export (P1, P2 or Z). See screenshot below.



Send Household E-mail fields added to query system and Student Search screen

Send Household E-mail 1 and **Send Household E-mail 2** have been added to the Address query nodes in Registrar. **Send Household E-mail 1, Send Household E-mail 2, E-mail (Combined)** and **E-mail (Household)** have been added to the Student Search screen. See screenshots below.





About Release 93_6 for Ascendance

Contact <u>seniorsystems-support@communitybrands.com</u> if you have any questions about any of these new features.



My BackPack Release Bulletin

July 22, 2019

In this bulletin...

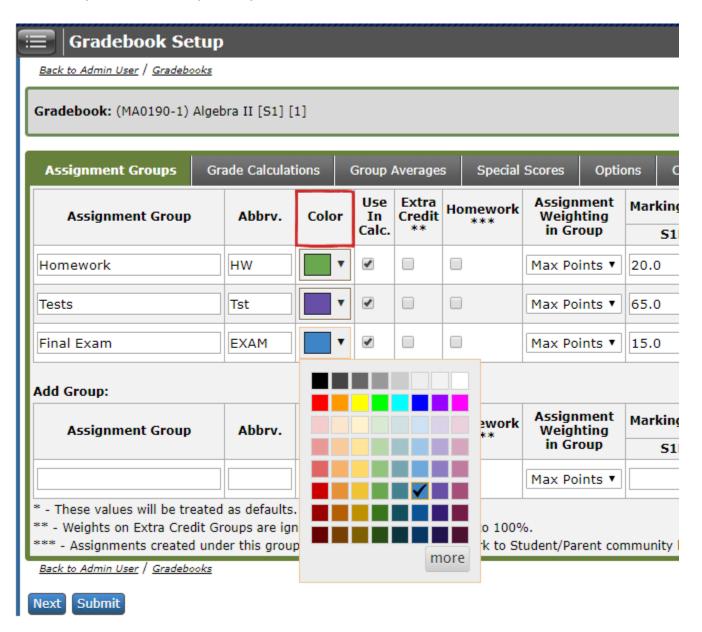
Contents

Faculty Community - Daily Gradebook	12
Gradebook Setup - Color-coded assignment groups	12
Grading Grid	13
Grade 1 student (All assignments)	14
Grade 1 Assignment (All students)	15
Add / Edit / Copy Assignment	15
New Gradebook — "Based on" information saved in the gradebook	17
Security Keys added to allow View Only access to Gradebook Setup	18
Admin Community	20
Gradebook Templates	20
Job Process Monitor – Update Registrar from Gradebook	20
Job Process Monitor – Update Registrar from Gradebook Broadcast Email Templates	
·	24
Broadcast Email Templates	24 24
Broadcast Email Templates	24 24 25
Broadcast Email Templates My BackPack Setup — Profile Page Administration - AutoPay Setup	24 24 25
Broadcast Email Templates My BackPack Setup – Profile Page Administration - AutoPay Setup Student/Parent Community	242525

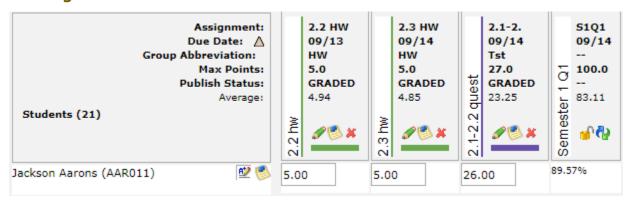
Faculty Community – Daily Gradebook

Gradebook Setup - Color-coded assignment groups

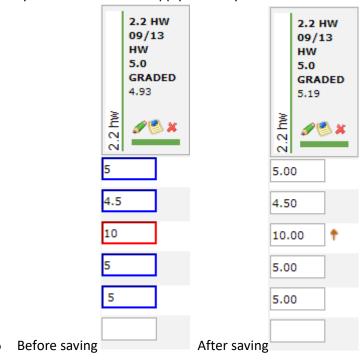
In order to help differentiate assignments in the grading grid, we have added the ability to assign a color to each assignment group. The **Assignment Groups** tab of **Gradebook Setup** will allow you to select any color you would like.



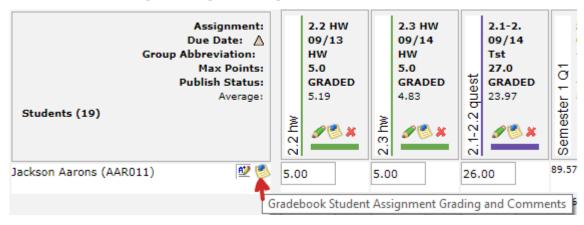
Grading Grid



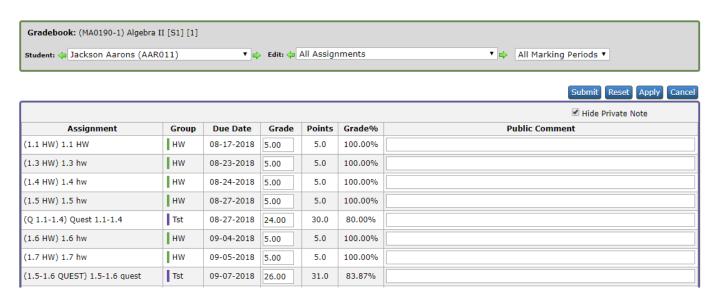
- The assignment group colors are displayed in the assignment header to help distinguish one assignment from another and make your gradebook more visually pleasing.
- The assignment name is now displayed vertically so longer names will be visible.
- A new icon () appears in the assignment header to allow you to grade the assignment for all students directly from the grading grid.
- The same icon () is next to each student name to allow you to easily grade one student for all assignments.
- When you enter scores, the cell will be outlined in blue when a valid value is entered and will be outlined in red when an invalid value is entered, or when the score exceeds the max points. This is to help remind you that you still need to click Apply to save your entries.



Grade 1 student (All assignments)

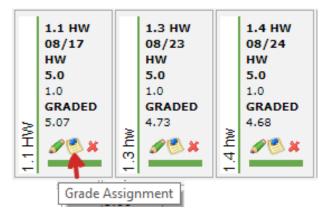


You will be taken directly to the page below when you click the () icon next to the student name in the grading grid. This is a view to use when you want to sit with one of your students and review all of the assignments' grades.

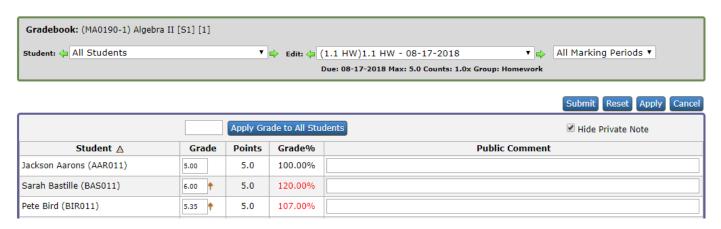


- By default, the Private Note column is hidden.
- We have added columns for Group (with color), Due Date, Max Points and Grade%.

Grade 1 Assignment (All students)



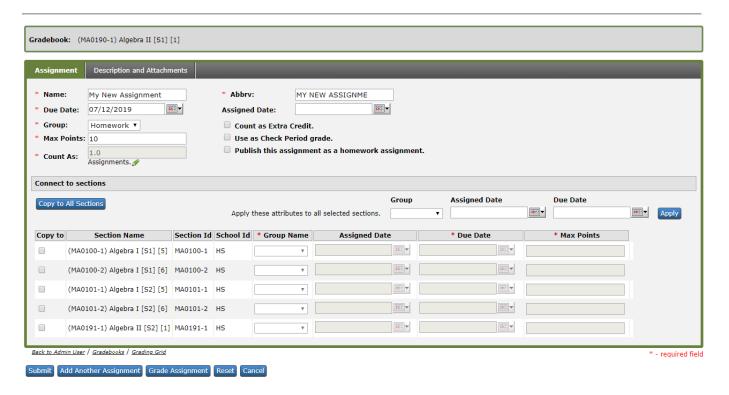
You will be taken directly to the page below when you click the () icon in the assignment header. This page allows you to enter assignment grades and comments for each. Use the arrows in the header to go from one assignment to the next.



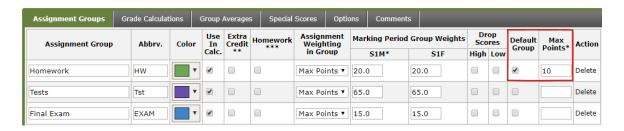
- We have added the ability to easily apply the same grade to all students.
- We have added columns for Max Points and Grade%.

Add / Edit / Copy Assignment

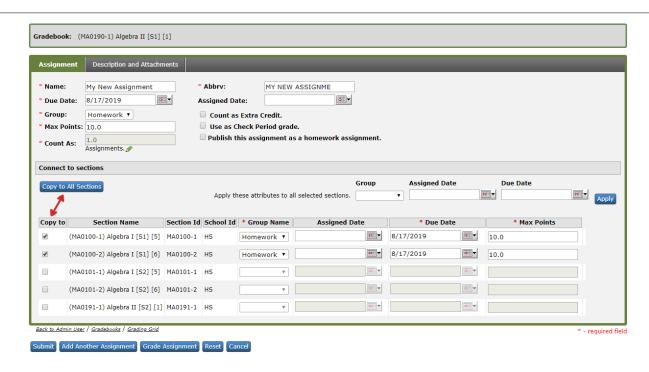
The Add / Edit / Copy Assignment page has been redesigned to improve its ease-of-use. Adding assignments and copying to other sections of the same course is now faster.



- The Assignment fields have been reordered so adding an assignment will be much faster and easier.
 - o Tab order is from top to bottom, left to right. Name, Due Date, Group, ...
 - Enter the Name of the assignment and the Abbrv field will auto-fill with the same value (up to 15 characters).
 - If you take advantage of the Default Group and Max Points on the Assignment Groups Setup page, then most assignments will only need you to enter the Name and Due Date. (Ex. Homework, 10pts)

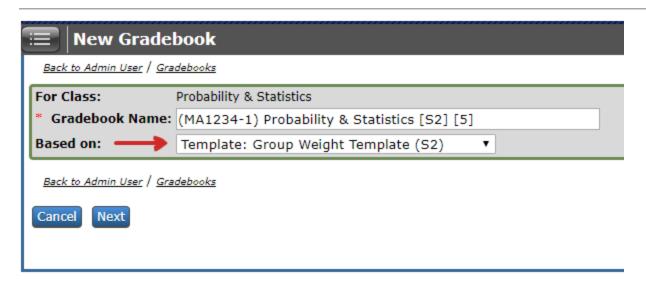


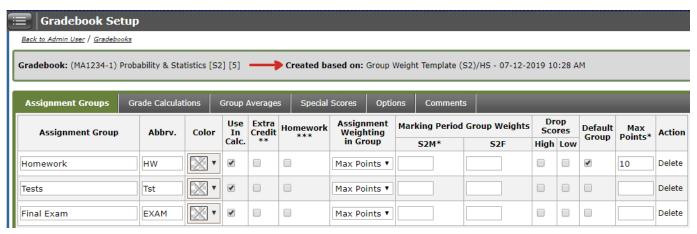
 Copying assignments to other gradebook sections is done by either clicking the "Copy to All Sections" button or checking the individual "Copy to" checkbox next to the sections you wish to copy to. All the attributes of the assignment will auto-fill into the sections you are copying to. From there you can make changes to due dates, etc. if needed.



New Gradebook - "Based on" information saved in the gradebook

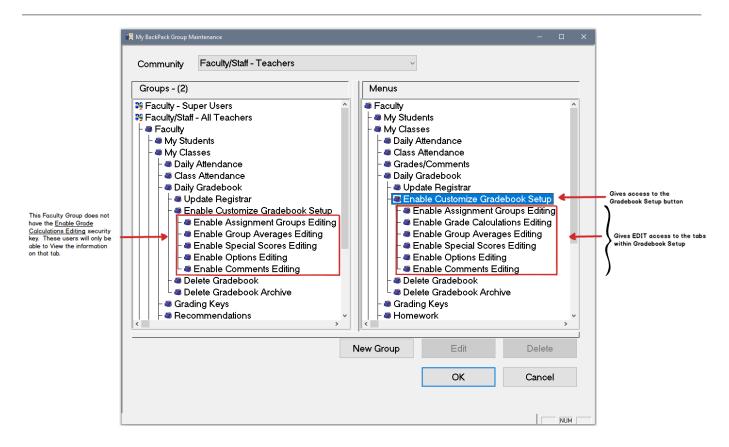
When new gradebooks are created, faculty have a choice as to what the gradebook will be based on. The choices are 1) A specific Gradebook Template, 2) An existing Gradebook or 3) a Blank Gradebook. **This information is now saved within the gradebook** to make troubleshooting Gradebook Setup easier. Existing gradebooks will not contain this information and will only be present for those created after the 93_6 update.



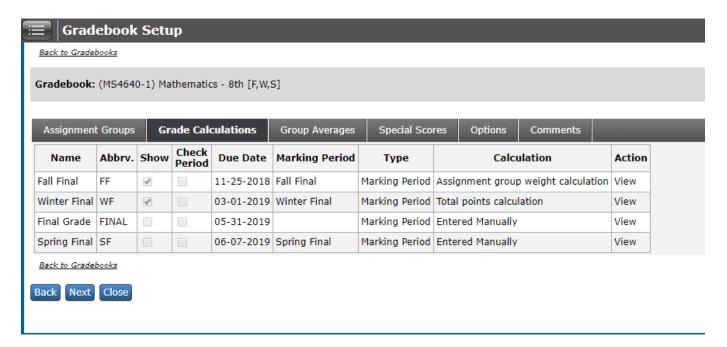


Security Keys added to allow View Only access to Gradebook Setup

In the Ascendance -> Systems Administration module, we have added 6 new security keys to My BackPack Group Maintenance that will allow your administrator to grant Edit access or View Only access to each of the tabs within Gradebook Setup. See screenshot below.



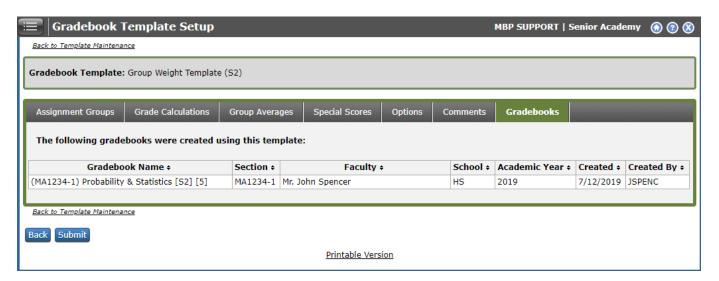
In the example above, the **Enable Grade Calculations Editing** security has been removed from the "Faculty/Staff – All Teachers" security group. These teachers will be able to view the information on this tab but will not be able to edit it. See screenshot below.



Admin Community

Gradebook Templates

We have added a new tab (**Gradebooks**) within each Gradebook Template that will show which faculty Gradebooks were created based on the template.

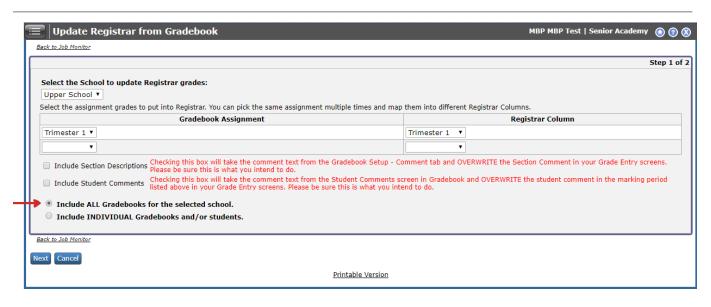


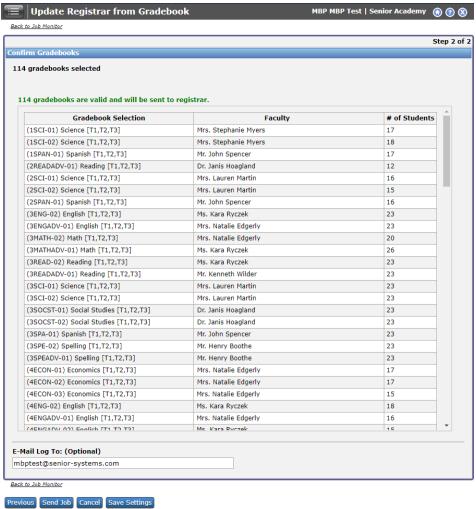
Job Process Monitor – Update Registrar from Gradebook

We have improved the functionality and ease-of-use of the Update Registrar from Gradebook job process. **Grading Setup/Tasks -> Grading Job Process Monitor -> Update Registrar from Gradebook**.

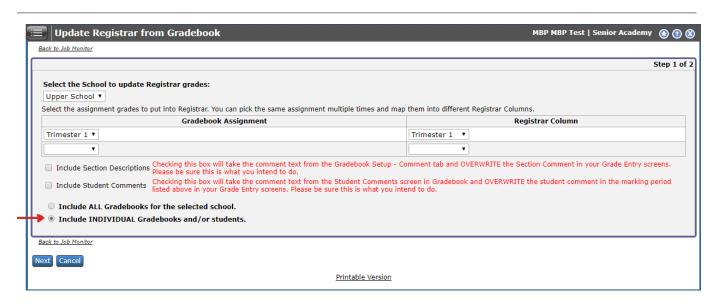
- We have redesigned this 1 page step in to a 2 to 4 step wizard (depending upon your choice to include all gradebooks or individual gradebooks on page 1).
- A confirmation page now displays the gradebooks that will have one or more grades sent to Registrar.
- There is a new option to **Include INDIVIDUAL Gradebooks** which will allow you to filter your selection down to as little as 1 single gradebook section.

Process to Update All Gradebooks within a School

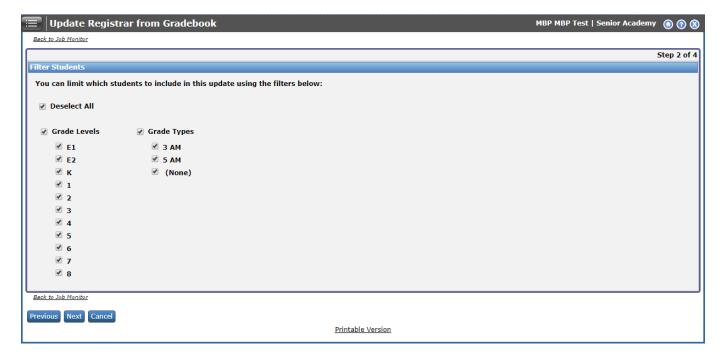




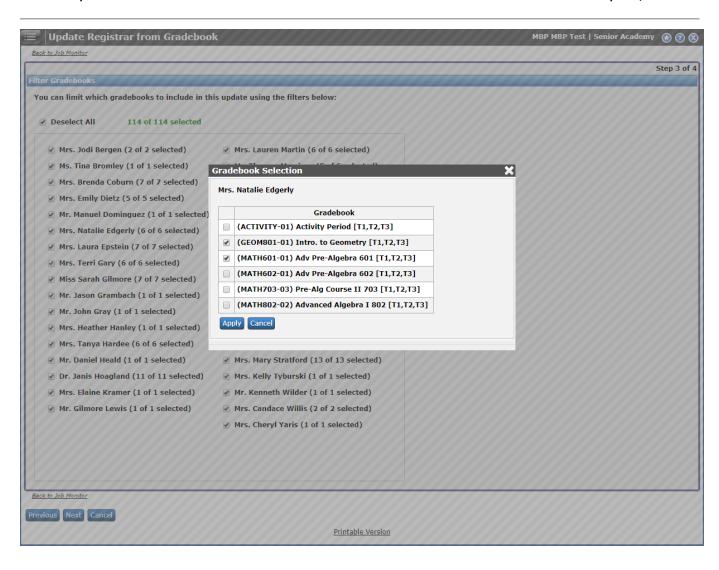
Process to Update INDIVIDUAL Gradebooks within a School



If desired, you can limit which students should have their Registrar grade(s) updated from gradebook based on their Grade Level and/or Grade Type.



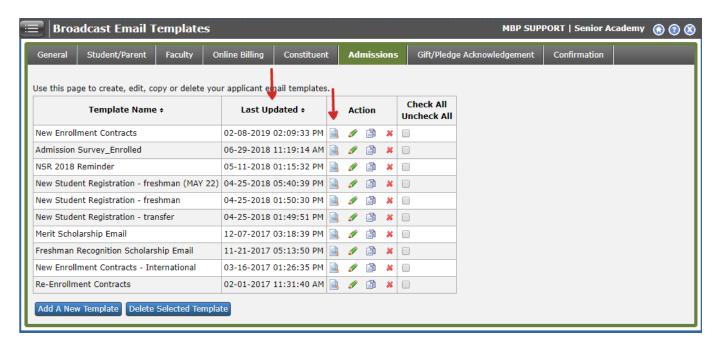
Based on your selection for which gradebook grade to update registrar with, and your selection for which students to include, the following list of gradebooks will be filtered down to only show you valid sections.



Broadcast Email Templates

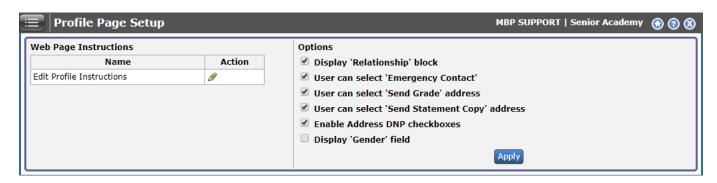
We have added a **Preview** option from the list view so you don't have to edit a template just to see a preview of the contents.

We have added a column for **Last Updated** so you can have your most recent templates shown at the top of the list.



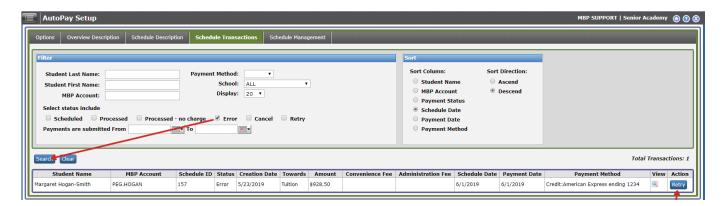
My BackPack Setup - Profile Page

We have added an option for "Display 'Gender' field" within Profile Page Setup. If you choose to uncheck this option, community members will not see their gender listed on the My Profile page.



Administration - AutoPay Setup

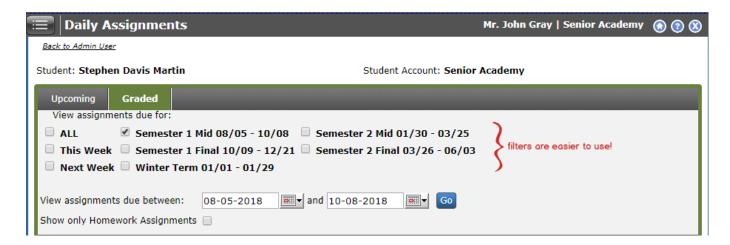
On the **Schedule Transactions** tab of AutoPay Setup, you can search for transactions with a status of **Error** and choose to **Retry** the transaction.



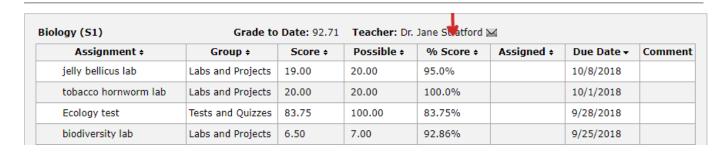
Student/Parent Community

Daily Assignments and Comments

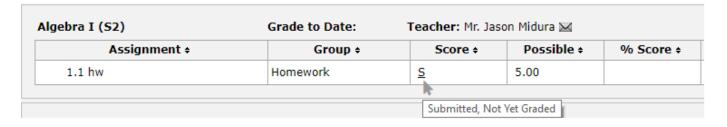
We have made a modification to the assignment filters at the top of this page to make it easier for parents and students to select multiple marking periods without having to reopen the drop-down filter each time.



We have added a **% Score** column to the Graded Assignments page.



We have added a **hover tip for Special Scores** (defined in each gradebook on the Special Scores tab of Gradebook Setup) that will display the Name of the score so parents and students can better understand what these scores mean.



Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

A Pay Now button has replaced the Pay Now link. This should make it much clearer to parents as to how to pay their deposit.



About Release 93_6 for My BackPack

Contact <u>seniorsystems-support@communitybrands.com</u> if you have any questions about any of these new features.