Navigating the Helping Hand Website

This guide was created to assist students in navigating the Helping Hand website, so that they are able to properly utilize our college & career exploration resources. Explore this guide in order to learn about the comprehensive resources and tools that the Helping Hand website provides.

What does AOC's Helping Hand Offer?

AOC's Helping Hand is the College & Career Readiness division at the Academy of the Canyons. It provides resources for AOC students to discover and to engage with their academic passions. AOC's Helping Hand also collaborates with industry professionals and alumni students in order to deliver up-to-date advice and resources involving career path discovery and college admissions advice.

The Helping Hand website is a central hub for everything offered at the Academy, including resources for discovering your career path and networking with AOC alumni, as well as insightful tips on engaging with your academic pathway and getting ready for college.

Other helpful features on the Helping Hand website include: an AOC Newsroom to stay up-to-date with news around campus, a breakdown of each grade level, a database for COC courses organized by each pathway, and contact information for Senior Mentors on our campus.

Visit the website at www.aochelpinghand.org. To understand how to utilize the features discussed above, make sure to explore this guide.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any one of us at our emails below with your questions!

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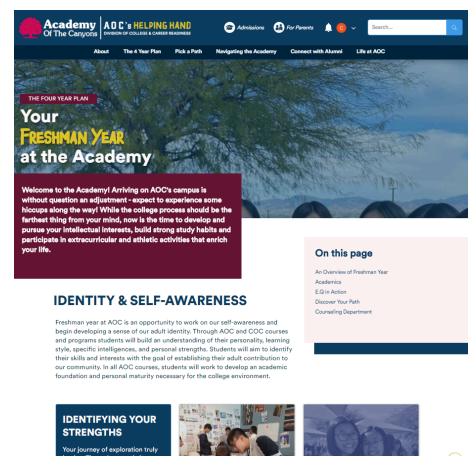
Exploring the 4 Year AOC Experience

Description: Students are able to view a breakdown for each grade level, including notable projects and central themes for the school year, student testimonies, SEL resources, and quick links for our career exploration tools, as well as the Counseling Department.

To Access from the Helping Hand homepage, follow these steps:



Step 1: Visit the AOC Helping Hand website. Then, hover over "The 4 Year Plan." Click on the grade level that you would like to explore. In this example, we will be exploring the "Freshman Year" Page.



Step 2: This is the first part of the home of the Freshman year page. Here, you will see an overview of what you can find on the page. Click on the categories under the title "On this page" to explore all of the page's content.

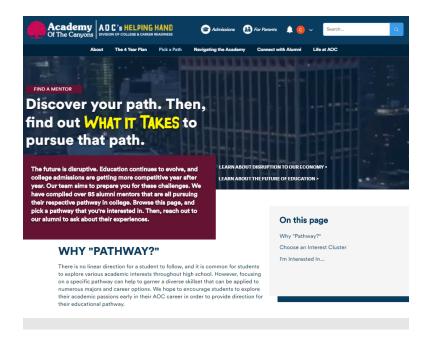
Discovering Your Academic Pathway

Description: Students are able to explore 9 different pathway pages, all of which contain specific interest clusters. Each one contains quick links for students to explore potential undergraduate degree programs that allow a student to pursue the interest cluster at a college or university. **Each pathway page also features 4-year ed-plans for COC and AOC Coursework, including potential Associate Degrees and Certifications.**

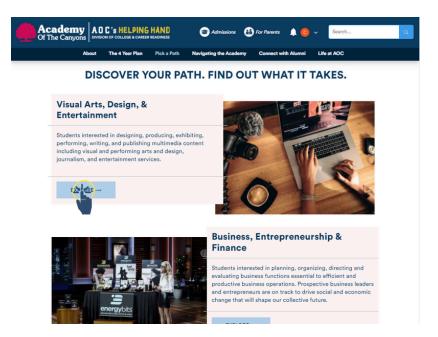
Follow the steps below to see all of the components offered on each pathway page. In this example, we will be examining the "Visual Arts, Design, & Entertainment" pathway page.



Step 1: Visit the AOC Helping Hand website. Then, hover over "Pick a Path." Click on the pathway page that you would like to explore. You can also click on "Pick a Path." In these directions, we will do so.



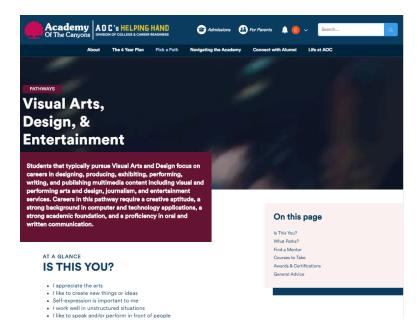
Step 2: On the "Pick a Path" page, you will see a thorough explanation on the importance of having a pathway in mind as you gear up for college.



Step 3: Keep scrolling down. Here, you will see links to all 9 pathway pages, as well as a description for the type of careers and interests featured on each page.



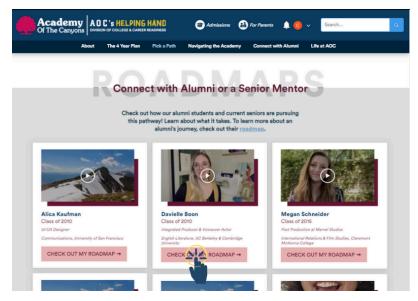
Step 4: If you're still not sure as to which pathway page to explore, continue scrolling down. You will find a grid of various interests that each lead to the appropriate pathway page.



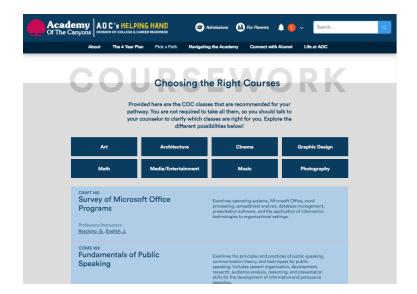
Step 5: Here, we've clicked on the "Visual Arts, Design, & Entertainment" pathway page. This initial portion of the page provides brief content discussing the type of student that pursues this pathway. You can also view an overview of what the page offers under the "On this page" header.



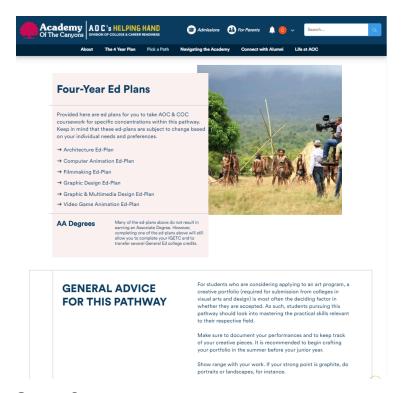
Step 6: Scroll down to the "What Paths?" section of the page. Here, you will see specific interest clusters within this pathway. We have provided information regarding specific careers, as well as links to relevant undergraduate programs!



Step 7: Scroll down to the "Roadmaps" section of the page. Here, you will see short videos from AOC alumni that are currently pursuing this pathway. **Note: You will see a placeholder video for alumni that have not submitted a video.** You can also access their "Roadmap" from this page.



Step 8: Scroll down to the "Coursework" section of the page. Here, you will see a list of available COC course offerings that support a student's pursuit of this pathway. You can filter by category by clicking the blue buttons shown in the picture above. For more clarity on taking courses relevant to your pathway, see the following step.



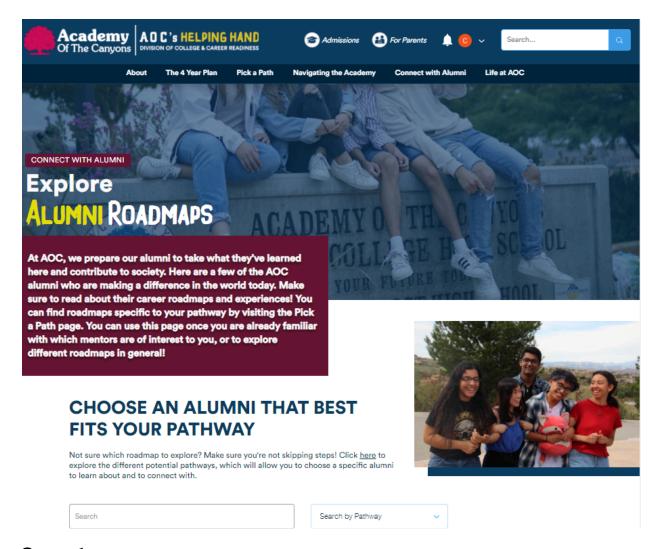
Step 9: Scroll down to the "Four-Year Ed Plans" section of the page. Here, you will see a list of ed plans for you to take AOC & COC coursework for specific concentrations within this pathway. Keep in mind that these ed-plans are subject to change based on your individual needs and preferences. Talk to your counselor for more information.

You will also find a section that contains general advice for a student pursuing this pathway. This section will continually update as more information becomes readily available.

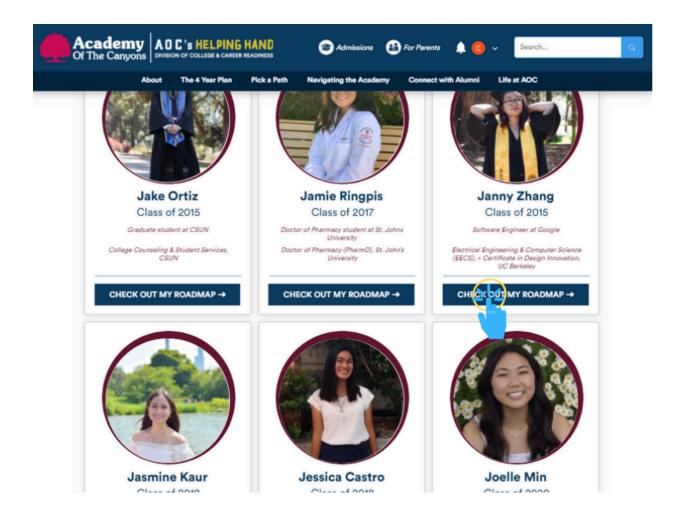
Connect with Alumni

Description: Listed on this page is a collection of Alumni "roadmaps" for you to browse through & to learn more about potential career paths. **An alumni roadmap includes their journey towards discovering and pursuing their career path.** This includes **the milestones towards pursuing their career/discovering their career path, notable career-related accomplishments, career plans,** as well as **advice for an AOC student looking to pursue their pathway.** Doing so can help you to connect with them and to further your career exploration throughout your AOC career.

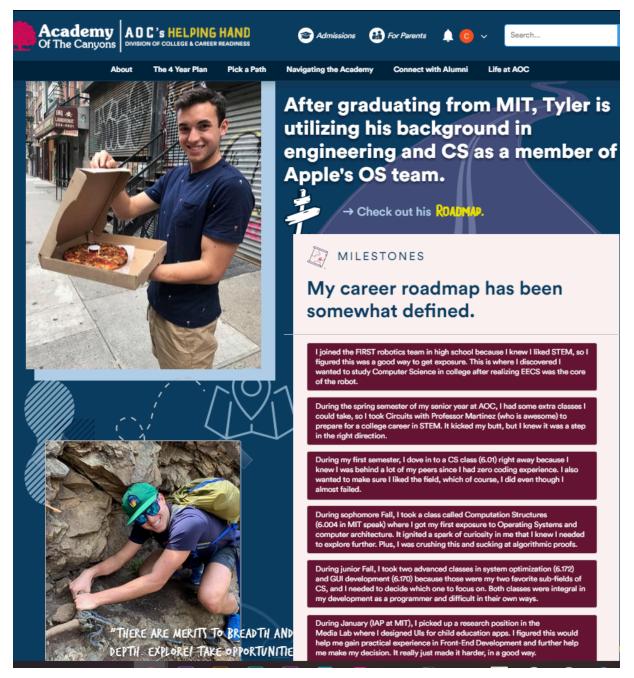
Follow the steps below to see all of the components offered on each alumni roadmap. In this example, we will be examining a roadmap submitted by Tyler Moroso, a 2015 AOC graduate, a 2020 MIT graduate, and a current member of Apple's Operating Software team.



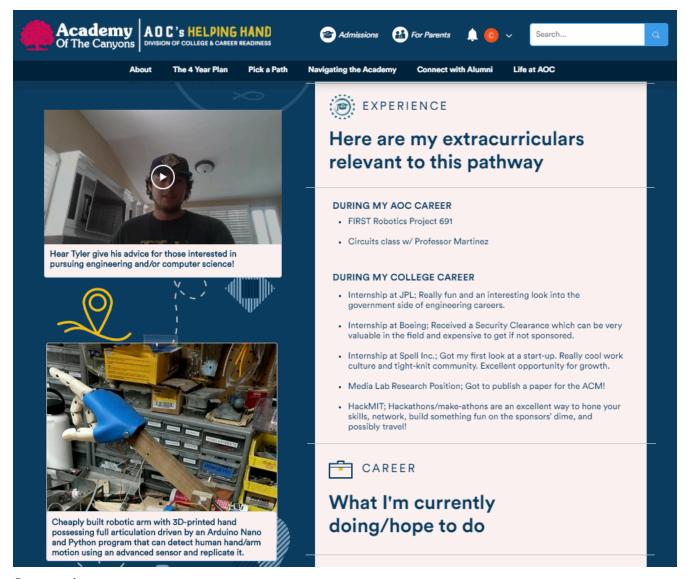
Step 1: Visit the AOC Helping Hand website. Then, hover over "**Connect with AOC Alumni.**" Browse through the alumni roadmaps you find interesting, or filter them out by your intended career interest. **In these directions, we will show you how to navigate an example roadmap.**



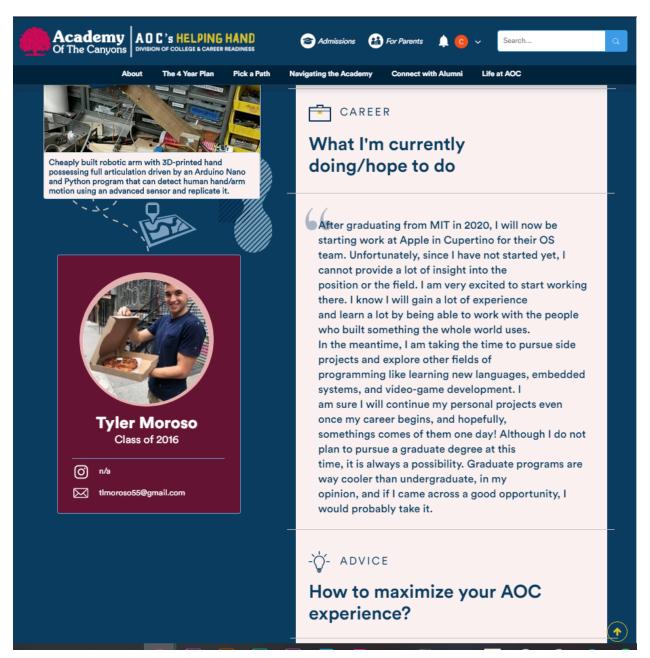
Step 2: Once you find someone interesting, simply hit the **Check out my Roadmap** button & you will load into a separate page for their roadmap.



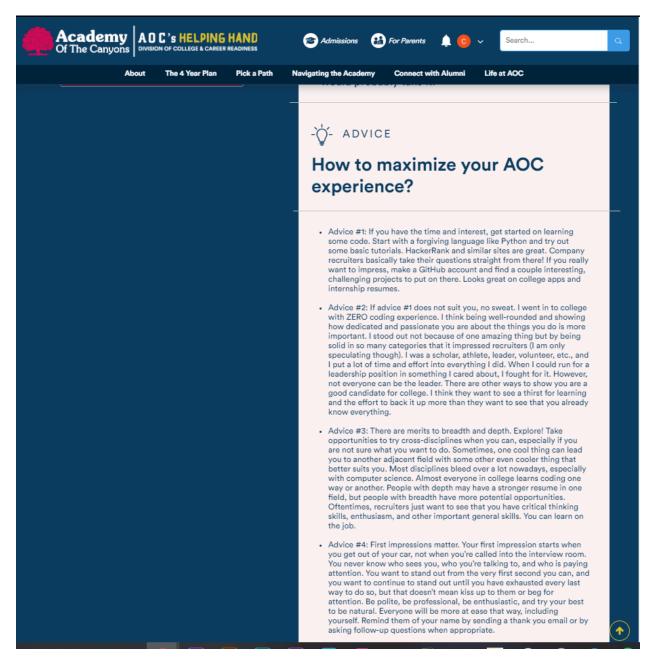
Step 3: Once the page loads, you will see a brief introduction to the **alumni**, where they went to school & their major, and **milestones** regarding key events in their lives that led them to the **path** that they are on.



Step 4: Scrolling down will allow you to view their extracurricular activities in high school & college. There is also a 1 minute video on the right with alumni giving advice for AOC students on how to pursue their interests (listed will also be pictures of them & cool projects they've engaged in!)



Step 5: Scrolling down even further, you'll find a brief overview regarding what they want to do in their career, & how they want to do so. Also listed will be their contact info, for you to reach out & ask questions about their specific story & path, or questions you have about you pursuing it!



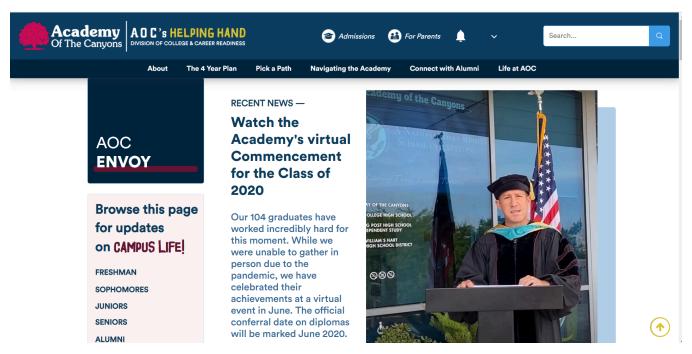
Step 6: Finally, when you reach the bottom, you will see advice given by the alumni regarding tips to help you maximize your time at AOC & in college.

By either clicking out at the bottom to review more roadmaps or going back to the central page, you will be able to view other roadmap clusters of your specific interests & needs! Have fun exploring!

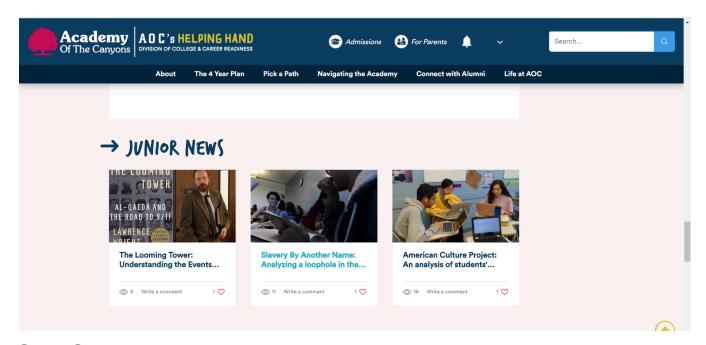
AOC Newsroom

Description: Listed on this page is a collection of AOC articles for you to browse through & read news stories about current events at AOC, spotlights on alumni & current students, and a showcase of projects & clubs.

Follow the steps below to see all of the articles that we are going to create in collaboration with Journalism Club; for this example, we will be looking at one of the junior year project articles.



Step 1: Visit the AOC Helping Hand website. Then, hover over "Life at AOC." Then choose an article that finds you interested in learning more about. In these directions, we will show you how to navigate an example roadmap.



Step 2: Scroll down until you see the title "Junior Year News" and click on the article that says "The Looming Tower: Understanding the Events Preceding the 9/11 Attack."



Step 3: Scrolling down the article, you can read the content within it, and once you finish, you will be able to go back to the hub of all the other articles and read the other articles.

Conclusion

This guide only includes step-by-step instructions for exploring the main components of our website. However, we encourage you to explore the several other aspects and features on our website, which include a database for browsing potential COC classes, a portal for scheduling tutoring sessions, and a section dedicated to documenting life on campus as well as student organizations. Feel free to explore the site at any time!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of our student leaders by email, or Mr. Koegle or Mr. Malkowski, our faculty advisors! Thank you for taking the time to go through this guide.

For further questions, contact our founders!

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