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Bio Advising Newsletter – 4/5/2016

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1. Advising Meetings

Fall enrollment has already begun! If you still have a Fall advising hold, make an appointment to have your hold lifted.

Things have quieted down in the Advising Office. We have a lot of time for relaxed follow-up meetings if you want to go over the classes you've enrolled in or other general questions.

We are available for walk-ins or appointments in A258 Langley.

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2. Fall Classes with Departmental Consent

If you are trying to enroll in a class that requires "Departmental Consent" please reach out to the specific department for permission to enroll in the class.

List of departmental advisors: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/advising-center/department-and-program-advisors>

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3. Seniors: April 2016 Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony

RSVP for the Senior Recognition Ceremony is now live. If you and your family plan to attend, or even if you will not attend, **RSVP by April 15.**

For more info: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony>

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4. Seniors: Graduating in December 2016?

Go apply for graduation in 140 Thackeray Hall. You can do it now, even though the deadline is July 6.

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5. Summer 2016 – Online Medical Sociology Class

Still looking for a course to take over the summer 2167 term? *SOC 0477 – Medical Sociology (Course Number: 20737)* is offered, still open, and is **web-based** (you can complete the coursework anywhere you have internet access)!

This course satisfies one of the electives for the Conceptual Foundations of Medicine certificate.

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6. Physician Assistant Profession Panel – Apr 7, 5-7pm, WPU Ballroom

Sponsored by the Pitt Pre-Physician Assistant Club.

The Pitt Pre-Physician Assistant Club is hosting a panel featuring admissions faculty from Pitt and Chatham, as well as practicing Physician Assistants and current Physician Assistant students. The panel will explain the journey of becoming a PA as well as their own personal experiences and advice for future applicants. There will be a Q&A portion at the end.

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7. Humanities in Health Conference – Apr 7, University Club

This FREE interdisciplinary event is of practical value to health care professionals including, but not limited to students in humanities and health sciences, nurses, physicians, counselors, physician-assistants, nurse practitioners, therapists, public health officials, healthcare policy makers, administrators, health educators, and community and government organizations.

More info/register for FREE: <http://www.linguistics.pitt.edu/humanitiesinhealth/registration.php>

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8. Lecture: The Scientific Basis and Economic Challenges of Precision Medicine – Apr 8, 2-3pm, 239 Cathedral

Speaker: Lewis Jacobson, Ph.D. Professor
Department of Biological Sciences, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences

Traditional medicine postulated that we are all more or less the same biologically, and individual differences are random variability. "Precision medicine" differs by incorporating information on how genes, environment and lifestyle differ among people.

See flyer: <http://goo.gl/6RW6b1>

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9. Hospital Elder Life Program Volunteer Open House – Apr 25, 6:30-8pm, West Penn Hospital

HELP is a volunteer program at West Penn Hospital that gives individuals a hands-on patient experience with older adults on in-patient floors. The program is designed to prevent delirium in hospitalized patients. Start the volunteer process by attending one of our open houses where you have the opportunity to meet the HELP staff and pick up your volunteer information packet. The HELP Program at Shadyside Hospital is popular with students, and sometimes hard to get into, so it's great to have a new one starting up!

Location: West Penn Hospital Wintergarden Conference Area (located on the first floor next to the Cafeteria)
4800 Friendship Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
Date: Monday, April 25th
Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

For specific questions, e-mail Autumn Corcoran at amcorcor@wpahs.org
More info: <https://www.ahn.org/locations/west-penn-hospital/hospital-elder-life-program-help>

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10. NSF Grad Research Fellowship Info Session – Apr 5, 12-12:30pm, 1229 Cathedral

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) helps ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science and engineering in the United States and reinforces its diversity. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions.

More info: <https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

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11. Fulbright Scholarship Info Session – Apr 6, 12-1pm, 1228 Cathedral

This one-hour information session in CL 1228 will present on the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, post baccalaureate opportunities in research/study grants or English teaching grants to promote mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange. US citizenship is required. Applications open March 31st with the first Pitt campus deadline June 1st.

Please register for an information session online at <http://tinyurl.com/me6xpzy>.
Questions? Contact Shannon at sjm130@pitt.edu.

More info: <http://goo.gl/vGJVfp>

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12. Truman Scholarship Info Session – Apr 8, 12-1pm, 1229 Cathedral

Truman Scholarship provides up to \$30,000 for 2-3 years of graduate study to juniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership, a commitment to the public sector, and promising academic potential.

More info: <http://goo.gl/T4kzCY>

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13. Burke Medical Research Institute Summer Research – deadline Apr 8

The Burke Medical Research Institute offers a Summer Student Research Program for rising sophomore, junior and senior undergraduates who are interested in pursuing Ph.D., M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degrees in biomedical research. The Burke Rehabilitation Center is one of the few rehabilitation facilities with dedicated programs in basic research (understanding how the normal brain functions and how it goes awry in disease), translational research (understanding how to move basic research to the human bedside), and clinical research (testing of new therapies in humans).

Program Specifics: June 6-August 12, \$3000 stipend

For more information and the application: <http://www.burke.org/research/educational-opportunities/undergraduate-opportunities/summerstudent>

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14. Paid 1-Month Summer Undergrad Research at PLE (Forest Ecology) – beginning May

Michelle Spicer, a Pitt graduate student, will be conducting forest ecology fieldwork at PLE.

When: May 9-June 12

Why: To figure out how to restore native plant diversity in PA forests after decades of deer over-browsing.

What: 1 month paid research, learn how to identify ~50 plant species, plant and monitor growth of wildflowers, enter data and learn basic ecological analyses, live at PLE.

Who: Have a valid driver's license and vehicle, completed Forest Ecology or Ecology/Ecology lab.

If you're interested or have questions, email CV/resume to Michelle Spicer at mes270@pitt.edu.

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BIOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays, 8:30pm, A221 Langley
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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

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DENTAL SCIENCE CLUB – Alternate Mondays, 9pm, 216 Cathedral

Facebook: Pitt dental science club
Instagram: pittdentalscienceclub
Twitter: pittpreudent

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ECOLOGY CLUB – 8:45pm, 540 WPU
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NATURAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB – Wednesdays, 8pm, A224 Langley

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<https://pitt2.collegiatelink.net/organization/naturalscience>
<https://www.facebook.com/pittnsrc/>
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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 – Tuesdays, 9pm, 236 Cathedral

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

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PLANT2PLATE

Ward Allebach is hoping to teach "Sustainable and Urban Agriculture" a 1-credit, discussion-based class designed around the Oakland Avenue Garden, including a volunteer component. In order to get it approved by Pitt he needs a list of people who would consider taking the class if it is offered. Feel free to put your name on this spreadsheet and which terms you'd potentially be able to participate (Fall 2016, Spring 2017 or either):

<http://plant2plate.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9eb0d6902113dffbf58cb4c2&id=a7de02420c&e=e56e95c72b>

This is a phenomenal opportunity to support the garden, and get college credit for it!

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POMS- Fridays, 5:30pm, 324 Cathedral

Premedical Organization for Minority Students
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<http://www.poms.us>
pomspitt@gmail.com
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CLUB - Alternate Wednesdays, 9pm, 837 WPU

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pittppaa@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/523230964458833/>

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PRE-VET CLUB – Alternate Mondays, 9pm, Langley Lobby

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