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1. Pre-Enrollment Advising Appointments*

Fall enrollment begins March 27. Get your advising appointment in before the March rush! Sign up for an advising appointment NOW to have your hold lifted for Fall. You are now able to log on to your Student Center to view your online fall enrollment time.

All four advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley Hall. BRING YOUR ADVISING FOLDER WITH AN UPDATED PLAN TO YOUR MEETING. If you miss your appointment, you will need to reschedule for AFTER March 27.

2. New PeopleSoft Feature: Schedule Planner

Schedule Planner is a class scheduling tool that will provide students with an enhanced registration experience by helping to automate and simplify the schedule generation process. With this tool, students can load courses that they need to take into their Schedule Planner and generate all possible schedule combinations based on their course selections. Students can narrow down the results by using filters or by adding custom breaks to schedule around obligations such as work, sports, or personal time.

More info: [http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/schedule_planner.html](http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/schedule_planner.html)

3. Are you currently abroad?

Need to get your hold lifted because you are out of the country?

To get your advising hold lifted, email an advisor the following:
- Name
- PeopleSoft #
- All classes you plan for summer and/or fall (department code + 4-digit catalog number)
- Email subject line: Advising from Abroad – (Your first and last name)

4. Monitored Withdrawal – deadline Mar 15

March 15 is the deadline for students to withdraw from an undergraduate course in the Dietrich School without penalty or credit. This will show up as a “W” on your transcript.

Have questions about withdrawing from a class? Reach out to an advisor.

5. Spring Final Exam Conflict Form – deadline Mar 15

Please check the schedule for your spring term final exams. If you have three or more final exams in one day, you may request an alternate final exam time.
Instructions & forms can be found here: [http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2174_EXAMS.pdf](http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2174_EXAMS.pdf)

6. April Senior Recognition Ceremony

More info to come: [http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony](http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony)

Seniors who have applied for April graduation are already on our senior mailing list.

If you are graduating in **August 2017 or December 2017** and want to attend the Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony (happens only once a year), e-mail an advisor to get on the senior mailing list.

7. Graduating in August 2017?

Pick up and return a free graduation application in 140 Thackeray between February 13 and March 17!

8. Yinzling Language Fair – Feb 22, 12-3pm, WPU Ballroom

Yinzling, the Pitt Undergraduate Linguistics Club, is hosting their language fair on Wednesday. This an opportunity for students to find all Pitt languages represented in one place, with faculty and students who can tell them more about them. UCIS reps should be there as well, showing students ways to package their language study with certificates and get some funding to study abroad.

9. Learn more: Pitt Genetic Counseling Program – Feb 23, 7:30pm, 315 Clapp

Host: Pitt Genetic Counseling Club
Presenter: Andrea Durst, Pitt Public Health, Assistant Director, Genetic Counseling Program

Dr. Andrea Durst, the Assistant Director for the University of Pittsburgh Genetic Counseling Graduate Program, will be presenting information about Public Health and its relation to genetic counseling.

10. OUR Undergrad Mentor Application – deadline Feb 24

The Undergraduate Mentor program is a peer-to-peer mentoring program where motivated undergraduates share their research and scholarly endeavors with the general student body, faculty members, and First Experiences in Research students.

More info & application: [http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/ums](http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/ums)

11. Never A Spectator Event – deadline Feb 24

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, The Elsie Hillman Civic Forum will host their second annual campus-wide student program titled “Never a Spectator”. Students will join regional visionaries for an intimate evening and dinner reception devoted to sharing a vision for public service, inspiring action, and developing the pipeline of leadership needed to foster sustainable growth and regional transformation as Pittsburgh continues to evolve as one of America’s premier cities. The goal of this special event is to connect students with Pittsburgh leaders who saw a need in their community and developed an organization to meet that need.
12. Free MCAT/LSAT Practice Test – deadline Feb 25

For those of you who are considering law school or medical school, Kaplan and the Pitt Career Services office are offering free practice tests on campus, as well as various live online options. Experience the exam under proctored conditions, receive a detailed score analysis, and learn exclusive strategies to improve your score!

**When & Where:** Saturday, February 25th, 2017 (David Lawrence Hall)


**Cannot attend on 2/25?** Take a free live online Kaplan quiz or practice test and help a student in need: [http://ktp.events/UniversityofPittsburgh](http://ktp.events/UniversityofPittsburgh)

13. Gelfand Lecture: Regenerative Med “Can We Make a Difference?” – Feb 25, 1pm, Auditorium 5 Scaife Hall

Host: Phi Delta Epsilon, Pre-Medical Fraternity
Speaker: Dr. Stephen Badylak, DVM, PhD, MD

The Deputy Director of the McGowan Institute of Regenerative Medicine, Dr. Badylak will be giving a talk about his research on regenerative medicine and tissue engineering. Featured on major news sources such as 60 minutes and CNN, Dr. Badylak is revered for his breakthrough findings regarding the regenerative properties of pig extracellular matrix as it applies to medical procedures in humans.

Link to Facebook event: [http://tinyurl.com/PhiDEGelfand2017](http://tinyurl.com/PhiDEGelfand2017)

14. Pitt College of General Studies Open House – Mar 16, 4:30-7pm, 1400 Posvar

Learn more about what the College of General Studies has to offer. You will find more information on majors, minors, and certificate programs, financial aid options, internship and employment opportunities, and more!

More info & RSVP: [http://www.cgs.pitt.edu/OpenHouse](http://www.cgs.pitt.edu/OpenHouse)

15. Harbor Branch: Marine Science Intern Program – deadline Mar 1

For an immersion in a marine science or technology internship, apply to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University Summer Internship Program. Open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students, the 10-week program is designed to provide hands-on experience in a research environment.


16. Monmouth Univ: Summer Research – deadline Mar 1

The Monmouth University School of Science - SRP is a 12-week research experience for students to
work on collaborative research projects under the supervision of School of Science faculty and staff. More info & apply: [https://www.monmouth.edu/school-of-science/summer-research-program.aspx](https://www.monmouth.edu/school-of-science/summer-research-program.aspx)

17. **Ohio State: Plant Pathology Internship – deadline Mar 17**

In the Summer Research Internship in Plant Pathology (SRIPP) program, internships may involve laboratory and/or field based research, depending on the project. Interns can also participate in field trips, seminars and workshops, career and graduate study sessions, and various research forums on and off-campus. At the end of the internship, students will give presentations on their research experiences.

More info & apply: [https://plantpath.osu.edu/internships](https://plantpath.osu.edu/internships)

18. **Rocky Mtn Conservancy: Conservation Corps – deadline Mar 17**

Conservation Corps provides a unique experience for students, especially those interested in natural resource conservation, biology, natural history, and environmental science. For eleven weeks, RMC-CC crews work side by side with park and forest service teams in Rocky Mountain National Park and National Forests constructing and maintaining trails, restoring historic buildings and learning from expert park and forest managers.


19. **UHC Scholarship Resources**

The University Honors College has scholarship resources. There is also a monthly newsletter you can subscribe to and receive announcements on scholarships and upcoming deadlines!


20. **Brackenridge Summer Research Fellowship – deadline Feb 27**

The Summer Brackenridge Fellowship Program is a University Honors College Program open to all full-time undergraduate students on the Oakland campus. Applicants submit a 2-3 page proposal describing the objective(s), importance, scope, and methodology of their project, which may be analytic or creative. Proposals in the Humanities and Social Science are especially encouraged. Brackenridge Fellows receive a stipend of $3,500 for the summer (mid-May through July) to assure that they can devote themselves full-time to their projects and the associated responsibilities without having to support themselves by means of a summer job. Fellows may not take a summer course or hold a summer job. Approximately 40 to 45 awards will be made.

More info: [http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/summer-brackenridge-fellowships](http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/summer-brackenridge-fellowships)

Have questions? Reach out to the University Honors College

21. **Health Sciences Summer Research Fellowship – deadline Feb 27**

The Honors College - Health Sciences (HCHS) Summer Research Fellowship Program is intended for full-time Pitt undergraduate students on the Oakland campus who are currently engaged in
biomedical research and plan to pursue a career in one of the health-related fields. HCHS Fellowship recipients receive a stipend of $3,500 for the summer term to enable them to dedicate themselves full-time to conducting an independent research project under the mentorship of faculty members in any of the six University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Schools (Dental Medicine, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Health and Rehabilitation Sciences). Fellows may not take a summer course or work a summer job.

More info: [http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/hchs-summer-research-fellowships](http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/hchs-summer-research-fellowships)
Have questions? Reach out to the University Honors College

22. OUR Summer Undergrad Research Award – deadline Mar 3

The Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR) will offer 20 Summer Undergraduate Research Awards, each carrying a stipend of $3,500.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Awards (SURA) provide a $3,500 stipend to conduct independent research over the course of the summer. SURA recipients also enroll in a 12-week summer SURA course to learn how to communicate their research findings to a general audience.

More info & apply: [http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/our-semester-awards](http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/our-semester-awards)

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2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5
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