ACCESSIBILITY TOWN HALL

October 23, 2024



Agenda

Welcome

- President Frances Bronet
- Elisabeth Sullivan, Chair, Accessibility Committee

Accomplishments & Updates

- Facilities
- Campus Safety
- Communications
- Libraries
- CTL
- Additional Updates
- Advisory Group
- Events Guide
- Resources
- Miscellaneous (additional items)

• Q & A

Current Accessibility Upgrade Projects

- North Hall Elevator Construction with an accessible ramp
- Existing Elevator Improvements;
 Higgins Hall north car Steuben and
 Machinery modifications, design
- Stabile additional accessible restrooms
- ARC all-inclusive restrooms within the Athletic complex upgrade



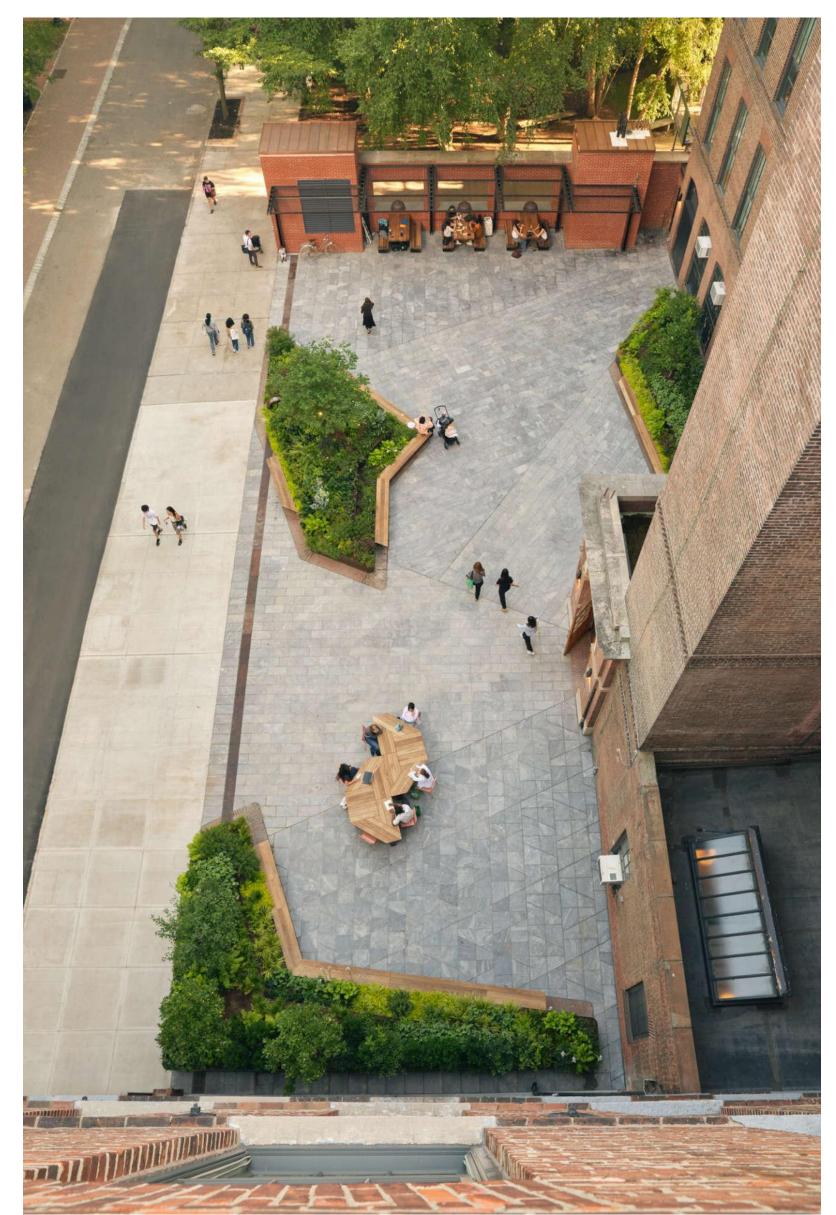


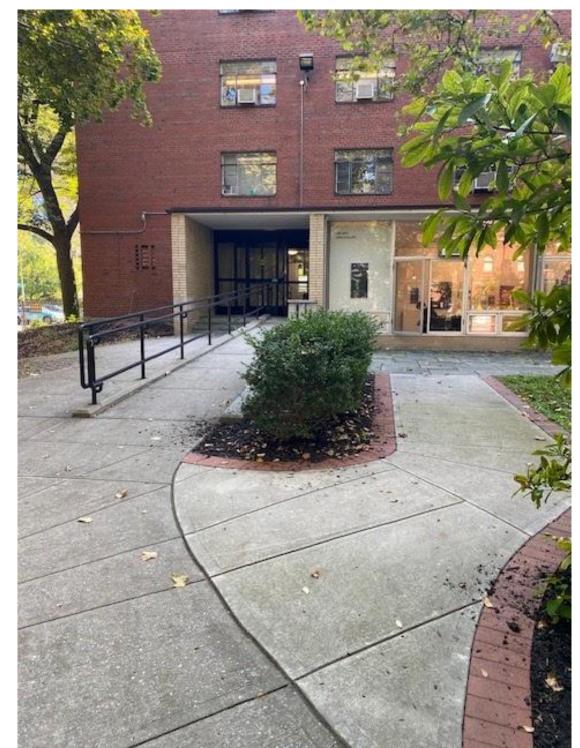
North Hall Elevator Entrance + ARC All-Inclusive Restrooms



Recent Accessibility Upgrade Projects

- East Hall Plaza renovation with accessible seating
- Campus wide sidewalk
 improvements to address uneven
 surfaces and damaged areas
- Improved access controls for Dekalb Hall and
- Thrift Hall Mail Center
- Improved access controls for ARC building







East Hall Plaza + Sidewalk Improvements

Future Accessibility Projects

Building Priority List

- East Hall
- Chemistry
- South Hall
- Memorial Hall
- Dekalb Hall
- Cannoneer
- Thrift Hall
- Townhouses

ISC – Renovation

- Relocate Health
 Services
- ADA compliant entrance, restrooms, and new elevator



East Hall Elevator



Future ISC First Floor

Campus Safety

Department of Campus Safety is located at East Hall Building: Rms# 003-005 (Adjacent to Interfaith Commons - formerly Chapel Hall)

- 718.636.3540/3541 Brooklyn Campus
- 212.647.7776 Manhattan Campus
- email: <u>publicsafety@pratt.edu</u>

Text the Director: **(347) 497-0959 (immediate/non-emergency situations requiring Campus Safety assistance)



Campus Safety: Mobility Assistance

- Campus Safety personnel can assist with directions, locating accessible routes, or providing other assistance in navigating campus grounds.
- Campus-wide transportation services for mobility-limited people. Campus Safety can provide transportation (golf cart or vehicle) for door to door service upon request.



Campus Safety: Service Animals

Pratt Institute supports the use of service animals on campus by individuals with disabilities:

Service Animals are defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.

- Service animals are working animals, not pets
- The work or task(s) performed must be directly related to the individual's disability

Students with disabilities who wish to bring a service animal to the Pratt campus, including residential facilities, classrooms, and other Institute buildings, may do so without prior approval.

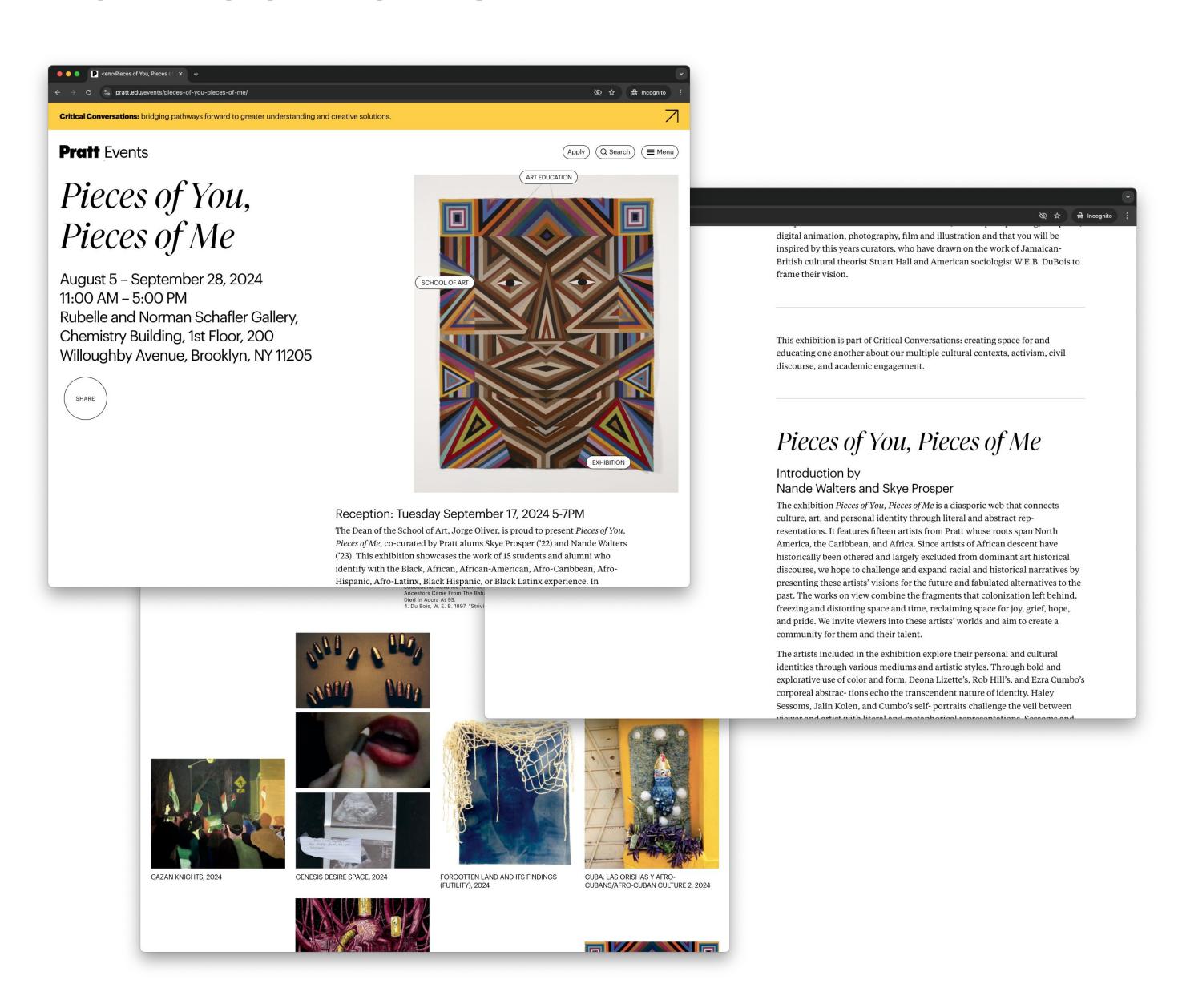
Faculty and Staff should contact benefits@pratt.edu

Any questions about the use of service animals or emotional support animals (ESA's) should be directed to the Learning/Access Center (L/AC) at 718.802.3123 or lac@pratt.edu

Communications

Accessible Delivery of Content:

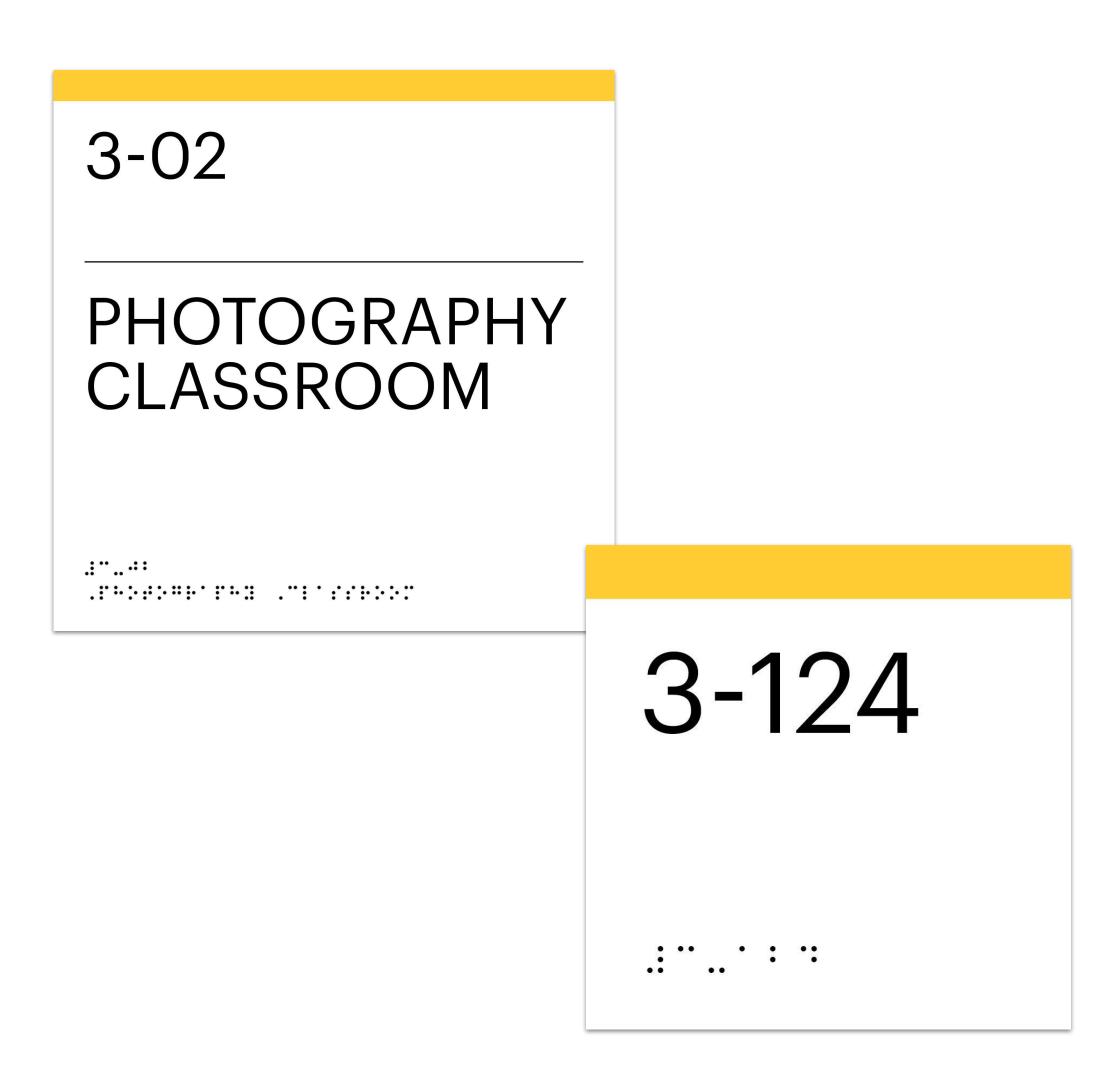
- Develop content directly for web pages
- Only when a PDF is necessary,
 fix it for accessible
- Image ALT text
- Page/content titles
- Eliminate graphic text in images



Communications

Partnership with Facilities:

- ADA Compliant room signage
- Update design to meet Pratt identity standards (color, type)
- Incorporate standard ADA compliant features (Braille, raised lettering, type guidelines)





Communications

Support and Contacts:

- pratt.edu/events
- pratt.edu/PCOMM
- Reporting contact Nicole Barnes:
 nbarn178@pratt.edu
- Creative contact Charlotte Savidge: csavidge@pratt.edu
- Website: <u>website@pratt.edu</u>

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News

Internships Prepare High School Students with Disabilities for the Workforce

New York City students gain real-world experience and skills at Pratt as part of Project SEARCH, an international program that helps prepare individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for success.





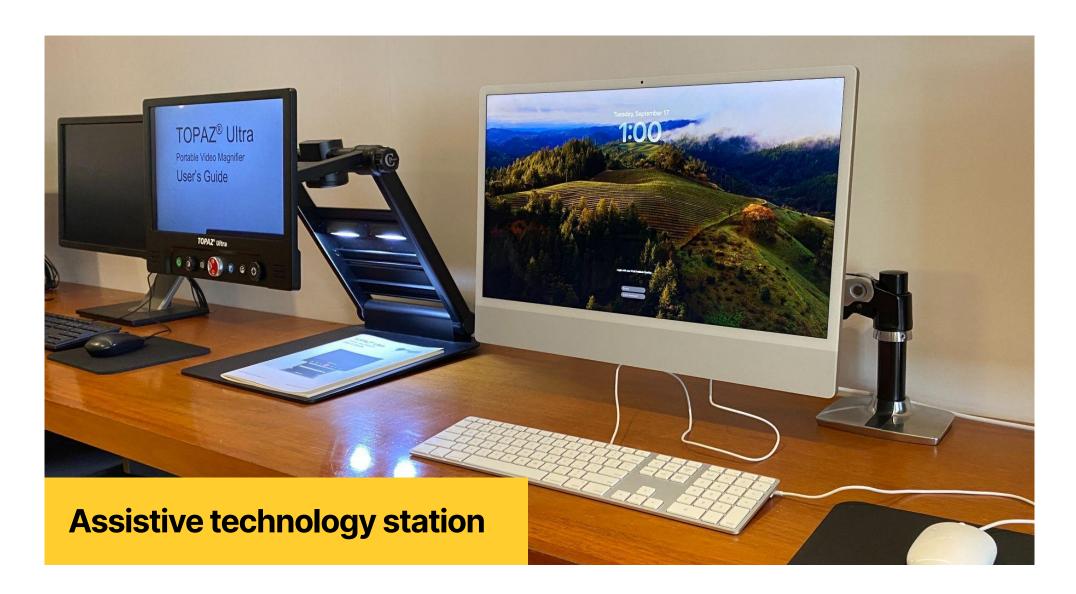
Libraries

- Assistive technology stations
- Scanning service: Request OCR scans of book chapters and articles
- Paging and <u>intercampus transfer</u> services
- Wave-activated door openers
- Research & Resource Guides
 - Web Accessibility
 - Disability Resources
 - Disability Studies
 - Inclusive Language

Contact us!

libref@pratt.edu | (718) 636-3420







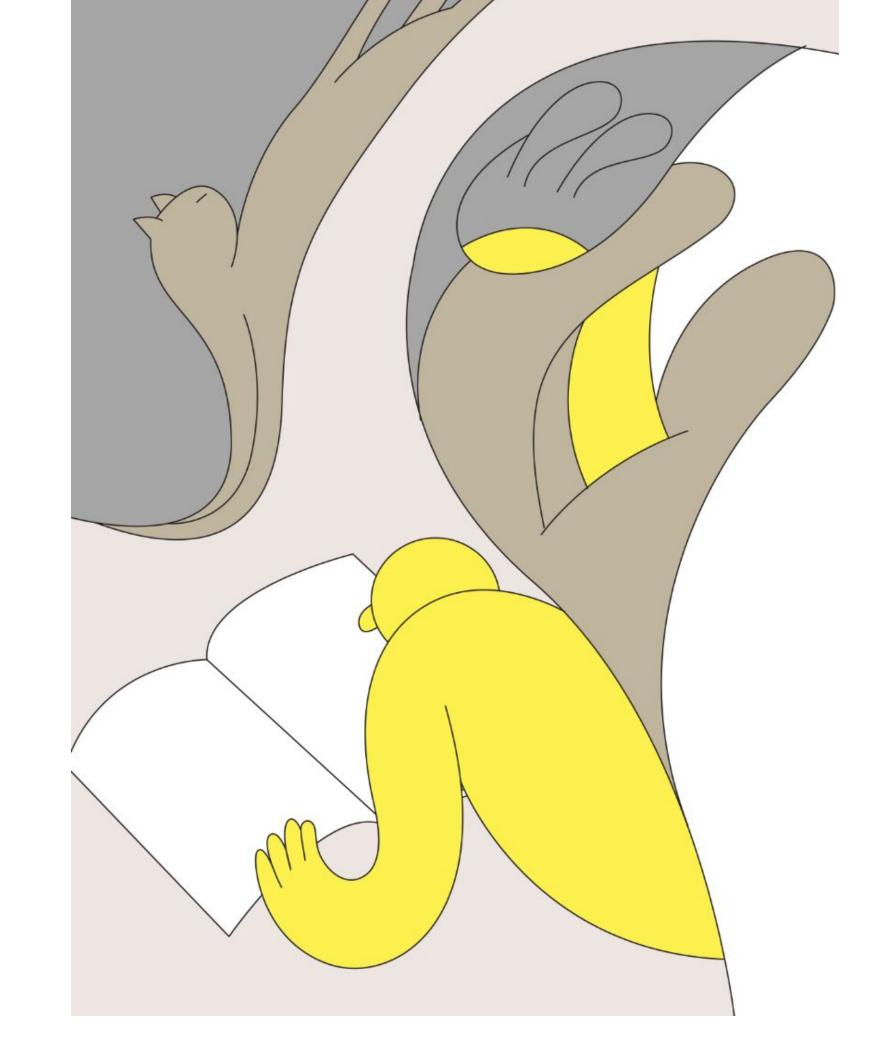
Center for Teaching and Learning

Programming:

- Digital/Document Accessibility Workshop
 - October 29, 12pm-1pm
- Creative Accommodations
 - Planning to offer again SP25
- Supporting Faculty
- Pedagogy Refresh

Resources:

- Course Design Resource Hub
- UDL Guidelines 3.0
- Introduction to Web Accessibility (edX)





Chartwells: New food service Additional Updates

- Selected with awareness of food allergies and special dietary needs in mind.
- Allergen free station
- Dietician available for meetings
- Students can set up menu alerts

IT: Recent work on developing a process to vet accessibility of software.

• The IT division evaluates all IT-supported software requests to ensure they meet accessibility standards, with a focus on inclusivity and usability.

Each application is assessed against recognized guidelines, including the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) and Section 508. We have collaborated with the necessary offices on campus to ensure the provision of assistive technologies, such as screen readers, voice recognition software, and keyboard navigation, that enhance software accessibility for users. We are committed to promoting unal access and fostering a more inclusive workplace and learning experience.

Advisory Group

Mission: To intentionally center the voices and viewpoints of disabled Pratt students, faculty and staff. A place for students, faculty, and staff to stay informed on Pratt's accessibility initiatives, and to provide feedback and suggestions to the larger operational committee.

GA Liaison to Accessibility Committee:

Trisha Kandelwal tkhandel@pratt.edu



Resources: Events Guide

From the guide:

Pratt Institute is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to benefit from the Institute's programs, services, and accommodations. We strive for our campus experiences to be universally designed and usable by all people to the greatest extent possible without needing individual modifications. Identifying and removing barriers to access results in inclusive and welcoming experiences for our diverse campus community.



Institute policy and compliance with Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, requires Pratt to provide access to programs and services to all qualified participants regardless of disability. The following guidance is provided to assist you in planning events that are both accessible and inclusive.

Link to the Accessible Events Google Document



Resources

Definitions:

The ADA defines a person with a disability as a person who has, "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity."

Pratt Accessibility Statement:

"Pratt strives to make all programs, services, and activities accessible and will provide assistance to accommodate any individual with disabilities. Security personnel located in booths at 200 Willoughby Avenue and other campus locations are available for assistance."

Accessibility Resources: Website

Accessibility Tools and Resources

About > Accessibility > Accessibility Tools and Resources

Accessibility
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Accessibility Advisory Committee

SHARE

You're Invited: October 17, 2024 *FREE* Live Webinar

orking with Neurodivergent Students on Conege ursday, October 17, 2024 0 – 2:00 pm EST

Facilitator: Jane

This free opportunity offers the chance to gain strategies and understanding regarding neurodivergent students in classes and programs. In our ever-evolving educational landscape, it is imperative for college educatios to cultivate inclusive environments and include those who are neurodivergent. Effectively owishing with neurodivergent students not only enhances their college experience but also fosters a more equitable and enriching environment for all. This virtual professional learning opportunity will provide staff with comprehensive insights and practical strategies to better understand, support, and empower neurodivergent students in Residence Life. Counseling settings. Student Life offices, Activities, Academic Stupper, Pere Medicard and Counseling Student Life offices, Activities, Academic Stupper, Pere Medicard and Counseling Students and Counseling

OCR Video Series

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights is proud to announce a video series covering a variety of topics on digital access in education, including how people with disabilities use technology, applicable Federal regulations, and identifying and remediating barriers to access. Whether you are in the educational field or not, these videos have wide ranging coverage for those who want to know. What make technology accessible for individuals with disabilities? And how can I make my site or platform more accessible?

Accessing Higher Ground Virtual

The Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) holds yearly informational conference called Accessing Higher Ground. These conferences focus on the implementation and benefits of:

Accessible media. Universal Design and Assistive Technology in the university business and public

Universal Design Resource

DEI Disability Resources Guide

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Computer Accessibility Features

Windows

Accessible Events at Pratt

- Accessible Events Guide
 A guide to making events on campus accessible
- Coursedog
 The accessibility status of rooms on campus can be viewed in Coursedos

Accessible Map of Pratt Institute

Visitors: Security personnel, located at the Main Gate, 200 Willoughby Avenue on the Brooklyn Campus, or the Pratt Manhattan Lobby, are available for assistance with directions, locating accessible routes, or providing any other assistance in navigating the campus grounds.

You may find Public Safety's control information and washing here.

Pratt Institute's 504 Coordinator is Elisabeth Sullivan. She can be reached at esulliv5@pratt.edu or (71)





Accessibility: <u>pratt.edu/accessibility</u>

Accessibility Tools & Resources:

https://www.pratt.edu/about/accessibility/accessibility-tools-and-resources/

• Accessibility Advisory Committee:

https://www.pratt.edu/about/accessibility/accessibility-advisory-committee/

- These pages provide links to various accessibility tools and resources for students (L/AC) and staff/faculty (HR)
- This presentation will be published on the Accessibility page
- OCR accessibility series: How to make anything accessible!

Accessibility Resources

- Human Resources: <u>benefits@pratt.edu</u>
- Learning/Access Center: lac@pratt.edu
 - Classroom relocation for temporary accommodations
 - Information resources regarding disability
 - Accommodations for students
- Campus Maps (<u>Map Link</u>)
- Mobility Assistance: Campus Safety
- Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): diversity@pratt.edu
- Disability Resource LibGuide Includes AHEAD resources



Accessibility Resources: Communication

- Email: accessibility@pratt.edu
 - Use to voice accessibility issues, questions, or concerns, report barriers on campus
 - Goes to several operational areas
- **Text the Director of Public Safety at <u>(347) 497-0959</u>**
 (immediate/non-emergency situations requiring Campus Safety assistance)



Questions?

Add to chat, submit on Slido (#2239205), or request mic



Accessibility Committee Members

Accessibility Committee:

Chair: Elisabeth Sullivan, Director, Learning/Access Center & 504 Coordinator

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Russ Abell, Director of Libraries

Elizabeth Berg, Associate Director for Access Services, Library

Rod Bowman, Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety & Preparedness

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Thank you for attending the 2024 Accessibility Town Hall!

