



## **Events – Invitations and RSVPs**

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Events are a feature in Navigate (as of Fall 2024) that function similar to Messaging Campaigns. Creating an Event allows staff members to:

- invite students to the event
- include event information such as location, description, or an attachment (ex. flyer)
- send a link to RSVP
- send reminders to RSVP and about the event (ex. day of or day before)
- monitor responses

No more creating a RSVP link in a separate system! Students will receive the invitation via email and/or text (SMS) and can respond within the Navigate system.

This function is ideal for group events, such as "Registration101" or probation workshops, information sessions, etc.

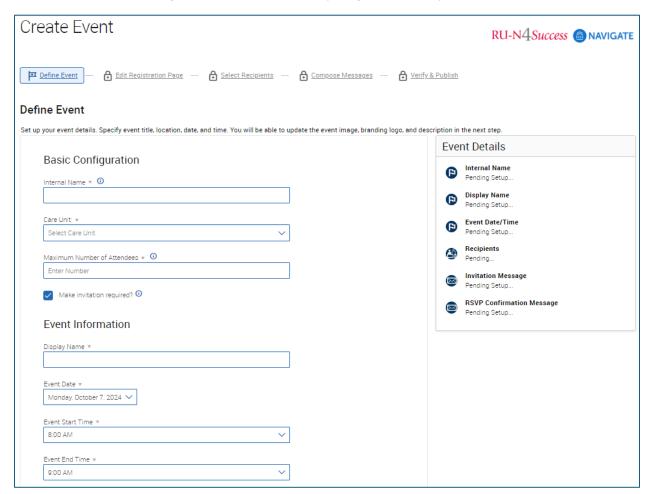




1. To begin, select **Campaigns & Events** from the left-side menu:



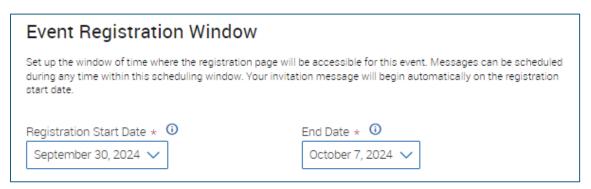
- 2. Under Events, select '+ Add New'.
- 3. Fill in the event details, noting that some are required (designated with \*):



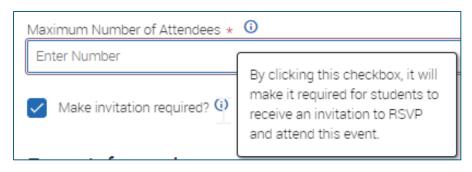




4. Fill in the Start and End dates for registration. Your invitation message will be sent on the Start date. The End date can be before the Event date or on the End date, depending on your preference.



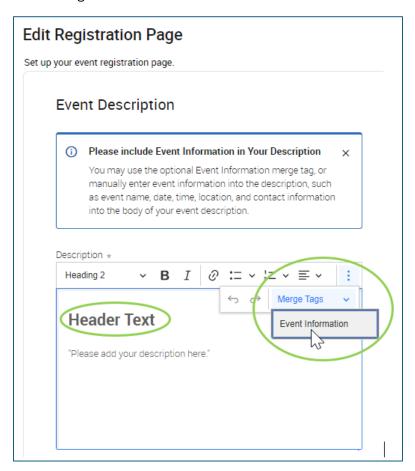
Making the invitation required means that students cannot RSVP if the URL has been sent to them by other students. Use this if you want only the students you invite to be able to RSVP.







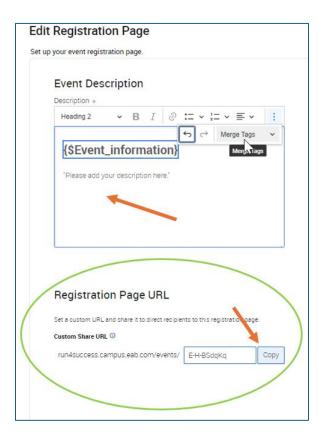
- 5. Click 'Continue' to get the Edit Registration Page, where you will compose the invitation message.
  - You may want to remove the large font 'HEADER TEXT' at the top of the default message.
  - Click the 3 dots, then 'Merge Tags', then 'Event information' to insert the event details into the message.



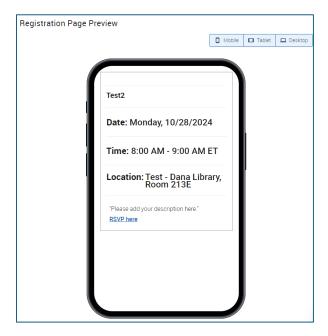




 Copy the Registration Page URL, which has been generated automatically, and paste it into the message.



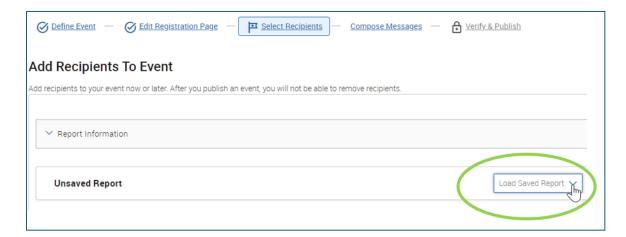
The right side of the screen will have a preview of the message.



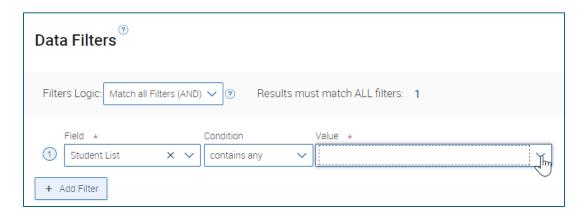




- 6. 'Select Recipients' uses the same filtering interface as in Reports.
  - a. If you have a Saved Report, you can select it.



b. If you have a Student List, you can choose it in the Data Filters:



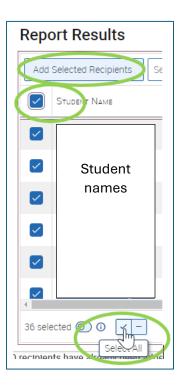
c. If you have a list of student IDs, use the Student ID field and the 'any' Condition, separating IDs with a space (this is the copy-and-paste default format):







- 7. Once you have the Report Results:
  - a. Choose the students by checking the box at the top of the list next to 'Student Name'.
  - b. 'Select All' if there are more than 100 names in the list.
  - c. Choose 'Add Selected Recipients'.
  - d. Click 'Continue'.

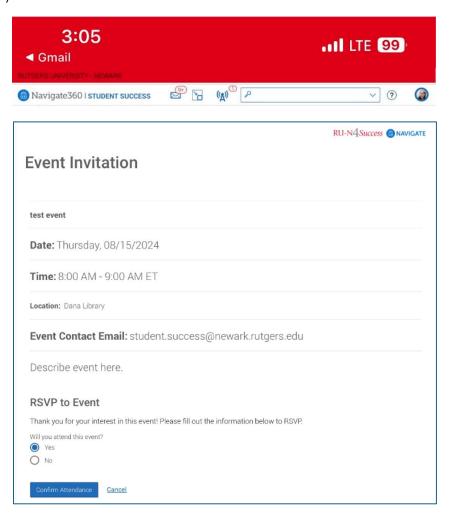


- 8. 'Compose Messages' is similar to Messaging Campaigns.
  - a. Compose the invitation and reminders to RSVP (if desired).
  - b. Compose the RSVP confirmation message.
  - c. Compose reminders about the event (optional).





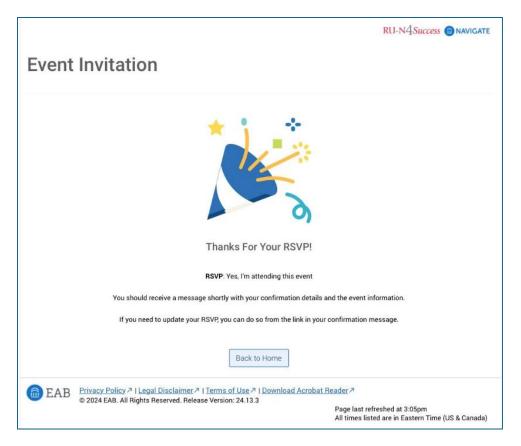
**Student view of invitation on mobile device**, with RSVP link (event name in this example is "test event"):







## Student view of RSVP confirmation:







**To see RSVPs and messaging metrics**, go to Campaigns & Events, choose Events, and click on the event.

- See the number of emails sent and opened, and the number of RSVP URLs clicked.
- See details (student names) of RSVPs Received and RSVPs Pending.
- Attended does not auto-populate; you can mark students as attended or not (if desired).

