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1. Pre-Enrollment Advising Appointments*

Summer enrollment has begun. If you are still planning on taking summer classes and have not yet had your summer hold lifted, please make an appointment to meet with an advisor.

Fall enrollment begins March 27. Our advising appointment sheets are filling up! 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.

***New Declares MUST attend a Group Advising Meeting before signing up for an individual advising appointment.**

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2. 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.

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3. 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

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4. April Senior Recognition Ceremony

More info to come: <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.

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5. Graduating in August 2017?

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

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6. Pitt 2nd Degree BSN Deadline Extended

The application deadline for Summer 2017 admission to the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN has been extended. Senior baccalaureate students may submit the application while finishing the prerequisites.

All applications will be reviewed without official GRE scores

- Admitted students are required to submit official GRE scores before beginning the first term of the program.
- If admitted, the School of Nursing will provide a voucher or reimburse the GRE exam fee after the student's enrollment deposit is received.
- The offer of admission will not be rescinded based on the admitted student's GRE

More info: <http://www.nursing.pitt.edu/degree-programs/accelerated-2nd-degree-bsn>

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7. Marshall Univ.: PhD Biomed Sci Deadline Extended

Marshall's biomedical research takes an interdisciplinary approach and focuses on health concerns of clinical significance on a global scale, with particular attention given to the Appalachian region. The primary goal through biomedical sciences is to use a translational research approach to help reduce the numerous health disparities of the Appalachian patient population and to improve health outcomes for our region.

More info & apply: <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/research/phd>

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8. Ohio State: PostBac Research Program – deadline Apr 1

The Discovery Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) is an National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded program that provides an intense research experience in outstanding research facilities with leading investigators at The Ohio State University. This one year program also provides comprehensive professional development experiences and workshops to strengthen professional skills in order to excel in research and graduate school. Overall, this experience is designed to prepare individuals for admission into a biomedical sciences PhD program.

More info & apply: https://medicine.osu.edu/research_ed/postbacs/discoveryprep/Pages/index.aspx

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9. Letter of Recommendation Workshop – Feb 16, 4-5:30pm, A219B Langley (Thursday)

Sponsored Biological Sciences Advisors and HHMI

This workshop will cover: · How do faculty WRITE letters?

- Get to read some REAL letters.
- Plan for WHO would be best for you to ask.
- Plan for HOW to get the strongest letter possible.
- Learn how to ASK for letters.

Review this guide for recommendation letters: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/node/3484>

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10. Tri-Beta Club Free Movie Screening – Feb 15, 7:30-9pm, A224 Langley

Tri-Beta will be hosting a screening of a documentary called *Pink & Blue: Colors of Hereditary Cancer*.

It is an incredible 90-minute story about both women and men who have inherited genes, specifically BRCA-1

and BRCA-2, that put them at high risk for certain cancers such as breast and ovarian cancer. It also highlights the importance of how genetic testing can save individual lives and entire families. You can view the trailer [here](#).

This event is open to non-Tri-Beta members of all majors.

Questions? Contact Tri-Beta President Monica Sauer at mls202@pitt.edu

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11. AAMC Virtual Med School Fair – Feb 16

The 2nd Annual AAMC Virtual Medical School Fair will be held on February 16, 2017 from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm EST! The virtual fair is an opportunity for 48 medical schools, advisors and potential applicants to interact with one another from the comfort of their laptops, tablets or phones. There will also be presentations on the MCAT exam and AMCAS application, and affording medical school.

Please register today: www.aamcvirtualevents.org

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12. Spring Career Fair (STEM) – Feb 15-16, 11am-3pm, WPU

Explore internship and full- and part-time employment opportunities!

Biotech, healthcare, and pharmaceutical employers attending the fair: Alcon, Cerner, Cigna, Cook Medical, creehan & company, EnvisionRXOptions, Epic, GlaxoSmithKline, Highmark Health, M*Modal, Omnicell, Philips North America, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Universal Health Services, UPMC, WVU Medicine – Ruby Memorial Hospital, and more!

View the full list of employers on Handshake.

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13. Volunteers for Clinical Research Project Needed

Jamie Huynh is a second-year medical student at Pitt. Jamie is currently conducting a survey-based, clinical research project at Magee Women’s Hospital about non-urgent visits in the ED among pregnant women. The project is looking into associations between health literacy and SES factors and visits to the ED.

Criteria: **1) Sophomore or older 2) >3.75 GPA.** It would also be great if you have had prior experience working with patients, but not necessary.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students who are interested in clinical research or are pre-med. You will gain hands-on experience with the research process, interacting with patients, and networking with the medical staff at Magee. This is a unique opportunity and you will have the chance to work directly with a medical student who can mentor you through your medical school journey as well!

If interested, contact Jamie at jlh257@pitt.edu with a copy of your CV.

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14. 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>

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15. 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.

More info & apply: <http://elsiehillmanforum.pitt.edu/student-programs/never-spectator-campus-event>

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16. 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)

MCAT: 8:00AM register at <http://bit.ly/pittmcat17>

LSAT: 8:30AM register at <http://bit.ly/pittlsat17>

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>

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17. Volunteer Spanish Interpreters Needed

The Department of Physical Therapy is seeking volunteer Spanish interpreters for the Birmingham Clinic, a free medical clinic on the South Side. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in volunteer work in underserved communities and/or students planning to pursue a career in physical therapy or other health professions.

Interpreters are needed on Monday afternoons from 1:30-4:30pm.

More Info: contact Ally Bove - ams453@pitt.edu (Pitt’s Dept. of Physical Therapy)

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18. Breakthrough: Summer Teaching Residency – deadline Feb 23

Breakthrough offers one of the greatest opportunities for undergraduates to assume leadership roles and practice creativity, flexibility, and problem-solving. Breakthrough recruits hard-working undergraduate students of all majors and backgrounds from universities across the country to serve as teaching fellows in our academically rigorous summer program.

More info & apply: <http://www.breakthroughcollaborative.org/teach>

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19. NY: Naturalist Intern Program – deadline Feb 28

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s environmental education centers ([Five Rivers](#) and [Reinstein Woods](#)) offer ten- to sixteen-week naturalist training internships to persons seeking professional experience in environmental education. Each intern will receive training in the mission and role of the DEC environmental education bureau, a wide variety of center programs, the operations and activities of a center, principles of environmental interpretation, and natural history of New York. Interns will assume the role of environmental education staff in carrying out the responsibilities necessary to meet the center’s objectives.

More info & apply: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1829.html>

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20. ASPB: Plant Bio Research Fellowship – deadline Mar 1

The American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) fund promising undergraduate students so they can conduct research in plant biology during the early part of their college careers. SURF recipients must present their research at ASPB’s annual Plant Biology meeting in the year following the fellowship award.

More info & apply: <https://aspb-surf.secure-platform.com/a/>

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21. Mich. State: Vet Med Enrichment Program – deadline Mar 15

The Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine Enrichment Summer program (MSU CVM ESP) invites students to apply for this summer opportunity.

During the 3-week program, students participate in a simulated Doctor of Veterinary Medicine curriculum, clinical experiences and leadership activities under the guidance of a faculty mentor and professional program students. The program is best suited for students who have completed their sophomore or junior year of undergraduate studies, although applicants with less college credit will be considered.

More info & apply: <https://cvm.msu.edu/about/diversity/enrichment-summer-program>

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22. Univ. of North Florida: REU in Coastal Biology – deadline Mar 20

The UNF REU Program offers paid research training experiences in Coastal Biology to 10 undergraduate students during a 10-week period from late May-late July. REU participants are paired with Coastal Biologists at UNF and the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR) and conduct mentored research projects related to their advisor’s expertise.

More info & apply: http://www.unf.edu/coas/biology/coastal_biology/REU.aspx

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23. 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!

More info: <http://honorscollege.pitt.edu/scholarships/national-scholarships-advising-current-students/external-scholarship-listings-0>

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24. 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>
Have questions? Reach out to the University Honors College

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25. 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>
Have questions? Reach out to the University Honors College

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26. 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>

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Birding and Ornithology Club

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Biology Club

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Dental Science Club

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Ecology Club – Alternate Tuesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU

ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/lcFCWw>

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Genetic Counseling Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/geneticcounselingclub/>
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Pitt Medlife

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POMS

<http://www.poms.us>
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<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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Pre-PA Association – Alternate Wednesdays, 9pm, 527 WPU

pittppaa@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/523230964458833/>

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Pre-Vet Club – Alternate Thursdays, 8pm, Langley Lobby

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List of officers: <https://goo.gl/5XFNqh>

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TRI-BETA – Alternate Wednesdays, 8pm, A221 Langley

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Until next week,

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