

Increasing Accessibility at Southern Oregon University

Ashland, OR

SCENARIO

Southern Oregon University (SOU) sought an inclusive, accessible, and scalable way to provide audible navigation assistance to students, employees, and visitors with sight impairments.

SOLUTION

SOU partnered with Sensible Innovations to install Aware™, a campus-wide wayfinding system. Sensible Innovations worked with SOU to map the campus, install 300 strategically placed proximity sensors, and train authorized staff on how to use the administrative portal.

Through Aware™, users receive audible announcements of rooms, landmarks, and services along the way. The app also notifies users about safety alerts, construction updates, classroom changes, and class cancellations.

RESULT

By delivering real-time information about campus surroundings, Aware™ helps members of the SOU community who are visually impaired achieve greater independence and inclusion and enjoy a more complete, enriched campus experience. SOU has been able to scale Aware with additional proximity sensors and continual updates of information and descriptions.

