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**Biology Advising Newsletter 9/15/2015**

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- Optometry Club
- Panther Cure Finder
- Pitt Outdoors Club
- POMS
- Pre-Vet Club
- TRI-BETA

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**1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings**

Avoid the October rush and sign up for your advising meeting now! Use the appointment sheets in A258 Langley. BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER.

**\*\*As the advising office is currently short-staffed, we recommend you make your appointment early.\*\***

Oct 26 - spring enrollment begins

PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent having to scratch out your name later.

Remember that we also take walk-ins for quick questions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

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## 2. S/NC Grade Option Deadline - Friday Sept 25

You can still change your grade option at 140 Thackeray Hall.

"Certain courses are offered on the S/NC (Satisfactory/No-Credit) grade option. This option was designed to encourage students to explore new and potentially difficult subjects without fear of the risks of failure. Under this option, a student who does satisfactory work (a grade of C or better) in a course receives the grade of S. If the student's work is not satisfactory (a grade of C- or lower), the grade of NC (No Credit) is given. Courses for which an S is received are counted toward graduation, but are not computed in the GPA. Courses in which an NC is received are counted toward neither graduation nor the GPA."

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## 3. Pre-Health Transfer Student Info Sessions

It is mandatory for every freshman and transfer student to attend the overview sessions during before they schedule an individual appointment with the health advisors.

Fall 2015 Freshman & Transfer Student Sessions:

- Sept 27, 5:30pm, Clapp Hall L-9
- Oct 18, 5:30pm, Clapp Hall L-9
- Nov 8, 5:30pm, Clapp Hall L-9

<http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/advising/health-professions-advising/access-health-professions-advising>

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## 4. Pre-Health Advising

Students interested in premed, dental, optometry, podiatry, and veterinary advising/care prep meet with Andrea Apt and Angella Illig.

<http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/advising/health-professions-advising/access-health-professions-advising>

Fall 2015 Walk-ins for quick questions:

Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am, 479 Crawford Hall  
Wednesdays noon-1:00pm, 479 Crawford Hall  
Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm, 479 Crawford Hall  
Thursdays 9:30-10:30am, 479 Crawford Hall

Schedule an appointment:

<http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2160041238/login>

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## 5. Pre-PA Advising

Students interested in PA, PT, OT, Exercise Science, Athletic Training, Nutrition and Public Health should meet for career advice with Rich Fall in 200 WPU. Make an appointment at 412-648-7130.

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## 6. Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Education Virtual Fair – Sept 21 & 22

Thinking about applying to a Physical Therapy program? Get answers to your questions from 40+ DPT Programs in a Live Event! Meet Admissions Reps & Faculty live online. See list of schools you can chat with:

<https://www.careereco.com/Fair/FairOrganizations?fairId=73effee7-b30e-4926-8d7b-a4db00e60f6>

You only need a one-time FREE Registration to meet with folks from all 40 Programs.

**Register:** <https://www.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=73effee7-b30e-4926-8d7b-a4db00e60f6a>

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## 7. Spring Study Abroad Applications - due Sept 25

[www.abroad.pitt.edu](http://www.abroad.pitt.edu)

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## 8. Academic Workshops

- Goal Setting - Sept 15, 6pm-7pm, ARC

- Goal Setting - Sept 17, 4pm-5pm, ARC
- Goal Setting - Sept 21, 6pm-7pm, ARC
- Goal Setting - Sept 23, 4pm-5pm, ARC
- How to Succeed in Science Courses - Sept 29, 6pm-7pm, ARC

Free, but seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

Reserve your seat: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/arc/study-skills-workshops-and-consultations>

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**9. The Pitt Pulse has a new website: [www.thepittpulse.org](http://www.thepittpulse.org)**

The Pitt Pulse is Pitt's undergraduate creative science magazine. The Pitt Pulse releases four issues per academic year and is fully student-run. Recently, The Pitt Pulse created a news podcast called The Pitt Pulse Presents - each episode features discussion on a theme related to science, medicine, and/or health. The Pitt Pulse will also be launching a video channel this upcoming year that will feature interviews, news shows, and guest lectures.

Our new website brings all three forms of media - writing, radio, and video - together.

We invite you to Read our latest articles, Listen to lively discussion of science topics, and Watch news roundups and talks on relevant issues. Want more info? [thepittpulse@gmail.com](mailto:thepittpulse@gmail.com)

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**10. G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Award - application due Nov 16**

This annual award promotes 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 have demonstrated not only intellectual curiosity and exemplary academic attainment but also citizenship, leadership, and a willingness to help others succeed.

The winners (four per year) receive a prize of \$1,000 each.

**ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Junior year students are eligible to compete. Students must apply to be considered for this award. More information, application form, listing of required additional materials, and instructions at: [www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/stewartaward](http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/stewartaward)

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**11. Pitt Volunteer Fair - Sept 16, 11am - 2pm, WPU (Bigelow Patio)**

The Office of PittServes is proud to host Volunteer Fairs each fall and spring, to provide opportunities for students to connect with local non-profit agencies who are looking for volunteers.

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**12. Western PA Conservancy - Volunteer Stewards Workday Oct 17**

Thanks to all who joined us on 9/12 at Bear Run Reserve. We completed about a 300-ft. relocation of Hemlock Trail, including some stone steps leading to a tributary of Bear Run. We also began clearing and cutting-in an extensive 2000-ft. relocation through a hemlock forest.

Our next workday will be Oct. 17 at Plain Grove Fens in Lawrence County (Slippery Rock exit off I-79). We'll be cutting back invasive shrubs that are impeding native tree establishment in some old fields. We'll also take some time to meet with our tenant farmer and get a tour of their activities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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**13. Science 2015: poster session - abstract due Sept 18**

Have you been working in a lab? It's time to show-off your work! Register for the undergraduate division of the poster session of Science 2015. Its an awesome opportunity to talk to others about your work, and would look great on your resume!

**Undergraduate Research Poster Reception - Oct 8, 5pm, Alumni Hall**

*At a special reception open to all Science 2015 registrants, undergraduates from across the University will exhibit faculty-mentored research posters in basic science, medicine, and engineering. If you are an undergraduate and have any*

questions, e-mail Maryann Gray at [magray@pitt.edu](mailto:magray@pitt.edu)

Register your poster: <http://www.science2015.pitt.edu/postreg.htm>

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**14. Life Sciences Research Certificate - due Nov 1**

Are you looking for extra majors, minors, certificates and are interested in research? We may have just the thing for you...

<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/rescert>

The academic plan of the Certificate is a great way to build your research skills in and out of the lab.

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**15. \$\$\$ Spring 2016 Brackenridge 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.

<http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/fall-spring-brackenridge-fellowships>

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**16. \$\$\$ Spring Undergraduate Research Award - due 5pm Nov 23**

Spring Undergraduate Research Awards \$1,000 stipend

<http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/our-semester-awards>

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[www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538](http://www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538)

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**PANTHER CURE FINDER**

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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**

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

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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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