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1. Advising Meetings, Spring Enrollment Prep

**WE ARE FILLING UP!**

Enrollment begins on October 30! If you have not already done so, stop in and sign up for your advising meeting now! Use the appointment sheets in A258 Langley. *New Declares need to attend a group advising meeting first.*

Advising meetings will take about 30 minutes. **Please bring your blue advising folder to your scheduled meeting.**

2. Spring Enrollment Appointments & Courses Now Viewable

- Students can view their enrollment appointment date and time by logging into my.pitt.edu, click on Student Center Login, click on Self Service, and then click on Student Center.
  - Your enrollment appointment will be listed within the box that says “Enrollment Dates”.
  - You can also verify to see what holds you may have on your account.
- Courses and schedule planner for spring are accessible in PeopleSoft.
- Course Descriptions has been updated for 2184: [http://www.courses.as.pitt.edu/](http://www.courses.as.pitt.edu/)

3. Final Exam Conflict Accommodation – deadline Oct 27

The final exam period for daytime undergraduate students for the Fall 2181 Term begins on Monday, December 11, 2017 and ends on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

If you have three or more final exams in one day, you may request an alternate final exam time. If you are not able to work out an alternate time with your instructor, fill out the Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Form, and return it to G-2 Thackeray Hall by the monitored withdrawal date Friday, October 27, 2017.

Final Exam Schedules & Information: [http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2181_EXAMS.pdf](http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2181_EXAMS.pdf)


Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Form: [http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/Final_Exam_Conflict_Accommodation/Form.pdf](http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/Final_Exam_Conflict_Accommodation/Form.pdf)


After the add/drop period has ended, students may withdraw from a course by completing a Monitored Withdrawal Request form in 140 Thackeray.

A W grade will be assigned for the course. A W grade does not impact a student’s GPA. Withdrawing from a course does not adjust a student’s tuition or fee obligations. However, withdrawing from a course may jeopardize satisfactory academic progress, financial aid, and athletic eligibility.

5. Walk-In Resume/CV Feedback with Ellen
Ellen will be holding walk-in hours in for resume/CV feedback on Thursdays. Bring a copy of your resume/CV if you want to review it with her!

**Where:** A257 Langley  
**When:** Every Thursday from 10:30-11:30am

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6. **Bio Advising is on Social Media!**

In addition to newsletter items, want to stay up to date with bio advising news/shares and other happenings around campus? Follow us on social media!

@PittBioAdv  
FB: [https://www.facebook.com/pittbioadv/](https://www.facebook.com/pittbioadv/)  
Twitter: [https://twitter.com/PittBioAdv](https://twitter.com/PittBioAdv)  
Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/pittbioadv/](https://www.instagram.com/pittbioadv/)

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7. **Volunteers Needed for Majors and Minors Expo & Peer Mentoring**

The Majors & Minors Expo is Wednesday, Oct 18 at 11am-3pm in the WPU.

We are looking for BIO major volunteers to speak with students who want to learn more about our majors at the Majors and Minors Expo.

We are also soliciting junior and senior students who might be interested in joining our new for-credit peer mentoring team! Peer mentors will meet with underclass-students in their major and give advice on class selection, study habits, and extracurricular activities as well as participating in other community building experiences.

Interested in either opportunity? Let us know! Survey: [https://goo.gl/ukGcxJ](https://goo.gl/ukGcxJ)

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8. **October Mental Health Awareness Month**

October is Mental Health Awareness Month. Check out some of these upcoming events below!

**Tuesday, Oct 10**  
- Stories Untold Gallery Opening Reception – 5-7pm, WPU Art Gallery  
- The Haze, a play by Heather Marlowe – 7:30-9pm, Frick Fine Arts Aud

**Monday, Oct 16**  
- Diversity and Mental Health Round Tables – 5-6pm, WPU Dining Rm A

More info: [https://www.facebook.com/events/246285955896727/](https://www.facebook.com/events/246285955896727/)

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9. **Office of Undergrad Research Opportunities**

The Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR) will:

- Offer 10 Archival Scholars Research Awards, in partnership with the University Library System (ULS), each carrying a stipend of $1,000.  
- Offer Borders & Belonging: London Field Studies program.  
- Offer Experimental Cities: New York City Field Studies program.

More info: [https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/research](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/research)

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10. **Forbes & Fifth Call for Submission – deadline Oct 13**
Want to be Published? *Forbes & Fifth*, the undergraduate journal of the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, is seeking submissions for its 11th volume, fall 2017. Submissions will be accepted from all schools and disciplines and from any accredited undergraduate university in the world.

Both scholarly and creative work will be considered. Recent topics have included adventure games, architecture, political diagnoses, contemporary cinema, creative writing pieces, and art submissions such as photography and screen prints.

More info & submit: [http://www.forbes5.pitt.edu/submit](http://www.forbes5.pitt.edu/submit)

11. **How to Succeed in the Science Workshop – Oct 16, 4-5pm, A219B Langley**

Emily Marshman, PhD, faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy with a background in researching how to improve content and pedagogical content knowledge, is visiting to deliver tips and strategies for enhancing your science course grades.

The How to Succeed in the Sciences workshop helps participants understand the study skills necessary to do well in science courses. This workshop will discuss basic strategies and time commitment needed in order to be a successful student in the sciences. If you are trying to improve your study skills and course grades with more efficiency and effectiveness, come hear Emily’s advice!

Register here: [https://goo.gl/CZNMSS](https://goo.gl/CZNMSS)

12. **Pitt Innovation Showcase – Oct 18, 4-7pm, Alumni Hall**

The Pitt Innovation Showcase is your opportunity to see, firsthand, the exciting technologies being developed and moved toward commercialization at Pitt. It is also the opening reception for Science 2017.

Please stop by Alumni Hall on Wednesday, October 18, from 4-7 p.m. to network with Pitt Innovators, investors, entrepreneurs, and members of the regional startup community.

More info & register: [http://go.innovation.pitt.edu/showcase_science_2017_register](http://go.innovation.pitt.edu/showcase_science_2017_register)

13. **AMSA Research Fair Poster/Talk Submission – deadline Oct 20**

Interested in presenting your research? The 1st Annual AMSA Research Fair will be held on Friday, November 10 from 4-6pm in the O'Hara Student Center. One room of the O'Hara Student Center will contain poster presentations, and the other room will host scheduled presentations. Undergraduates may sign up to present research via poster or short talk. Abstracts are due by Friday, October 20 at 11:59pm.


14. **Counseling Skills Workshops**

Pitt’s Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program will be hosting two clinical skills workshops for undergraduate students this fall. Students who participate will gain some clinical counseling skills, learn about the profession of counseling and see what the Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling graduate program here at Pitt has to offer.

The workshops are:

**Delivering Difficult News**
Friday, October 13th @ 1-4

**Positive Psychology**
Saturday, November 18th @ 11-2

Register: [https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FEhOvDNaB57749](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FEhOvDNaB57749)
15. The Woodlands: Healthcare Student Employment

The Woodlands, a Wexford-area nonprofit providing retreat and respite services for individuals experiencing disability and chronic illness, is currently seeking motivated and passionate students to immediately fill open weekend positions supporting our participants in all aspects of their time with us on a 52-acre, barrier-free campus. These employment opportunities are scheduled on weekends, Fridays at 4pm through Sundays at 12pm (overnight Friday and Saturday evenings) with housing and meals provided.

Open positions:
- **Counselors**: perfect for aspiring, educators, therapists and trainers, social workers, and counselors, role
- **Healthcare Associates**: geared towards future nurses, doctors, medical technicians, and physician assistants.

Counselors earn $64/day; healthcare associates $75. Weekend staff members work directly with participants of all ages, adapting PT, RT, and OT-based activities, engaging in direct, holistic personal care, and practicing both individual and group instruction.

If you are interested, apply by sending a resume and completed employment application to Patrick Joyal pjoyal@woodlandsfoundation.org. Note that interviews are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, and these positions, once filled, will not typically re-open for a semester or longer. Those interested should reach out with application materials as soon as possible.

More info: [http://mywoodlands.org/](http://mywoodlands.org/)

16. Learn about Pitt’s Genetic Counseling Program – Oct 17, 8pm, 310 WPU

Want to learn more about the field of genetic counseling?

The Genetic Counseling Club will be having Andrea Durst, the assistant director of Pitt’s Genetic Counseling Graduate Program, as a guest speaker on Oct. 17th at 8pm in 310 WPU.

17. Abington Pre Med Summer Program – deadline Dec 15

Abington Jefferson Health offers a Pre-Med Program, which spans eight weeks from June to July, allows students considering a career in medicine to gain first-hand experience in the health care field.

Students are also offered lectures and panels hosted by hospital staff, bonus “pop-up” lectures, and invitations to several hospital conferences and rounds. Altogether, students will work with physicians, physician assistants, residents, and various other advanced practice professionals and staff members of our hospital.

More info & apply: [http://www.abingtonhealth.org/JoinOurTeam/volunteer/pre-med-program/#.Wb_e3NOGOi5](http://www.abingtonhealth.org/JoinOurTeam/volunteer/pre-med-program/#.Wb_e3NOGOi5)

18. Pitt Graduate Schools Fair – Oct 26, 4-6pm, WPU

University of Pittsburgh Graduate and Professional Schools will be in attendance including the Schools of:

- **Business**
- **Computing & Information**
- **Education**
- **Engineering**
- **Health and Rehabilitation Sciences**
- **Medicine - Graduate Studies**
- **Nursing**
19. Harvard: PhD in Bio in Public Health – deadline Dec 1

PhD Program in Biological Sciences in Public Health (BPH) at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. BPH trains students in individual fields of biological research with a focus on understanding, preventing and treating diseases affecting large populations.

All students admitted into this highly competitive training program are provided full tuition, health insurance and stipend support. Our graduates have pursued successful careers in academia, industry, government, consulting, community health and more, and presently hold distinguished positions in each of these arenas. **The application deadline for the 2018-19 Academic Year is December 1, 2017.**


20. Summer Study Abroad Scholarship Info Sessions

Looking to study abroad and want to learn about scholarships that may be available? Attend one of the info sessions below:

- Wed, Oct 11 @ 1-2pm in Cathedral 501
- Fri, Oct 13 @ 2:30-3:30pm in Cathedral 304
- Thurs, Oct 19 @ 12-1pm in Cathedral 501
- Fri, Oct 27 @ 2:30-3:30pm in Cathedral 304

21. Chancellor’s Undergrad Research Fellowship (Spring) – deadline Oct 13

The Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Fellowship is intended to support student involvement in independent research under the direction of a faculty mentor. Up to ten $800 fellowships, administered by the University Honors College (UHC), are offered to encourage the enrichment of the students' experience in defining objectives and selecting methodologies appropriate to original research in their chosen field of study.

The fellowship application for the spring term is available.

More info & application: [http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/curf](http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/curf)

22. Browne Leadership Fellows Program – deadline Oct 27

The Browne Leadership Fellows Program is an interdisciplinary fellowship aimed at preparing students to be engaged civic leaders working for economic and social justice.

The fellows program in social work reflects our mission: to advocate for social policies and resources to meet basic human needs; to create accessible, responsible, and accountable human service programs; and to deliver quality services to those in need of support.

The program begins in the spring term. Fellows will attend monthly 1-credit seminar (in January, February, March, and April) at which they will be mentored by local public leaders, learn theories of social work and community organizing, and begin to learn the skills needed for social change. The summer term will focus on community service and action projects.
The culmination of the fellowship is a formal poster presentation both in the community and to the University.

Students will receive a generous stipend in the amount of $3,000 for the summer term (12 weeks) along with one credit for the spring term.

More info & application: [http://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/academics/bachelor-arts-social-work-basw/browne-leadership-fellows-program](http://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/academics/bachelor-arts-social-work-basw/browne-leadership-fellows-program)

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### 23. DAAD Undergrad Program Info Session – Oct 30, 5pm, 35th Floor Cathedral

DAAD provides opportunities for undergraduates to go to Germany to study, perform summer research, learn the German language, and more. U.S. citizenship is NOT required. Deadlines run between December 1, 2017 and late-January 2018, depending on program.

More info: [https://goo.gl/vGu5sV](https://goo.gl/vGu5sV)

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### 24. SMART Scholarship – deadline Dec 11

A full–tuition scholarship for a woman in science, technology, engineering, or math. Funded by Cards Against Humanity.

More info & application: [http://www.scienceambassadorexchange.org/](http://www.scienceambassadorexchange.org/)

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### 25. Science Ambassador Scholarship – deadline Dec 11

A full–tuition scholarship for a woman in science, technology, engineering, or math. Funded by Cards Against Humanity.

More info & application: [http://www.scienceambassadorexchange.org/](http://www.scienceambassadorexchange.org/)

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**Biology Club**

Fall Meeting Dates: 10/17, 11/14, 11/28
Meeting Time & Location: 8pm in 302 Cathedral
[www.facebook.com/groups/upittbiologyclub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/upittbiologyclub)
upittbiologyclub@gmail.com

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**Birding and Ornithology Club**

[www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538/)
pittbirdingclub@gmail.com

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**Dental Science Club**

Fall Meeting Dates: 10/23, 11/6, 12/4
Meeting Time & Location: 8pm in 528 WPU
[www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub)
IG: @pittdentalscienceclub
pittdentclub@gmail.com

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**Ecology Club**

Fall Meeting Dates: Alternate Mondays
Meeting Time & Location: 9pm in 204 Cathedral
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/659750684140193/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/659750684140193/)
ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com
Genetic Counseling Club
Fall Meeting Dates: 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 11/28
Meeting Time & Location: 8pm in 310 WPU
https://www.facebook.com/groups/geneticcounselingclub/
pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com

Global Brigades
Fall Meeting Dates: 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/2
Meeting Time & Location: 7pm in G8 Cathedral
https://www.facebook.com/PittGB
http://pittglobalbrigades.weebly.com/
pitt@globalbrigades.org

HOSA
Fall Meeting Dates: Alternate Mondays (Check Facebook)
https://www.facebook.com/pitthosa/
pitthosa@gmail.com

POMS
Fall Meeting Dates: Every Friday
Meeting Time & Location: 5:30pm in 324 Cathedral
http://www.poms.us
https://www.facebook.com/groups/pomspitt/
pomspitt@gmail.com

Pre-PA Club
Fall Meeting Dates: 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/29 (in 837 WPU), 12/6
Meeting Time & Location: 9pm in G8 Cathedral
https://www.facebook.com/groups/523230964458833/
pittppaa@gmail.com

Pre-Vet Club
Fall Meeting Dates: 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30
Meeting Time & Location: 9pm in Langley Lobby
https://www.facebook.com/groups/441907539257843/
pittprevet@gmail.com

Tri-Beta, Biological Honors Society
Fall Meeting Dates: 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 11/30
Meeting Time & Location: 7pm in 527 WPU
http://pitttribeta.weebly.com/
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