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Bio Advising Newsletter – 10/11/2016

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1. Spring Enrollment Advising Appointments

We are filling up!! Sign up NOW for an individual advising meeting to have your spring advising hold lifted!

Use the sign-up sheets in A258 Langley. PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent missing your appointment.

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2. Are you currently abroad?

To get your hold lifted, email an advisor 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. 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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4. 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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5. PA Voter Registration Info – Oct 11 (LAST DAY TO REGISTER)

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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6. Majors & Minors Expo – Oct 13, 11am-3pm, WPU (STILL 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!

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 who are available for minimum 30-minute time slots between 11am – 3pm.

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

Name

Major

Times you want to volunteer

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7. Internship Week – Oct 10-14, WPU

Check out the Student Affairs website for more specific events!

More info: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/internships/workshops-and-special-events/>

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8. Mental Health Awareness Week – Oct 10-13, WPU

List of Events: <https://goo.gl/1f8mPe>

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9. 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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10. CMU Paid Summer Fellowships for Juniors

Students currently in their **junior year** of college (from any major) are eligible to apply to two distinct summer fellowships hosted by CMU’s Heinz College:

- [Public Policy and International Affairs \(PPIA\) Junior Summer Institute](#)

- [IT Lab: Summer Security Intensive \(SSI\)](#)

Each program is a 7-week in-residence experience and feature:

- Specialized courses taught by CMU faculty: Fellows earn CMU academic credit for coursework (eligible for transfer to home institution)
- \$1,000 stipend + the costs of housing, meals, books, supplies, social functions, and travel expenses to and from Pittsburgh
- A scholarship of **at least 50%** of graduate school tuition, if admitted to and enroll in a master's program at Heinz College.

Any questions? Please contact David Eber (deber@cmu.edu or 412-268-3347).

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11. Computational Biology Lab Recruiting Student Volunteers

The Durrant lab, in the Department of Computational Biology and Drug Discovery, is looking to recruit undergraduate student volunteers ASAP!

The lab develops and applies cutting-edge computational methods to simulate how small molecules (i.e., "ligands") bind to proteins. The goal is to find ways of identifying new leads and molecular probes for use in drug discovery and basic-science research. Skills with Python and web programming (e.g., Javascript, html, etc.) are certainly useful.

Current projects focus on visualizing molecules ("video games with proteins"), using machine learning to predict how drugs/probes bind to their protein targets, and creating a web-app framework to make Durrant-lab software more accessible for end users.

If you're interested in the interface between biology and computer science, take a look at <https://durrantlab.com> and contact Jacob Durrant at durrantj@pitt.edu to schedule a chat.

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12. 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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13. 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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14. 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

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Biology Club – Alternate Mondays, 8pm, A221 Langley

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

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

www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub
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Ecology Club – Alternate Tuesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU

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, 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

10/20, 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

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

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List of officers: <https://goo.gl/fsBiHi>

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Until next week,

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