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Biology Advising Newsletter 10/21/2015

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*** **DETAILS** *** **DETAILS** ***

1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

We are filling up! If you haven't already, sign up for your advising meeting now! Use the appointment sheets in A258 Langley.

PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent missing your appointment.
If you miss an appointment, you need to reschedule AFTER October 26.

Even though the Advising Office is currently short-staffed, we want to serve each of you as you prepare for spring registration.

So, a few advising options this semester:

1) Double-majors

If you feel comfortable meeting with your other major's advisors to get your spring Advising Hold lifted, we would appreciate it. New Declares, please still come see us this semester.

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2) Standard 30-minute appointments with Christine Berliner, Ellen Kelsey, Suzanna Gribble, or Malorie Oke

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Please use the appointment sheets in A258 Langley Hall.

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3) Short 20-minute evening appointments with Christine

Only Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. YOU MUST BE PREPARED for these appointments. If you sign up for one then bring all your advising materials and a good grip on your plans!

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2. Are you currently abroad?

To get your advising hold lifted, email us the following:

- name
- PeopleSoft #
- All classes you plan for spring (department code + 4-digit catalog number)
- Email subject line: Advising from Abroad (Your first and last name)

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3. Final Exams, Resolving Schedule Conflicts - deadline Oct 23

If you have THREE FINALS on the SAME DAY (or 24 hour period), you should work with your professors to see if one can accommodate you.

1. Complete an Exam Conflict Accommodation Form, on which The Registrar confirms that you have 3 finals on the same day (link below). <http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/courseclass.html#collapseOne>
2. Take this form to your professors to see if any one can accommodate you.
3. If no professor will move your exam, then the Registrar will select which exam is to be moved.

If you need the Registrar's help, you must have completed the form and contacted all your professors first!

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4. Monitored Withdrawal Deadline - Oct 30; 140 Thackeray

The Monitored Withdrawal form required to withdraw from a class is ONLY available in 140 Thackeray. No permission is necessary if the form is turned in before the deadline. If you withdraw from a class the grade "W" will be recorded on your term grades and transcript for that class."W" grades do not count toward a student's degree, grade point average, or academic progress for purposes of financial aid eligibility. There is no tuition adjustment associated with a class withdrawal.

After the Oct 30 Deadline, you can only file an "Appeal for Late Withdrawal." The A&S Undergraduate Deans will decide whether to grant it. You need a really good reason to justify a late withdrawal.

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5. Spring Term (2164) Enrollment Dates

- Oct 1 PeopleSoft Self-Enroll: date & time of your online "enrollment appointment" viewable in Student Center.
- Oct 12 PeopleSoft "Class Search" for Spring available to students
- Oct 14 Course Descriptions (courses.as.pitt.edu) viewable to students
- Oct 23 Veteran's enrollment appointments begin
- Oct 26 First day of 2164 enrollment appointments
- Nov 6 Last day of 2164 enrollment appointments
- Nov 7 Open enrollment for 2164

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK October 20-23

Acts of Kindness - Oct 21

An all-day contest on social media! #StomPittOut

Mental Health First Aid - Oct 21, 8pm-10pm, Meet in Cathedral Commons Room

Stomp Out the Stigma - Oct 22, Noon-2pm, WPU Patio

Paul Jones (Mental Health Activist) - Oct 22, 6:30-8pm, O'Hara Ballroom

Stress Free Fair - Oct 23, 5-7pm, Cathedral Lawn

Candlelight Vigil - Oct 23, 7pm, Cathedral Lawn by the flagpole

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7. Academic Workshops

- Learning Styles & Test Preparation - Oct 23, 2pm-3pm
- Study Smarter, Not Harder - Oct 28, 6pm-7pm

Free, but seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

Reserve your seat: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/arc/study-skills-workshops-and-consultations>

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Volunteer: Carnegie Science Center Spring Internship - deadline Nov 1

The Internship Program at Carnegie Science Center seeks highly motivated college students with a passion for learning. Each intern will be provided with the opportunity to be creative, apply classroom studies in a practical application, and to develop personally and professionally.

A minimum requirement of 120 hours is needed to complete an internship. All internships are unpaid. Upon acceptance into the program, all interns must have their Child Abuse and Pennsylvania State Police clearances and may require an FBI fingerprint check.

Candidates can have any of the following skills: Math/Science Instruction, History, Theater Arts, STEM, Animal Care/Handling, Marketing & Communications

List of internships available this spring & application details: <http://carnegiesciencecenter.org/join/internships-list/>

Applications due November 1.

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Pitt's School of Education Open House - Oct 24, 10am-noon

Pitt's School of Education is changing schools, communities, and lives. Be a part of it.

Event begins in the Frick Fine Arts Building and program-specific breakout sessions to follow in Wesley W. Posvar Hall

RSVP at: www.education.pitt.edu/openhouse

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BIOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays, 8:30pm

10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1

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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Wednesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU

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OPTOMETRY CLUB
pittoptclub@gmail.com

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PANTHER CURE FINDER

questions: MNW17@pitt.edu

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PITT OUTDOORS CLUB

<https://www.facebook.com/PittOutdoorsClub>
<http://pittoutdoors.blogspot.com/>

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POMS

Premedical Organization for Minority Students

www.poms.us
pomspitt@gmail.com
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Thursdays, 7:30pm, Langley Hall

9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3

pittprevet@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441907539257843/>

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TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays in Langley A224

9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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Until next week,

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