

PITT SOCIAL WORK

A weekly update of news from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

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Find the latest information and resources



For the latest announcements, as well as faculty, staff, student, and community resources related to the COVID_19 pandemic please visit the Pitt School of Social Work [website](#).

Faculty member talks about how to cope with social distancing



Professor Christina Newhill spoke to PittWire about the challenges faced by those struggling with mental illness in this difficult time. She also spoke with the *Pitt News* about how students can cope with the current disruptions. Read the [PittWire story](#) here and the [Pitt News article](#) here.

Continuing Education Director focusing on the future



Continuing Education Director and MSW alumna Molly Allwein talked to *Social Work Today* about the trends in CE, the changing workforce, and how Pitt Social Work is moving towards a more digital future. [Read more](#).

Alumna named human services director



MSW alumna Kimberly J. Rogers has been named the Washington County Human Services Director. In Washington County, the human services director oversees several agencies, including Children and Youth Services, Aging Services, Behavioral Health and Development Services and interfaces with independent organizations that deal with substance abuse and domestic violence. [Read more](#).

Alumnus gives to Pittsburgh's COVID-19 relief efforts



MSW alumnus Matt Galluzzo, president and chief executive of Riverlife, and his wife made a very personal donation to the Emergency Action Fund, housed at the Pittsburgh Foundation. Read their touching story in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#).

MSW alum offers mental health support during COVID-19 outbreak



MSW alumnus Julius Boatwright's organization Steel Smiling launched a free virtual weekly mental health and wellness program this week so that Pittsburghers can get the support they need during the COVID-19 outbreak. Read more about their efforts and how to join in the [City Paper](#).

MSW student pens letter to the editor



MSW student Nichole Sheets offers praise and recognition to the social workers, professors, and students who have dedicated their lives to making the world's better place. Read the letter in the [Tribune-Review](#).

Alumnus helps with food bank effort



Alumnus Bob Malys, product flow coordinator for the food bank who earned his master's degree in social work from Pitt, helped with the efforts at a food-distribution event put together by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Read more in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#).

Alumna profiled in Pittsburgh Magazine



MSW alumna Sharise Nance, founder of Vitamin C Healing spoke to *Pittsburgh Magazine* about her growing business and offered advice to other aspiring businesswoman. [Read here](#).

Nance also penned an article about tolerating anxiety in the midst of uncertainty. [Read Here](#).

No Upcoming Events at this time

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