

pathways

NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DID YOU KNOW...

New Categories are available! Categories help to refine your search and give you more information about a student. We recently added Advising Hold, Applied for Graduation, and Minors. The [Resources](#) tab on the Pathways website has more information.



Pathways Success Stories

The Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science Department is the largest engineering department in the Swanson School of Engineering and with this size comes a lot of advising appointments. As the Advising Coordinator for the department, I typically advise around 250 students in a given semester.

Before Pathways, tasks like scheduling meetings, organizing files and tracking students was tedious and time consuming. Not to mention I was using multiple software programs and at times had numerous files open during my advising meetings. Pathways provides a one stop shop for most of my advising needs. I can schedule advising appointments, send reminder emails, look up student information, document meetings, upload pertinent files and keep track of important statistics. All in one place. The mobile app also provides advising information while I am on the go.

Not only has Pathways saved me a lot of time and frustration, but my advisees have also provided positive feedback. One of the most common comments that I hear from them is that they like when Pathways reminds them of scheduled advising meetings. This feature has greatly reduced the number of missed meetings from my perspective too. My experience with Pathways has been nothing but positive and I look forward to learning about and integrating other capabilities into my daily workflow.

— Tony Kerzmann, Associate Professor & Advising Coordinator

Referral System

Remember, in spite of everything that is going on, the referral system on the Pittsburgh Campus is up-and-running! Check out the most up-to-date referrals [here](#).

Do you have any ideas for future referrals? Please let us know!

This will be the last newsletter of the academic year. Look for our next newsletter in September!

REMOTE ADVISING

Good Practices in Virtual Advising

We have put together some [resources](#) to help advisors make the transition to remote advising.

A few things to highlight:

- Communication is key! Be sure to communicate with students about which method(s) you will use to connect with them. The Dietrich School has drafted an excellent template message, so you don't need to re-invent the wheel
- You can include a phone number or URL to your availability that will be displayed to students in email confirmations and reminders
- You can download a [Zoom plugin](#) to make it easy to turn Outlook meetings into Zoom meeting.