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Bio Advising Newsletter – 10/25/2016

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1. Advising Appointments - MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOW!!!

ENROLLMENT BEGINS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31!

If you have not yet had your advising appointment, sign up now! Please check your online

enrollment time and be sure to meet with an advisor BEFORE your enrollment time. If no slots are available, please email an advisor.

Use the sign-up sheets in A258 Langley to meet with Christine, Ellen, Jessica, or Kevin!

We can lift your academic advisement hold even if you have a financial hold.

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2. Monitored Withdrawal – deadline Oct 28 (FRIDAY)

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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3. Stay Tuned for Updated Spring BIOSC Courses

Have you been planning your spring BIOSC elective courses? Stay tuned and be on the lookout for a separate email **by the end of this week** for an update on changes to classes (new course offerings and courses we will not be offering).

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4. Seniors: Apply for April Graduation – Oct 31-Nov 11

Graduating in April 2017? Head over to 140 Thackeray Hall between October 31-November 11 to pick up and return your *Application for Graduation*. FREE TO APPLY!

Things you need to be able to graduate:

1. Enroll in remaining BIOSC, co-req, gen eds, and wildcard credits
2. Apply to graduate
3. Earn a "C" or better in all BIOSC major classes (and in CHEM 0110 & 0120)
4. Maintain a 2.0 GPA in all BIOSC major classes
5. Maintain a 2.0 GPA in co-requisite classes
6. Reach 120 credits

Double check everything before the end of add/drop in the spring or reach out to an advisor!

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5. Seniors: Pre-Doctoral Fellowships with Emory University

Marcus Autism Center, in conjunction with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory University School of Medicine, is offering two-year fellowships in four scientific subspecialties. Fellows will participate in innovative research to provide novel solutions to complex problems in a robust clinical environment.

All four fellowship tracks are paid, two-year positions, with full health care coverage.

- [Donald J. Cohen Fellowship in Developmental Social Neuroscience](#)
- [Simons Fellowship in Computational Neuroscience](#)
- [Simons Fellowship in Design Engineering](#)
- [Marcus Fellowship in Speech Science and Engineering](#)

Timeline for All Fellowships:

- Application deadline: January 6, 2017
- Invitation for an interview: Late January or Early February 2017
- Interview: Mid to Late February
- Fellowship Start Date: July 5, 2017

More info: <http://www.pediatrics.emory.edu/divisions/autism/quicklink/fellow.html>

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6. International Week – Oct 24-28

For this whole week - October 24-28, 2016 - Pitt campus will be alive with international activities, global events and the buzz of the International Week Contest.

Check out the events here: <http://www.internationalweek.pitt.edu/>

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7. Making Climate Policy: A Historical Simulation – Oct 28

Are you interested in environmental science, chemistry, or climate change public policy? Are you curious about the history of climate change negotiations? If so, join the European Studies Center for a historical simulation that explores both the science behind acid rain and the international negotiations to try and stem it.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-climate-policy-a-historical-simulation-tickets-27904430904>

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8. Pitt Public Health Open House – Nov 11

Visit Pitt Public Health to learn about opportunities for a great education.

Open House includes overviews of the departments and programs, student organizations, research and practice centers, admissions, and financial aid.

More info and register: <http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/admissions-aid/visit/open-house/open-house-registration>

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9. Advising Center Peer Advisor Application – deadline Nov 14

The Advising Center is now accepting applications for the Peer Advisor program. Peer Advisors support the front desk operations of the Advising Center, and serve as an important resource for undergraduate students with questions about scheduling courses, deciding on a major/minor/certificate, and various other concerns.

Interested students are encouraged to apply for an intern position by the November 14th deadline. The internship includes a two-credit training course meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00pm during the Spring 2017 semester.

Contact Ed Giles (ed.giles@pitt.edu) for questions or for the application form.

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10. FR/SOPH Student Volunteer Research Position

The Palladino Lab in the Pittsburgh Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases is looking for a highly motivated, ambitious freshman or sophomore student who is interested in getting involved in research to fill a student volunteer position.

Current work in our lab involves molecular biology and *Drosophila* genetics, amongst other techniques.

Interested students please contact Aaron Crain at atc31@pitt.edu with a resume and short personal statement.

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11. Interested in starting new club? – Synapse

Synapse empowers students to work together to improve the lives of those living with brain injury by supporting chapters at universities across the nation. The national team provides training sessions and written resources to educate chapter leaders about brain injury, creating effective support groups, and building community partnerships. The advisors are available to help students overcome obstacles and answer questions as they arise.

Join Stanford and MIT in this unique community!

Applications to found a chapter here at Pitt are due November 15!

More info: <https://synapsenational.wordpress.com/start-a-chapter/>

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12. Interested in joining new club? – SEVENSEAS

SEVENSEAS is a non-profit organization that produces an online magazine about ocean conversation, and hopes to inspire the next generation of conservationists. They partner with many well-known organizations including, but not limited to, The Ocean Foundation, The World Wildlife Fund, IUCN, Mission Blue, and the United Nations Environmental Programme.

The goal of the club is to raise awareness of current events regarding marine life and conservation endeavors, as well as to create an environment for students to discuss the ocean with other's who share the same passion.

Contact Person: Jordan Katz, jak238@pitt.edu

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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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15. Clarkston Scholars Program – deadline Jan 15

Each year, the Clarkston Scholars Program provides one sophomore attending a four-year college or university undergraduate program in Pennsylvania, majoring in a life sciences related field of study, a \$10,000 scholarship award (\$5,000 per year for junior and senior year). In addition, the Clarkston Scholar will receive exposure to the life sciences industry through mentoring with Clarkston Consulting and participation in Pennsylvania Bio events over the course of the two-year scholarship award period.

More info: <http://clarkstonconsulting.com/our-story/culture/clarkston-scholars/>

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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

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

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

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
10/26, 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
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
10/26, 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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