

## Biology Advising Newsletter 1/06/2014

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**Special Event: Trip to Presque Isle - Jan 12**

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### 1. Advising Walk-ins

The advisors are primarily taking walk-ins to serve students with time-sensitive questions, scheduling issues, and permissions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

Appointments for in-depth Academic and Career planning, and Summer / Fall Term Advising Holds begin January 21st. Sign-up Sheets are out in the Advising Office now.

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## 2. Spring Term Deadlines

Add/Drop - Friday Jan 17

S/NC Grade Option - Friday Jan 31 (after add-drop, 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. UTA, Research & Intern Forms for credits

Are you doing research or TAing for credit this semester? The enrollment forms need to be turned into an advisor by January 17. But you can turn them in anytime before the deadline as well!

You can pick up a blank form from an Advisor in A258 Langley Hall or download from our website: [www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms](http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms)  
<<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms>>

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## 4. PeopleSoft Swap Function

Do you know about the swap function in PeopleSoft? This nifty function prevents you from losing out on the class you are currently enrolled in as you try to nab a seat in another class.

An instruction guide (with pictures!) can be found by:

- a) Log into my.pitt.edu <<http://my.pitt.edu>>
- b) DON'T log into PeopleSoft! Instead, click on "Learn More" underneath the "PeopleSoft Login" link.
- c) On the right hand side, at the very bottom, select the tutorial: "Swap a Class.pdf"

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## 5. Summer Research Info Session - Jan 10, 3:30-4:30pm, Langley 221

Panel of undergraduate researchers talk about Summer Research Positions and how to get them.

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## 6. Resume/ Curriculum Vitae (CV) Workshop - Jan 24, 3-5pm, Langley 219B

Work with faculty and students in small groups to perfect your resume/CV. Bring a draft if you have one or brainstorm in a group to get it started.

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## **7. Poster Session by Undergraduate Researchers - Jan 31, 4-5:30pm, Langley 219B & Langley Lobby**

Ask questions about their research and see what these undergraduates do in labs.

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## **8. Recommendation Letter Workshop - Feb 21, 3:30-5pm, Langley 219B**

Learn how to get the most valuable recommendation letters. Work in small groups to build a document to distribute to your letter writers.

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## **9. Database of Summer Research Programs**

Summer research programs (outside of Pitt)

- <http://biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/research/outside-pitt>
- many deadlines are in **January**
- List maintained by BISOA Advisors

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## **10. Undergraduate Research Funding Opportunities**

Undergraduate Research funding at Department & University level

- <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/awards-and-fellowships>
- many deadlines are in **February**
- List maintained by BISOA Advisors

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## **11. Health Science Opportunities in the Brazilian Amazon - Jan 9, 5:30pm, Forbes Craig Hall**

Amizade Global Service Learning invites students in the health sciences to a presentation on short-term programs and full-length rotation opportunities in Brazil's Amazon River Basin. Amizade is a Pittsburgh-based non-profit organization, working to empower individuals and communities through world wide service and learning. Amizade's Fair Trade Learning model demands reciprocity for the health professional student and the host community.

Credit and non-credit bearing programs are available for undergraduate pre-professional students (especially nursing and pre-medicine).

Presenter: Nathan Darity, MPH, MID, Amizade Project Director, Brazil Site Coordinator

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**12. Applying to MD/PhD Programs Info Session - Jan 12, 6pm, Langley A221**

Richard Steinman, Director of the Physician Scientist Program at Pitt will be the speaker.  
Everyone is welcome!

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**13. Lecture "EVAR: A Procedure that Changed a Specialty" - Jan 13, 4pm, Lecture Room 6 Scaife Hall.**

Michel S. Makaroun, MD, professor of surgery, School of Medicine, will deliver "EVAR: A Procedure that Changed a Specialty". Dr. Makaroun is the UPMC Professor of Vascular Surgery. His research interests include carotid artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, and the endovascular and surgical repair of abdominal aortic aneurysms.

Light refreshments to follow.

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**14. Global Health Films "Blue Gold: World Water Wars" - Jan 14, noon, Parran Hall Room 109**

Narrated by Malcolm McDowell, this powerful documentary examines the environmental and political implications of the planet's dwindling fresh water supply. As water becomes a commodity and demands increases beyond the finite supply, what role will scarcity play in geopolitics and emerging global power structures? What can we do to avoid turning the earth into a desert?

Sponsored buy the Global Health Student Association and the Center for Global Health

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**15. Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium due Jan 10**

Application for spring semester undergraduate research projects due Jan 10.

<http://pa.spacegrant.org/>

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**ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Mondays 6:30pm, Langley A221**

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

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**BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224**

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**TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224**

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

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**OPTOMETRY CLUB - Sundays, WPU**

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

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**PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9:00pm, WPU porch**

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**PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 8:00pm, Langley A219B**

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

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**BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB**

*We're taking our first birding trip of the semester to Presque Isle State Park on Sunday, January 12th - the Sunday after the first week of classes at Pitt. Presque Isle is a peninsula in Erie, PA extending into Lake Erie, and it's a great place to see a large variety of waterfowl. Anyone is welcome, no prior experience is required. We're meeting Sunday at 7:30 AM in front of Clapp Hall; we should get back sometime in the afternoon. If you come, be sure to wear warm clothing - it can get pretty cold on the lake. Binoculars will be provided. Please RSVP if you plan on coming. Hope to see you there!*

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

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

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**POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, WPU 837**

Premedical Organization for Minority Students  
[www.poms.us](http://www.poms.us)

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