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## Biology Advising Newsletter 10/27/2015

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### 1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

Enrollment for spring classes started this week! If you haven't already, sign up for your advising meeting now!

Use the appointment sheets on the counter in A258 Langley Hall.

**We can lift your academic hold even if you have a financial hold, please come see us!**

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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. Welcome our new Advisor - Kevin Wu

We are excited to have our new Academic Advisor, Kevin Wu, on board with us! Kevin is an alumnus of the Pitt Department of Biological Sciences and the Pitt School of Education. Kevin will be available to work with any

Department of Biological Sciences and the Pitt School of Education. Kevin will be available to work with any student, but if you are interested in a career in education please take advantage of his years of experience in secondary education.

Stop by and say "hi" if you're in the building and have a some extra time!

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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 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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#### **6. Academic Workshops**

- Study Smarter, Not Harder - Oct 28, 6pm-7pm
- Overcoming Procrastination - Nov 11, 10am-11am
- Overcoming Procrastination - Nov 11, 1pm-2pm
- Overcoming Procrastination - Nov 11, 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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#### **7. David C. Frederick Public Service Internship info session - Oct 28, 1pm, 35th floor CL**

This past summer, five students did unpaid summer internships with different nonprofits and government organizations and received stipends through the David D. Frederick Public Service Internship Award--and the committee is now looking for students to be recipients of this award for Summer 2016. These info sessions will feature very brief presentations of what other Frederick award recipients have done with the funding, and will engage attendees in thinking about how they can apply to this great award and what types of public service internships this fellowship makes possible.

Example projects:

*Urban Agriculture Policy at Pittsburgh Councilman Corey O'Connor's Office, Julie Dostal*

*Nepali Girl's Education at Rukmini Foundation, Harinee Suthakar*

*Women's Health at the Women's Law Project, Emily Szopinski*

The best part about this fellowship is that students who are selected will get assistance in locating and securing top-flight internship opportunities for Summer 2016--my office and the honors college will work with all recipients to get them placed in great spots. Students need only have a passion for public service and a willingness to intern over the Summer of 2016. Note that the deadline is fast approaching (11/3/15) so students should attend the info session if at all possible. If students have any questions they can e-mail me at [anl7@pitt.edu](mailto:anl7@pitt.edu).

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#### **8. Graduate School Fair - Nov 5, 11am-2pm, WPU**

Meet with representatives from over 40 graduate schools from across the country. Sponsored by Kaplan. First 100 students get a free Pitt t-shirt! Also featuring snacks and giveaways.

Check out the list of schools attending: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/graduatefair>

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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**  
[pittecologyclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittecologyclub@gmail.com)

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**OPTOMETRY CLUB**  
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**PANTHER CURE FINDER**

questions: [MNW17@pitt.edu](mailto:MNW17@pitt.edu)

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Premedical Organization for Minority Students  
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[pomspitt@gmail.com](mailto: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  
  
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**TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays in Langley A224**  
9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10  
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