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Bio Advising Newsletter – 3/27/2018

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1. Advising Meetings

Fall enrollment has begun! If you still have a Fall advising hold, make an appointment to have your hold lifted.

We can remove your advising hold even if you have a \$\$ financial hold.

Appointment sheets are located in A258 Langley Hall. Bring your advising folder with an updated plan to your meeting.

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2. Biology Peer Advisors Office Hours in Langley Lobby

Our Biology Peer Advisors who will be holding office hours to share their experiences in the bio department, offer tips, and find answers to your questions!

Office Hours will be held in Langley Lobby at a Reserved Table:

- Tuesdays @ 12:30-1:30pm: Lisa & Michaela
- Wednesdays @ 11am-12pm: Grace & Hana
- Thursdays @ 4-5pm: Hannah & Ramya
- Fridays @ 10-11am: Owen & Nora

FALL ENROLLMENT TIPS: Making the process easier!

- Fall Enrollment is underway! The Peer Advisors have some tips to help make the process easier (now and in the future!)

Make sure to have multiple "backup" courses! Some classes fill quickly so be prepared to get into a second or third choice.

Beware of Rate my Professor! Opinions on these websites tend to take extremes, whether positive or negative. A teaching style that does not work well for one student may be perfect for another.

Don't shy away from taking a class that interests you just because you think it will be a lot of work or could possibly harm your GPA. You may be able to take classes outside of your major requirements as S/NC, so you can explore a subject that may be challenging and interesting without any risk to your GPA.

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3. Walk-In Resume/CV Feedback with Ellen

Ellen will be holding walk-in hours in for resume/CV feedback on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bring a copy of your resume/CV if you want to review it with her. If you have a description of a position you are applying for, bring that also!

Where: A257 Langley

When:

- Every Tuesday from 12:30-1:30pm
- Every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm

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4. Pitt Bio Blog: Gen-Ed Recommendations

Check out the Pitt Bio Blog (<https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/>) to read about the experiences of students in our department - get feedback on classes, hear about exciting research, how students balance all of the activities in their life, and what areas of biology they find interesting.

This week: Get some recommendations on gen-eds from BIOSC senior, Michaela!

We are also accepting posts for our blog! If you would like to share your experiences with the department, please feel free to send topics or entire posts to Jessica at jewandelt@pitt.edu.

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5. Biology Peer Advisors Fall 2018 Applications

We are recruiting a few new Peer Advisors to join our team! Interested in getting some mentoring experience? Like to share your experiences in classes, clubs, and experiential learning? Apply to be a Peer Advisor!

Details about the program and the application can be found here:
http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/peer_advising

Applications are due Friday, April 13 by 5 pm in A258 Langley.

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6. DEC Grad? Don't forget to apply! – Mar 26-Jul 6

Are you a senior who plans on graduating in December? Make sure you go to **140 Thackeray** to pick up AND return your *Application for Graduation*.

Do it between **March 26 & July 6**. It is free during this time. Late applications will be charged a fee!

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7. Pitt Public Health Information Panel – Mar 28, 4:50-5:30pm, Langley A214 (TOMORROW)

RSVP here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/172336256908214/>

Interested in a career where you can help people? Think medicine or dentistry might not be the best fit for you? Come check out what Public Health has to offer!

We are pleased to welcome the Pitt School of Public Health to teach us more about different career options available to graduates from Public Health graduate programs:

Cindy Bryce, PhD
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Associate Professor, Health Policy and Management

Joan Anson, MS Ed
Director of Career Services

Ryan Minster, PhD
Assistant Professor, Human Genetics
And a Molecular Biology alum from our department (class of 1998)!

Snacks will be provided! OCC credit for attending!

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8. Bio Senior Panel: Applying to Grad & Professional Schools – Apr 3, 5:30-6:30pm, Crawford 169

RSVP here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/407469543011253/>

Thinking about applying to Dental school? Medical school? Veterinary school? Public Health grad programs? Bio PhD programs?

Have questions about the process - best classes to prepare? entrance exams? personal statements? interviews? timeline?

Come hear from biology seniors who have just gone through the process and been accepted into different programs! The panel of students will share their experiences and answer your questions.

Snacks will be provided! OCC credit for attending!

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9. Resume/CV Workshop – Apr 6, 3:30pm, Langley A214

RSVP here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/440880733012589/>

Need help putting your CV/Resume together? Are you applying for summer jobs? You should attend!

Bring a draft of your CV/Resume if you have one. You will have an opportunity to get feedback.

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10. Pitt Pulse Spring 2018 Issue

Issue 3 of The Pitt Pulse is here! In this issue, explore medicine behind bars, neuroscience’s influence on the last election, failing flu vaccines, the Science vs. Media debate, and so much more! Follow Pitt Pulse on Facebook. Pick up a hard copy in Langley, Chevron, and Hillman ground floor lobbies, as well as the UHC and Neuro advising offices.

Check out the issue here: <http://www.thepittpulse.org/volume-viii-issue-iii>

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11. Humane Animal Rescue Internship

A new internship opportunity is being offered to students with the Humane Animal Rescue. The Environmental, Humane and Wildlife Education Internship is perfect for students interested in a future focusing on Environmental, Wildlife, Naturalist or Humane Education. Students may also assist with training animals in captivity, wildlife rehabilitation, teaching and animal husbandry. Internships are available for Summer, Fall, and Spring.

More info & apply: <https://www.humaneanimalrescue.org/community/education-programs/wildlife-center-education-intern/>

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12. Genetic Counseling Club Meeting – Mar 27, 7:30pm, WPU 310

This should be an extremely informative meeting; There will be another panel of students who are second year grad students in Pitt's program. They will be giving a rundown of life in grad school and are open to any questions.

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13. UPMC Career Week – Mar 27-28

[UPMC Office Hours](#)

March 27 | 10 a.m. | 200 WPU

Take a bit of time to learn about the UPMC Campus Programs (Internships), Corporate Full-Time, and Clinical Full-Time.

[LinkedIn Intro Program presented by UPMC](#)

March 27 | Noon | 224 WPU

Learn from industry professional about best LinkedIn practices including profile completion, making connections, and applying for jobs and internships.

[UPMC Panther Week Networking Fair](#)

March 28 | 5:30-7 p.m. | WPU Ballroom

Meet recruiters and hiring managers from nine different functional areas!

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14. Summer Job & Volunteer Fair – Mar 28, 1-3:30pm, WPU Ballroom

It's not too late to find a great opportunity for the summer! Meet with recruiters seeking candidates for summer and part-time jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities. Casual attire is accepted and pre-registration is not necessary.

More info: <https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/events/135603>

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15. Free Counseling Skills Workshop – Apr 6, 1-4pm, Forbes Tower 4014

Free SHRS Workshop on Counseling skills for undergraduates interested in careers in counseling, psychology or rehabilitation professions.

Hosted by the Pitt [Counseling Graduate Program](#)

More info: [Counseling Skills Workshop](#)

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16. Lecture: Quest to Discover How Life Works and Why It Matters – Apr 11, 4pm, Carnegie Museum of Art Theatre

THE SERENGETI RULES: THE QUEST TO DISCOVER HOW LIFE WORKS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Sean B. Carroll

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

4:00 p.m. (doors open 3:30 p.m.)

Carnegie Museum of Art Theatre

Seating is limited, pre-registration is recommended

How does life work? How does nature produce the right numbers of zebras and lions on the African savanna, or fish in the ocean? How do our bodies produce the right numbers of cells in our organs and bloodstream? Award-winning biologist and author Sean B. Carroll tells the stories of the pioneering scientists who sought the answers to such simple yet profoundly important questions, and shows how their discoveries matter for our health and the health of the planet we depend upon.

Sean B. Carroll is an award-winning scientist, writer, educator, and executive producer. He is vice president for science education at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Allan Wilson Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Please pre-register here: <https://carnegiemnh.org/visitor/the-serengeti-rules-the-quest-to-discover-how-life-works-and-why-it-matters/>

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17. Life Sciences Week Registration Open – Apr 16-20

Pittsburgh Life Sciences Week brings together a diverse mix of life sciences groups – researchers, entrepreneurs, large corporations, and investors. To connect and engage across the spectrum – from development in the lab to delivery in the marketplace. To foster the integration of science and business that will accelerate innovation and translate research into commercial opportunities.

This week long series of innovation forums covers a wide range of current and emerging topics in the life sciences. Join us during Pittsburgh Life Sciences Week and learn why Pittsburgh is poised to become a national leader in life sciences.

More info & register: <https://www.lifesciencespittsburgh.com/life-sciences-week-2018/>

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18. Strong Women, Strong Girls 5K – Apr 22, 9am, Schenley Park

Strong Women, Strong Girls is a nonprofit organization with locations in Pittsburgh and Boston. At the University of Pittsburgh, Strong Women, Strong Girls includes approximately 80 college mentors and 140 adolescent girls. The goal is to inspire, motivate, and empower girls in grades 3-5 in the Pittsburgh community by mentoring with a curriculum that emphasizes female role models. The annual 5K is the biggest fundraiser, and it benefits the Pitt chapter of SWSG to provide supplies and materials for the mentees.

5K: April 22 at 9 am @ Bartlett Shelter Playground, Schenley Park

5K sign up: give.classy.org/20185k

Donation page: engage.pitt.edu/swsg

More about SWSG: <http://swsg.org/pittsburgh/pittsburgh-about/>

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19. Kaplan Med School Prep Week – Mar 27-29

Gear up for Kaplan's Med School Prep Week! The offered online prep sessions include:

- March 27, 9-11pm: Personal Statement Workshop
- March 28, 7-9pm: Real Talk: How I Got In
- March 29, 9:30-11:30pm: MCAT Bootcamp

Reserve a spot at <http://bit.ly/PittPPAA>

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20. WVU Health Professions Fair – Mar 28, 2-6pm, WVU

The Pre-Health Professional Development Office at West Virginia University is excited to announce the return of the annual Health Professions Fair to be held March 28, 2018. This year, health professional schools will have the opportunity to meet and interact with students from WVU and neighboring institutions interested in all health professions.

More info & register: <https://prehealth.wvu.edu/home/health-professions-fair>

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21. Pitt Pre-Health Summit – Apr 7, 9am-3:30pm, WPU

The 2nd annual Pitt Pre-Health Summit will be held on April 7th, 2018. This will be an interprofessional conference for all pre-health students (pre-dental, pre-PA, pre-medical, and more) featuring keynote speakers Dr. Martin Makary.

There will also be breakout sessions held by many different organizations: Pitt Nursing's EKG workshop, an OB/GYN led discussion on maternal mortality hosted by POMS, Bleed Control simulation with Pitt SEMS, and much more!

At the admissions fair, you will be able to network with the Pitt Professional Schools as well as more schools and organizations. The time of year will be ideal, as it is just before most apply to professional school!

More info & register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pitt-pre-health-summit-2nd-annual-tickets-43098688337>

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22. Medical/Dental School Mock Interview Sign-Up – Apr 8

Are you applying to medical or dental schools this cycle? The medical/dental students will be assisting you as you prepare to apply to medical/dental school by offering mock interviews on Sunday, April 8. Please select the time slot that best fits your schedule. The deadline to sign-up is Monday, April 2. (Interviews are limited to those students applying in the next cycle (May/June 2018)).

Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/86YFELtDRjEOrSYw1>

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23. ACC Academic Consortium Fellows Program – deadline Mar 30

Since Pitt is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), Pitt students are eligible to participate in the ACC Academic Consortium (ACCAC) Fellows Program in Creativity and Innovation. This opportunity recognizes and financially supports undergraduates involved in student-driven projects at each of the ACC member campuses.

Criteria for awards include, but are not limited to:

- Originality
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Experimentation
- Intellectual risk

Projects supported may include team-driven activities or individual projects, multi-school ventures, artistic endeavors, videos, and creative projects abroad.

The project must result in a deliverable that can be submitted to the ACC—some examples include an audio or DVD recording, photographs or video of a model or display, a written document, and a computer or web application.

More info & apply: <https://upitt.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1769635>

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24. Fall 2018 Chancellor's Undergrad Research Fellowship – deadline Mar 30

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. The fellowships are available for one term, either fall or spring.

More info & apply: <https://upitt.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1767801>

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25. Fall 2018 THINK Fellowships – deadline Mar 30

T.H.I.N.K.: Trans-disciplinary Honors Inquiries in New Knowledge

This Fellowship aims to:

1. Provide students an opportunity to intellectually engage with a variety of subjects across the humanities, arts, social sciences, and natural sciences.
2. Facilitate topical, conceptual, and even abstract connections across disciplines.
3. Promote critical thinking about different forms of research, scholarship, and creativity, and about research methods.
4. Develop students' ability to communicate to a broad audience.
5. Increase students' awareness of research funding structures and processes.

The Fellowship supports University of Pittsburgh undergraduates who conduct an independent research project, participate in an interdisciplinary weekly seminar in which Fellows present and discuss their projects, and attend a series of faculty talks, workshops, and panel discussions. The fellowship awards a stipend of \$1000; in addition, it requires students to register for 1 credit of research. Please note that if the 1 credit pushes a fellowship winner over 18 credits, with special permission the Fellow may register for this credit in a

later term.

More info & apply: <https://upitt.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1767811>

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26. BA Rudolph Foundation STEM Scholarship – deadline Apr 4

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Scholarship is intended for **female** undergraduate students preparing to enter a profession in the sciences, who are applying to or have secured an unpaid or underpaid summer position (internship, fellowship, research assistantship, etc.) in a related field.

More info & apply: <http://barudolphfoundation.org/stem-scholarship/>

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27. PittHonors Travel Award – deadline Apr 29

PittHonors will award up to \$500 for students presenting at conferences. Students must be honors eligible (3.5 GPA), provide a copy of their invitation to present, and attach a faculty letter of support. Travel funds are awarded on a first-come basis until the annual budget is exhausted. Students may receive the PittHonors travel award only once.

More info & apply: <https://upitt.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1765958>

*** **CLUBS** *** **CLUB*****

Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Health Honor Society)

Spring 2018 Meetings: 4/10
When: 9pm
Where: Cathedral 252

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Biology Club

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Science Outreach Club

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Tri-Beta, Biological Honors Society

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Until next week,

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