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**To:** BioAdv Biological Sciences

**Bio Advising Newsletter – 11/10/2015**

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**1. Advising Appointments & Quick Questions**

If you still have an Advising Hold for Spring enrollment, come see us in A258 Langley Hall! We can lift your academic advising hold even if you have a financial hold, please come see us!

The Bio Advisors are here to help, and we have lots of time now that the enrollment rush is past. Even if you've had your appointment, feel free to come back with questions or ideas or just to chat.

Please stop by and see us!

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**2. Seniors (graduating December, April, or August)**

**Graduating in December**

- *December Recognition Ceremony - Dec 19, 5:00-8:00pm*  
<http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/DecGrad>

- If you are graduating in December and also want to participate in the April 2016 Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony please self-identify! Email an Advisor to let us know who you are.

### Graduating in April

- **Did you apply for April Graduation?**

If yes, great!

If no, go to 140 Thackeray Hall and do it ASAP!

- **Save the Dates in April**

- o *Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony* - April 30, 5:30pm - 8pm

- o *University Commencement Event* - May 1, 1pm

More info later, but here are a few details: <http://biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony>

### Graduating in August

- If you are planning to graduate in August and would like to be invited to the Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony in April please self-identify! Email an Advisor to let us know who you are.

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### 3. Electronic Waitlists for Spring Classes

3a) If used incorrectly, the waitlist will skip you - without any notification.  
Check out the FAQ's, especially Waitlist FAQ #12 <http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/faq.html>

3b) There is no guarantee with waitlists. So, if you are on a waitlist for spring, come up with a **plan B** for if you do not get into this course.

We would be happy to help you come up with a plan B, come see us in the Advising Office!

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### 4. Stress Free Zone – All November

Located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the William Pitt Union: The Stress Free Zone (SFZ) is a space where students can learn and regularly practice evidence-based, mind/body stress reduction skills.

For dates and times for Meditation and Yoga sessions in November: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/sfzcalendar>

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### 5. Resume Workshop – Nov 10, 8pm, A224 Langley

Sponsored by TriBeta

**Please bring your current resume (whatever stage it is in) to work on.**

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### 6. Letter of Recommendation Workshop – Nov 20, 3pm, A224 Langley

Sponsored Biological Sciences Advisors and HHMI

This workshop will cover:

- How do faculty WRITE letters?
- Get to read some REAL letters.
- Plan for WHO would be best for you to ask.
- Plan for HOW to get the strongest letter possible.
- Learn how to ASK for letters.

Review this guide for recommendation letters: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/node/3484>

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### 7. Pitt School of Public Health Open House – Nov 13

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

This informative program includes overviews of our departments and programs, student organizations, research and practice centers, admissions, and financial aid.

Please see the agenda for more information and register: <http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/admissions-aid/visit/open-house>

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**8. CMU Heinz College Fall Visitation (Masters Programs) – Nov 13 & 14**

Visitation includes information for the following Heinz Master's Programs:

- MAM - Arts Management
- MEIM - Entertainment Industry Management
- MSPPM - Public Policy and Management
- MSHCPM - Health Care Policy and Management
- MISM - Information Systems and Management
- MSIT - Information Technology (part-time program)
- MSISPM - Information Security Policy and Management

Click here for more information and registration: <http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/visit-heinz-college/fall-visitation/index.aspx>

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**9. Information Session: MD/PhD Programs – Nov 16, 5:30-6:30pm, Langley A219B**

Sponsored by the University Honors College and Health Professions Advising  
Presenter: Dr. Richard Steinman, PhD

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**10. Temple University Pre-Health Day Open House – Nov 21**

The Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine will host its annual Pre Health Day which includes the School of Public Health, Dentistry and Pharmacy for Premedical Students on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Temple's located at 148 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Philadelphia, PA.

Respond and RSVP by Wednesday, **November 18, 2015** at 215-625-5451.  
For more information: <http://podiatry.temple.edu/admissions/visit>

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**11. Lecture: "Ethics in Regenerative Medicine: What's Old, What's New, What's Borrowed, and What's Blue Sky?" – Nov 12, 12:30-1:30pm, Barco Law Building**

Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh School of Law  
Presenter: Nancy M.P. King, JD

For more information: <http://law.pitt.edu/events/new-event/mark-nordenberg-lecture-ethics-regenerative-medicine>

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**12. Lecture: "Climate Impacts and Regulation" – Nov 19, 4:30pm, Alumni Hall**

"Climate Impacts and Regulation: The Future of Coal Power Plants and the U.S. Power Grid"  
Presenter: Dr. Paulina Jaramillo – Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

In recent years, concerns about climate change have continued to grow throughout the world. Coal power plants have historically provided up to 50% of the electricity generated in the U.S. They also have the highest greenhouse gas emission rates. In this talk, Professor Jaramillo will discuss the work of her research group over the last 10 years to understand the climate implications of coal use in the U.S. and how recent regulatory changes may affect the future of the U.S. power system.

Reserve a seat here: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/node/859>

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**13. Brackenridge Research Fellowship – due Nov 16**

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 and participate in a weekly seminar in which Fellows present and discuss their projects. The fellowship awards a stipend of \$800; in addition, it requires students to register for 1 credit of research and participate in two weekly seminars: one in which students present and discuss their research projects, and one in which faculty mentors discuss their work.

For more information, go to: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/fall-spring-brackenridge-fellowships>.

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**14. G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Award – due Nov 16**

This annual award was established in 2012 to promote the late Dean Stewart’s vision of the Honors College. It recognizes students in their junior year who have been involved with the UHC and who have demonstrated not only intellectual curiosity and exemplary academic attainment but also citizenship, leadership, and a willingness to help other succeed. The winners (four per year) will be announced at the time of the Honors Convocation in late February 2016 and receive a prize of \$1,000 each.

For more information, go to: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/stewartaward>

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**15. Coming Soon: Summer Undergraduate Research Deadlines in January/February**

There are many summer undergraduate research opportunities, and most program deadlines are in January and February - so it is time to start thinking about those, especially **who will write your letter of recommendation**.

Stay tuned for some listings of summer programs in the coming newsletters.

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**BIOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays, 8:30pm**  
11/17, 12/1

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**BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB**  
[PittBirdingClub@gmail.com](mailto:PittBirdingClub@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538](http://www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538)

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**ECOLOGY CLUB - Wednesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU**  
[pittecologyclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittecologyclub@gmail.com)

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**NATURAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB – Thursdays, 7pm**  
<https://pitt2.collegiatelink.net/organization/naturalscience>  
<https://www.facebook.com/pittnsrcl>  
[LRG28@pitt.edu](mailto:LRG28@pitt.edu)

The Natural Science Research Club (NSRC) is a resource for students interested in and doing research in the natural sciences. The group meets weekly to have a journal club style seminar with the presentations from members communicating their research or advances within their field. Through this we seek to empower members to better present and understand the motivations and experimentation in their own fields as well as to promote interdisciplinary awareness and communication at an entry level to the research community.

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**OPTOMETRY CLUB**  
[pittoptclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittoptclub@gmail.com)

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**PANTHER CURE FINDER**

questions: [MNW17@pitt.edu](mailto:MNW17@pitt.edu)

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**PITT OUTDOORS CLUB**  
<https://www.facebook.com/PittOutdoorsClub>  
<http://pittoutdoors.blogspot.com/>

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**POMS**  
Premedical Organization for Minority Students  
[www.poms.us](http://www.poms.us)  
[pomspitt@gmail.com](mailto:pomspitt@gmail.com)  
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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**PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Thursdays, 7:30pm, Langley Hall**

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[pittprevet@gmail.com](mailto:pittprevet@gmail.com)

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

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**TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays in Langley A224**

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[www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt)

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**Until next week,**

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