Banner Bits and Bytes

Shedding light on Banner’s darkest secrets.

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“Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if one only remembers to turn on the light.”
~ Albus Dumbledore
What’s New?

• Banner Financial Aid 8.36/9.3.15 – Delivered software for 2021 CSS Profile dataload.
• Banner Financial Aid 8.37/9.3.16 – 2021 ISIR dataload software.
• Application Navigator 3.2 – The ‘face’ of Banner 9. Updated menu and gives the user more control of the display.
• Banner Financial Aid 8.37.1/9.3.17 – Delivered Pell Formula 3 for schools with non-standard terms.
Banner Self-Service

• Banner Financial Aid Self-Service is no longer separate.
• The September release placed it back into Student Self-Service.
• Financial Aid Self-Service can no longer be updated separately.
• This is a concern to some schools due to a typical lag time between when a Student upgrade is delivered and when it’s installed.
• Financial Aid releases are usually more urgent.
Banner 9 Bits — the ‘old’ menu
What is in the menu?

• Hamburger – toggles the menu
• Applications/Menu – Banner Menu
• Dashboard/House – home page (aka: Landing Page)
• Search/Spy Glass – opens a search box in the menu section
• Recently Opened – remembers the pages you’ve viewed
• Help/Question Mark – opens user manual pages
• Sign Out – Log out of Banner
• Profile/Name – Opens up Preferences that you can change, but not many in the 3.1 Navigation environment
The dashboard search box

Welcome

Search...
Welcome

- 2014-2015 Need Analysis (RNANA15)
- 2015-2016 Need Analysis (RNANA16)
- 2016-2017 Need Analysis (RNANA17)
The ‘new’ menu
What’s changed with AppNav 3.2?

• Mostly the look of the menu has changed
• Sign Out changed from a lock symbol to a door/exit symbol
• The Favorites/Star has been added – you can make a list of pages you use frequently
• Profile/Personal options have expanded
• Search/Spy Glass has some added features
Favorites

- Click on the Star
- Your list will be blank initially
- Add pages by clicking the star symbol by the name in the menu and the star fills in.
I now have a favorite. If I change my mind, just click on the star and it goes away.
Personal Options

- Click on your Profile/Name
- Then click on ‘Personal Settings’
I can decide how I like my Banner 9!
Personal Settings

• Do I want Banner to warn me that I’m about to log out?
• Do I want Banner to always open to a specific page?
• Do I want the default to be to search?*
• Do I prefer Direct Navigation?*

* This is just the default. You can change it anytime you want to.
Search Box Updates

Welcome

Search Box

Direct Navigation

Pages, Menus, Jobs and Quickflows
Direct Navigation – no hints or results
Search Mode still exists
Searching from the menu section
Financial aid 8.37/9.3.16

- 2021 Dataload – Updated tables and pages.
- Correction Processing updates for 2021.
- ISIR print/processing updates.
- 2021 FM Needs Analysis Calculation.
- Includes resolutions for navigation problems in some financial aid pages – for example, the user was able to navigate away from a record without saving it.
Future Release

• 8.37.2/9.3.18 – Target date: 12/19/19.
• No details yet.
• Will include Transfer Monitoring updates.
• Will include updates to College Financing Plan (Shopping Sheet).
• More usability enhancements are planned. No details yet.
Light Reading

• Banner Financial Aid 8.37/9.3.16 Release Notes
• Banner Financial Aid 8.37/9.3.16 User Guide
• Banner Financial Aid 8.37/9.3.16 Resolutions Guide
• Banner Financial Aid New Aid Year Checklist 2021
Testing – Use a TEST database

• Use ROPROLL to roll 1920 to 2021. Review output.
• Use the New Aid Year Checklist to make necessary updates.
• Put a small ISIR file into the financial aid upload directory.
• Load the ISIR file.
• Review log and lis files for any errors.
• Check any new pages – RNANA21, etc to be sure they are accessible and updates are there.
• Try Needs Analysis and Pell calculations.
Testing in General

• In a TEST database
• Review the Release Guide/Notes.
• If something is new, make sure you can see new pages and run new jobs.
• If something is changed, make sure the changes are on the page or the job does what it’s supposed to do.
• Work with your IT department to copy Production to TEST on a regular basis so there is always fresh data for testing.
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