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Advising Students Foreclosed to Academic Major Decisions and Assisting with Academic Exploration Opportunities at Pitt

Thursday, June 17, 2021
10–11:30 a.m.
Register online

Presented by April Belback, Director of Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring, and Julia Spears, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Innovation

Higher education academic advising and student success professionals understand the value of exploration for our students. However, students are often unaware or unwilling to explore major and career choices, which may put them at risk of not persisting. Some students in this status are “foreclosed” to their commitments and academic plans despite minimal effort to explore options and goals. This session will outline proactive advising strategies for students in foreclosure status to help them to explore different opportunities.

We will also highlight a new Pitt resource—Degree Finder—aimed at assisting prospective students, families and current students who may be exploring new academic opportunities.

A Networked Approach to Mentorship and Support

Monday, July 26, 2021
11–12:30 p.m.
Register online

Join us in a conversation with Julia Freeland Fisher, Director of Education Research at the Clayton Christensen Institute.

Effective student support and advising hinges on students having access to a broad and diverse web of relationships with peers, faculty, mentors and industry professionals. Although campuses are social hubs, access to these networks are often left to chance. In turn, valuable social capital—that could help students get by and get ahead—goes untapped. But a strategic approach to fostering and measuring connection can take the chance out of chance encounters. In this session, Julia Freeland Fisher will walk participants through a new playbook, which distills five steps for building and strengthening students’ networks, guided by decades of research on the power of relationships, innovative strategies, and emerging measures from the field.