



NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DID YOU KNOW...

Personal Gender Pronouns Added to Tags

This month we have added a student's [personal gender pronouns](#) as a Tag in Pathways. When students download the Student Navigate app (and annually after that), they indicate their personal gender pronouns. We have taken those answers and created Tags which identify how a student would like to be addressed.

In the near future, students' personal gender pronouns will be available in the University Data Warehouse. Once this happens, personal gender pronouns will be added as categories and be refreshed on a nightly basis.

Pathways New Look.

Changes are coming to the look of Pathways! In early December, Pathways will get a facelift, but don't worry, none of the functionality will change. Some things you can expect are: the blue strip of everything (i.e., toolbar) will no longer be blue, several of the icons in the toolbar will have a new look, and the quick search magnifying glass, currently in the top right corner, will be more prominently displayed.

Check out the [Pathways Website!](#)

Information on [Frequently Asked Questions](#), [Resources](#), [Policies](#), and more is always available online!

Pathways Success Stories



"My role in the Office of the Provost provides me the unique opportunity to collaborate with many different advisors and mentors across the University. I love to hear about the numerous innovations that are happening and ways folks are finding success using the Pathways platform for student success workflow. Because our advising, mentoring, and student success spaces across Pitt are distinctive and dependent upon the school, college, campus or unit where they are happening, Pathways (and the awesome team that supports the technology) is flexible and adaptable. The Pathways team is eager to meet the needs of our advising units and the platform has many capabilities to help do just that. I've seen it in action!

Also in the Office of the Provost, we do periodic student and advisor outreach, including 6-year graduation surveys, enrollment and retention. Pathways has aided significantly in these efforts. For example, if I have a list of students, the batch upload feature allows me to create a Pathways list and even text or email students within the platform for engagement purposes. Then, it is easy to click and find student information in Pathways and even move between both Pathways and PeopleSoft. It is also easy in the Pathways platform to email and reach out to the student's success team (advisors, instructors, resident hall advisors) when appropriate. I'm so thankful Pitt has adopted Pathways and please reach out any time if I can help you with your student success efforts!"

— **April Belback, Director of Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pathways Lunch and Learn: Reports

- December 11, 2020

Pathways Steering Committee Meeting

- December 9, 2020

Pathways Faculty Committee Meeting

- December 15, 2020

Mentoring and Advising Virtual Workshop Series Fall 2020

Language as an Opportunity Multiplier: Changing the Language of Our Language Advising

- January, 2021

Register at personalized.pitt.edu/workshops

Virtual Lunch and Learns

Virtual Advising Strategies: What We Learned The Fall 2020 Semester

- November 24, 2020