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Bio Advising Newsletter – 4/3/2018

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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. Waitlisting Closed Classes, Swap Function

As your preferred classes begin to close, make sure you set up the swap and waitlist functions properly!

For FAQs on Waitlist and Swap: http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/faq_waitlist.html

For training video on swapping into a waitlisted class:

http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/training/stdntcntr_swaptowaitlistclass/stdntcntr_swaptowaitlistclass_player.html

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3. Bio 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: Lesser known advice on scheduling!

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

If you are on the waitlist for a class, especially if you are high up on the list, make sure to show up to the class! Some professors pass around a sheet of paper for waitlisted students to sign to show that they still attended lecture, and they take this into consideration when eventually giving out permission numbers.

Although you will still be considered a full-time student if you are enrolled in a total of 12 credits, you must have 12 credits of LETTER-GRADE classes (not H/S/U) in order to be considered for dean's list at the end of the semester. Hint: if you need an extra letter-grade class, take a fitness class!

You can take up to 4 credits of fitness classes (PEDC) to count towards graduation. Each fitness class tends to be one credit.

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4. 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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5. Pitt Bio Blog: Pursuing a BPhil Degree

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: Grace shares her experience writing her BPhil thesis.

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

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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8. 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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9. DEC Grad? Don't forget to apply! – deadline 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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10. Nat'l Health Service Corps Scholarship – deadline May 10

The NHSC Scholarship Program awards funds to health profession students pursuing careers as primary care providers in exchange for their commitment to serve in high-need, underserved communities. Scholarship support includes tax-free payment of tuition, required fees, other reasonable educational costs, and a taxable monthly living stipend.

After completion of graduation/training, recipients fulfill their service commitment at one of more than 16,000 NHSC-approved sites throughout the nation and its territories. Each scholar serves for a minimum of two years and receives one year of financial support (up to four years) for each year of service at an NHSC site.

You can apply to the Scholarship Program if you are committed to primary care and accepted to or enrolled in an accredited U.S. school in one of the following primary care disciplines:

- Physicians (MD or DO)
- Dentists
- Nurse Practitioners (post graduate degree with clinical practice focus)
- Certified Nurse-Midwives
- Physician Assistants

More info & apply: <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html>

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11. SRF Postbac Fellowship Program – deadline May 21

The SRF Postbaccalaureate Fellowship Program offers recent graduates the opportunity to conduct biomedical research to combat diseases of aging, such as cancer, atherosclerosis, and Parkinson's Disease. Like SRF's Summer Scholars Program, the goal of the Postbaccalaureate Fellowship Program will be to prepare participants for a career in regenerative medicine research. Under the guidance of a scientific mentor, each Fellow will take control of his or her own research project. Training will also include writing assignments that will improve each Fellow's ability to generate grant proposals, abstracts, and other scientific reports.

More info & apply: <http://www.sens.org/education/research-opportunities/srf-postbaccalaureate-fellowship-program>

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12. 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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13. Careers in Science Week – Apr 3-7 (THIS WEEK)

Schedule Highlights

April 3: 12-1pm – [Industry Focused Career Planning for Science Majors](#)

- Learn about what you can do before graduation to make yourself marketable to employers!

April 3: 2-5pm – [Energy Industry Fair hosted by Carnegie Mellon University](#)

- Meet with top companies in the energy industry for internships & full-time opportunities.

April 4: 5-5:45pm – [Senior Career Series: Health & Sciences](#)

- Seniors only career advice session; free padfolios perfect for interviews!

April 5: [Science Career Consultant Office Hours](#)

- Special extended office hours this week; must register in advance.

More info: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/careers-in-science-week-2018/>

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14. 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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15. 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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16. Lecture: Cyborg on the Bridge to Nowhere – Apr 9, 5-6:30pm, Cathedral 501

Medical Humanities Lecture

Cyborg on the Bridge to Nowhere: Problems from the Edge of Life

Jesse Soodalter, MD

Free and open to the public

Abstract: Mr. H, a previously healthy 51-year-old African-American man, presents to a major academic medical center with several days of flu-like symptoms, and is found to be in fulminant heart failure, a rare autoimmune complication of a common virus. Over several days and an escalating series of emergent interventions, his heart dies, and he winds up on a highly advanced complex of life support technologies that replace the function of his heart, lungs, and kidneys. This constellation of care is known as “bridge therapy,” a definitionally temporizing configuration intended to keep a dying patient alive long enough to reach some “destination,” be it recovery, transplant, implantation of more permanent support devices, or decision to

withdraw care. In the case of Mr. H, a lengthy, tumultuous, and ultimately tragic series of events follows.

More info & full abstract: <http://bioethics.pitt.edu/events>

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17. 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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18. Hospital Elder Life Program Volunteer Info Sessions – Apr 16, 18, 19

HELP is a clinical volunteering opportunity at West Penn Hospital and Allegheny General Hospital that gives individuals a hands-on patient experience with older adults on in-patient floors. The program is designed to prevent delirium in hospitalized patients.

Monday, April 16th-5:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, April 18th-1:00pm-3:00pm
Thursday, April 19th-5:00pm-7:00pm

West Penn Hospital
4800 Friendship Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Please RSVP to Autumn via email or phone:
Autumn Corcoran, Program Director
412-337-8263
AutumnMoss.Corcoran@ahn.org

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19. 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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20. 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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21. Undergrad Field Assistant Jobs

2 Summer Crew Members needed to fill paid undergraduate field assistants this summer to assist in collecting physiological data in long-term plots at Trillium Trail in Fox Chapel.

- Full time employment (= \$)
- Begin: end of spring term à ~July 31st
- Must be responsible, on time, and able to work in teams
- Opportunity to conduct research in the academic year

Interested students should email a resume to Mason Heberling at heberling@utk.edu.

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22. Pitt Undergrad Research Assistant Job

Here at the University of Pittsburgh we're all busy as bees - but have you ever wondered what it's like to watch real busy bees? Look no further!

The Ashman Lab is looking for an undergraduate research assistant to help run a field experiment at the Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology and microbiology work at the University of Pittsburgh, from mid-May to the end of Summer.

This full-time position is paid and while at Pymatuning, lodging and meals are covered.

If you're interested in learning how antibiotics affect pollinators and the plant microbiome, give us a poke! Please contact us at Dr. Avery Russell at alr204@pitt.edu with your resume/cv and transcript (unofficial is fine!)! If you have some DNA extraction experience, all the better!

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23. SUNY Optometry Internship – deadline Apr 15

SUNY Optometry has two summer programs available. **Applicants for the internship program must be New York State Residents and identify with a historically underrepresented group or an economically disadvantaged background.**

- 1) **Spring Internship:** Monday June 4 - Friday June 15. This is an exploratory program, designed to let students shadow in the clinics, visit private practices, go through professional school readiness workshops, network with our students and faculty, and do a research presentation to name a few.
- 2) **Summer Academic Program:** Every Tuesday, May 29 - July 24th. In this academic program, students will get a chance to take introductory optometry curriculum courses with our renowned

faculty, for 2 elective credits, possibly transferrable to the students' college institution. They also get a chance to shadow one day in the clinic.

More info & apply: <https://www.sunyopt.edu/education/admissions/cstep>

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24. 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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25. Fulbright Info Session – Apr 13, 12pm, Cathedral 3704

The final Fulbright U.S. Student Program Information Session of the season will take place on Friday, April 13 at 12 PM in CL 3704. This is mandatory for anyone who plans to apply for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program in the fall. [Registration required](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Zang at jaz36@pitt.edu.

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26. 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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