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**Bio Advising Newsletter – 10/4/2016**

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## 1. Spring Enrollment Advising Appointments

Appointment sheets are filling up quickly!! Sign up for an individual advising meeting to have your spring advising hold lifted! Use the sign-up sheets in A258 Langley to sign up with any advisor.  
**BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER.**

**Spring enrollment appointments and courses are now visible in your Student Center.**

Remember that we are also taking walk-ins for quick questions.

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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. October Stress Free Zone Classes (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/92Uo8C>

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### 6. Grad School Practice Tests (FREE)

Princeton Review is offering free upcoming practice tests at CMU.

GMAT: Oct 8 @ 9:30am-2pm

MCAT: Oct 8 @ 9am-4:30pm

LSAT: Oct 8 @ 2-5:30pm

GRE: Oct 8 @ 9am-1:30pm

Visit PrincetonReview.com for registration and more details.

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### 7. Majors & Minors Expo – Oct 13, 11am-3pm, WPU (LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS)

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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#### Want to volunteer with us at the Majors & Minors Expo?

Are you interested in speaking with students about any of the Biological Sciences majors? We are looking for students from all of our departmental majors who are available for minimum 30-minute time slots between 11am – 3pm.

Please e-mail the following information to Kevin at [kevinwu@pitt.edu](mailto:kevinwu@pitt.edu) if you are interested:

Name

Major

Times you want to volunteer

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### 8. Seminar: "Metagenomic exploration of the viral universe" – Oct 5, 12-1pm

MMG Seminar Series presents Dr. James Pipas

October 5, 2016, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

503 Bridgeside Point 2\*

"Metagenomic exploration of the viral universe"

\*Shuttle service provided

Dr. Pipas is the Herbert W. and Grace Boyer Chair in Molecular Biology and Professor in the

Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh's Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.

More info: <http://www.mmg.pitt.edu/news-events/mmg-seminar-series-presents-dr-james-pipas>

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### 9. 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](mailto:info@sevenseastravelmagazine.com).

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

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### 10. Marshall University Biomed Virtual Grad School Fair – Oct 5, 12-5:30pm

On Wednesday, October 5, 12pm to 5:30pm EST Marshall University's Office of Research and Graduate Education will be hosting an online chat room at the Biomed Virtual Grad School Fair representing the following Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine graduate programs:

- MD/PhD
- Biomedical Sciences PhD
- Biomedical Sciences Research MS
- Biomedical Sciences MS Medical Sciences emphasis (med school prep program)
- Clinical and Translational Science, MS

Students may register at <http://www.careereco.com/events/biomed>

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### 11. 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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**12. Duquesne Univ. Graduate Science Open House – Oct 22, 11am-3pm, Duquesne**

Attend this year's Bayer School Fall Open House for graduate programs: Biological Sciences Ph.D. Biotechnology M.S. Chemistry and Biochemistry Ph.D. Environmental Science and Management M.S.

Speak with faculty and graduate students about their latest science research. Learn about financial aid options such as Ph.D. stipends and tuition waivers, fellowships, scholarships, and our 25% tuition award program. Tour cutting-edge labs and facilities, equipped with modern instrumentation.

More info & register: <https://goo.gl/fGiU8G>

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**13. 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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**14. 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](http://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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**15. Goldwater Scholarship Info Session – Oct 5, 12-1pm, 37<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sjm130@pitt.edu).

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**16. Spring Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Fellowship – deadline Oct 14**

The Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Fellowship is intended to support student involvement in independent research under the direction of a faculty mentor. Up to ten \$800 fellowships, administered by the University Honors College (UHC), are offered to encourage the enrichment of the students' experience in defining objectives and selecting methodologies appropriate to original research in their chosen field of study.

More info: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/node/337>

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**17. Spring Brackenridge Research Fellowship – deadline Nov 14**

This fellowship is named for the founder of the University of Pittsburgh, Hugh Henry Brackenridge. It supports University of Pittsburgh undergraduates who conduct an independent research project, participate in a weekly seminar in which Fellows present and discuss their projects, and attend a series of (almost) weekly faculty lectures. The fellowship awards a stipend of \$800; in addition, it requires students to register for 1 credit of research.

More info: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/fall-spring-brackenridge-fellowships>

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**18. G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Award – deadline Nov 14**

As the University Honors College marked its 25th anniversary in 2012, it inaugurated the G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Awards to honor its founding Dean who provided the vision for the College and guided its influence at the University during its first 23 years. These Awards recognize students in their junior year who are judged to best symbolize the values of the UHC and of the University generally. Up to four students will be selected annually for this Award, each to receive a prize of \$1,000.

More info: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/stewartaward>

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**Birding and Ornithology Club**

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[pittbirdingclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/upittbiologyclub)  
[upittbiologyclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub)  
[pittdentclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com)  
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/lcFCWw>

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**Pitt Medlife**

[www.facebook.com/groups/285270411670195](http://www.facebook.com/groups/285270411670195)  
[pittmedlife@gmail.com](mailto:pittmedlife@gmail.com)

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**POMS – Fridays, 5:30pm, 324 Cathedral**

<http://www.poms.us>  
[pomspitt@gmail.com](mailto:pomspitt@gmail.com)  
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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

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

[pittppaa@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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

[www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt)  
[tribeta.universityofpittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:tribeta.universityofpittsburgh@gmail.com)  
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/fsBiHi>

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