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Bio Advising Newsletter – 9/27/2016

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1. Pre-Enrollment Advising Appointments

Avoid the October rush and sign up for your individual advising appointment NOW to have your Spring term advising hold lifted! Use the sign-up sheets in A258 Langley. **BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER.**

Spring enrollment appointments are now visible in your Student Center.

Remember that we are also taking walk-ins for quick questions. Stop by if we can help!

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2. Final Exams Conflict Procedure – deadline Oct 21

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.
2. Take this form to your professors to see if any 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, contacted all your professors first and turn in the form no later than October 21.

To check final exams schedule: <https://goo.gl/aOTv2Q>

For final exams conflict form: <https://goo.gl/SFvuQg>

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3. Monitored Withdrawal – deadline Oct 28

Up until October 28, you may withdraw from a course by completing a Monitored Withdrawal Request form. The form for withdrawing from a Dietrich School course is available in the Office of Student Records in 140 Thackeray Hall. 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.

See an advisor if you want to discuss Withdrawal options.

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4. PA Voter Registration Info & Deadlines

Election Day is fast approaching...and so are the voter registration deadlines! If you have not yet done so, become an informed voter and exercise your right to vote.

Last Day to Register to Vote: Oct 11

Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot: Nov 1

Election Day: Nov 8

If you have questions about registering or if you are an out-of city/out-of-state resident, you can reach out to Community and Governmental Relations.

More info on registering: <http://www.cgr.pitt.edu/voter-registration>

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5. Academic Resource Center Workshops (FREE)

Sign up for workshops in the following areas:

- Time Management (Sep 30 @ 2pm)
- Study Skills Boot Camp (Oct 11 @ 6pm)
- Overcoming Procrastination (Oct 6 @ 2pm)
- Learning Styles and Test Preparation (Oct 3 @ 6pm)
- Study Smarter, Not Harder (Oct 18 @ 5pm)
- Finals Boot Camp (Dec 8 @ 4pm)

To sign up: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/arc/study-skills-workshops-and-consultations>

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6. Counseling Center Group Sessions (FREE)

Group counseling provides an opportunity to be part of group of four to ten students who meet regularly over the course of one academic term to share concerns, explore personal issues, and learn new skills under the guidance of one or two group counselors.

To sign up: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cc/group-selection/>

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7. Stress Free Zone (FREE)

The Stress Free Zone is offering free workshops and classes such as Yoga and Tai Chi.

Click here for the September calendar: <https://goo.gl/sJno9C>

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8. Fall 2016 Career Fair (STEM) – Sep 28-29, 11am-3pm, WPU

Explore internship and full- and part-time employment opportunities in the STEM fields!

For more details and a list of employers: <http://goo.gl/x6jHhv>

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9. Majors & Minors Expo – Oct 13, 11am-3pm, WPU

Looking to add another major, minor, or certificate to your academic plan? Explore Pitt's majors, minors, and certificate programs! Free giveaways for the first 500 students!

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10. Seminar: "Therapeutic Approaches to Neurodegenerative Diseases" – Sep 28, 12-1pm, 1104 Scaife

Pathology Research Seminar
Speaker: Joachim Herz, M.D. (Thomas O. and Cinda Hicks Family Distinguished Chair in Alzheimer's Disease Research, University of Texas Southwest)
Contact: Chris Szalkuski (szalkuskict@upmc.edu)

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11. Speaker Series: Health Sciences Diversity "Diversity in Practice" – Sep 28, 4-5:30pm, Room S120 Thomas Starzl Biomedical Science Tower

Speaker: Gysella Muniz Pujalt, M.D. (Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of UPMC)
Contact: Mary Ann Merranko (mam524@pitt.edu)

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12. Panel Discussion: Education, Health, Medicine – Sep 30, 12-2pm, 4217 Posvar

Presenters: Medi Bugembe, Alison Karnes, Dr. Mark Karnes, Victoria Nalongo

These experts will share their entrepreneurial field experiences working with populations in East Africa to provide education, shelter, healthcare and other basic social services. Students will have the opportunity to meet with them, hear their stories, ask questions, and learn about opportunities to get involved.

For more information and other events:

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/content/upcoming-events>

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13. BIOSC Seminar: "Plant-pollinator interaction networks across wildfire-disturbance gradients" – Oct 3, 4:15pm, 169 Crawford

Biological Sciences Seminar Series

Speaker: Laura Burkle, Ph.D. (Montana State University)

Host: Dr. Tia-Lynn Ashman (tia1@pitt.edu)

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14. University Student Ocean Ambassador Program – deadline Oct 10

SEVENSEAS magazine, a project of the Ocean Foundation, is a free publication that promotes both marine conservation and eco-tourism. The goal of SEVENSEAS is to prevent the destruction of ocean ecosystems by spreading the word about marine conservation. Learn more at

<http://www.sevenseastravelmagazine.com>

About the University Student Ocean Ambassador Program: Students chosen to be ocean ambassadors will be volunteers. There will be one ambassador per university. Each month, ambassadors are responsible for hosting an ocean-themed event on campus, such as a documentary screening or a sustainable seafood potluck. The goal of these events is to spread the word about ocean conservation and travel around college campuses. Additionally, ambassadors should plan to discuss the content of the SEVENSEAS magazine with their peers each month. Ambassadors are to encourage students to subscribe to SEVENSEAS for free and to follow SEVENSEAS on social media.

How to Apply: Get more info and application form by emailing info@sevenseastravelmagazine.com.

Send resume and completed application due by October 10th, 2016.

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15. 2017-2018 Global Health Fellowship – deadline Oct 10

The Medical Missionaries Global Health Fellowship offers two recent college graduates, graduate students, or professionals interested in global health the opportunity to gain experience in health care delivery in Haiti. Fellows spend one year in Thomassique, Haiti, working at St. Joseph's Clinic, where they act as liaisons between Medical Missionaries—the US-based organization that built and provides funding for the Clinic—and the Clinic's all-Haitian staff. The Fellowship begins in June 2017 and ends in July 2018.

Primary Application Due: Oct 10, 2016

More info & apply: <http://www.medmissionaries.org/id208.html>

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16. USC: MS in Neuroimaging & Informatics Program – deadline Apr 15

The USC Mark and Mary Stevens Neuroimaging and Informatics Institute in the Keck School of Medicine of USC is home to a new, one-year Master of Science (MS) degree program focused on neuroimaging and the informatics associated with brain imaging.

Fall 2017 Application Deadline: Apr 15, 2017

More info & apply: <http://niin.usc.edu/>

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17. Summer 2017 Study Abroad Scholarship Info Sessions

Applicants may apply for two scholarships, but can only receive one award. Students of all majors and courses of study are encouraged to apply. To sign up for an information session, please go to www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/scholarshipsgrants or call 412-624-6150.

Upcoming Info Sessions:

- Wednesday, Oct 5, 10-11am, 501 Cathedral
- Thursday, Oct 13, 10-11am, 527 WPU

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18. Archival Scholars Research Award Info Sessions

Undergraduates interested in developing a research project from one of the University Library System's archive collections for the Archival Scholars Research Award should attend either of the information sessions listed below. During the information sessions, undergraduates can discuss ideas with Dietrich School faculty, representatives from the Office of Undergraduate Research, and librarians. All sessions take place in the Digital Scholarship Commons space located in G-49 Hillman Library.

Upcoming Info Sessions:

- Monday, Oct 3, 4-6pm, G49 Hillman Library
- Thursday, Oct 6, 4-6pm, G49 Hillman Library

More info and to register: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/researchcraft>

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19. Beinecke, deKarman, Ertegun Scholarship Info Sessions – Sep 28, 12-1pm, 37th Floor Cathedral

Beinecke Scholarship: Pitt can nominate one junior in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Recipients receive \$4,000 immediately prior to graduate school and additional \$30,000 while attending graduate school.

Ertegun Scholars, the world's top graduate students in the humanities are brought together with one another and with Oxford's exceptional community of scholars in a unique setting that fosters dialogue across academic disciplines, across cultures and across generations.

DeKarman fellowships are open to students in any discipline, including international students, who are currently enrolled in a university or college located within the United States. The purpose of this fellowship program is to recognize and assist students whose scholastic achievements reflect high standards.

REGISTER here, <http://goo.gl/forms/IDB9WU1NSA>

Questions? Contact sjm130@pitt.edu

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20. Goldwater Scholarship Info Session – Oct 5, 12-1pm, 37th Floor Cathedral

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship is open to high-achieving sophomores and juniors preparing for a research career in science, mathematics, or engineering. Pitt can only nominate up to four candidates for this award. Other STEM Awards will be briefly discussed. Pitt campus deadline is December 1, 2016.

REGISTER here, <http://goo.gl/forms/IDB9WU1NSA>
Questions? Contact sjm130@pitt.edu.

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Birding and Ornithology Club

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pittbirdingclub@gmail.com

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Biology Club – Alternate Mondays, 8pm, A221 Langley

10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5

www.facebook.com/groups/upittbiologyclub
upittbiologyclub@gmail.com

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Dental Science Club – Alternate Mondays, 9pm, 216 Cathedral

10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5

www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub
pittdentclub@gmail.com

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

10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/8

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

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Pitt Medlife

www.facebook.com/groups/285270411670195
pittmedlife@gmail.com

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POMS – Fridays, 5:30pm, 324 Cathedral

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

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Pre-PA Association – Alternate Wednesdays, 9pm

837 WPU
9/28

527 WPU

10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 12/7

pittppaa@gmail.com

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

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

10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8

pittprevet@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441907539257843/>

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

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

9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 12/7

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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Until next week,

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