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****NETWORKING TIP OF THE WEEK**** by Carol Stanton, CGS Career Counselor

Reach out.

Search newspapers for listings of networking events or contact groups such as Papan (www.papan.us) or Priority Two. The Pittsburgh Regional Alliance has a website that lists networking groups (www.pittsburghregion.org). Volunteer to get involved in community organizations where you might meet new people. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to people you don't know.

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- 1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

Avoid the March rush and sign up for your advising meeting now! All three advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley.

PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent having to scratch out your name later. A last-minute appointment change deprives other students of that time-slot.

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

2. S/NC Grade Option - Deadline Feb 1

S/NC Grade option: 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 (for no credit) is given. Courses for which S grades are earned are counted toward graduation but are not computed in the GPA. Courses for which NC grades are earned are not counted toward graduation because the NC designates that no credit was earned. In order to take a class with the S/NC grade option, a student must have selected the S/NC option by February 1, by completing a Grade Option/Audit Request form in 140 Thackeray Hall.

3. Majors and Minors Expo Volunteers

We are looking for students able to spend 30 to 60 minutes at the Biological Sciences table at the Majors and Minors Expo to promote our majors tomorrow, Wednesday January 30th from 12:30-3pm in William Pitt Union. If you can help out, contact Jaime Warren jlw146@pitt.edu or just stop by our table and hang out for a bit.

4. Reward your favorite Graduate Teaching Assistant! - due Feb 1

The Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award was created to acknowledge outstanding teaching by Graduate Students in the Arts & Sciences. Undergraduate students are invited to nominate any graduate student who you believe has made a significant contribution to teaching at the University of Pittsburgh. To be eligible for a teaching award an instructor must have been enrolled as a graduate student and teaching a class in any semester of the previous calendar year.

More info & to nominate online: <http://asgso.pitt.edu/teachingawards>

5. Department of Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium - Feb 1, 4-5:30pm, Langley Hall

Come check out the research your fellow biology students are conducting! No need to stay the entire time, drop by when you are free. If you would like to join a research lab this is a great opportunity to find out what it is all about.

6. Pitt In the Himilayas Info Session (free pizza!) - Jan 31, 6-8pm Anthropology Lounge - WWPH 3106

Pitt in the Himalayas offers students the opportunity to study and live in the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains, one of the most geographically diverse and culturally rich areas of the Indian subcontinent. With the academic leadership of experienced Pitt faculty, students will spend a semester in India taking up to 15 credits (taught in English) in anthropology, with extensive academic excursions to contextualize course content and make the most of this

program's spectacular setting.

Facebook Link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pitt-in-the-Himalayas-Study-Abroad/348114521922946>
Study Abroad Link: <http://www.abroad.pitt.edu/himalayas>

Yes, you CAN study abroad with a Biological Sciences Major!!!

7. Mini-Gardening Class hosted by Plant2Plate - Jan 29, 9pm, 242 Cathedral

For our first mini-gardening class, Marisa of Grow Pittsburgh will give us an introduction to the basic know-how of organic gardening. We will then use this knowledge and start work on designing the new urban plot step-by-step on February 16th. Sharpen your shears and see you at 9:00pm in room 242 of the Cathedral of Learning!

8. POMS Black History Month Health Fair - Feb 8, 5:30-7:00pm, WPU Lower Lounge

In honor of Black History Month, Pitt's Pre-Medical Organization for Minority Students (POMS) is hosting a collaborative event to raise awareness about prominent issues in international and domestic healthcare affecting African Americans. Organizations including Global Brigades, Campus Women's Organization, SLIM, and Chi Eta Phi will have information tables, each discussing a different topic in healthcare. Topics will include:

- International Health
- Black Women's Health Initiatives
- HIV/AIDS
- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Ways to Live a Healthier Lifestyle

All students welcome!

9. Global Health Films - Jan 31, 3-5pm, Room 109 Parran Hall

"Black Gold - wake up and smell the coffee"

Coffee is second only to oil as the world's most valuable trading commodity. But while we queue up for our cappuccinos, coffee farmers are paid so little that many have been forced to abandon their coffee fields. Nowhere is the paradox more evident than in Ethiopia, the birthplace of coffee and the nation that produces some of the highest quality coffee beans on the global market. In response, Tadesse Meskela travels to London and Seattle to deal directly with the multinational players in an effort to save 74,000 struggling coffee farmers from bankruptcy.

Sponsored by the Global Health Student Association and the Center for Global Health.

10. Expert in Lipoprotein Genetics and Heart Disease Lecture - Feb 5, noon, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall

Helen H. Hobbs, MD, professor of internal medicine and of molecular genetics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center will deliver the lecture, "Genetics of Complex Diseases: Getting to the Heart of the Matter".

11. Expert in Orthopedic Surgery Lecture - Feb 4, 4pm, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall

James W. Roach, MD, MBA, professor of orthopaedic surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and director of the pediatric orthopaedic surgery program at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, will deliver a Provost's Inaugural Lecture, "Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip-Not Just a Childhood Condition".

12. ATTN Juniors: Graduate scholarship in Cambridge

Looking for juniors (who will be seniors fall 2013) who are strong candidates in science, technology, engineering and math to apply for the Churchill Scholarship. The scholarship includes tuition, living stipend, and travel expenses. The award gives students the chance to conduct research at Cambridge University as a post graduate student. Pitt is limited to two student applicants.

Interested? Contact: Judy Zang jaz36@pitt.edu

13. Over \$10,000 in Scholarships Available for Essays - deadline Feb 15

The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund is an essay contest open to all college students. The essay subject concerns cancer and the scholarships are: \$5,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place.

Only the first 500 essays will be judged so early submissions are encouraged!

More info: www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp

14. Journalism Fellowships & Application Deadlines

We have a list of 14 journalism fellowships posted in the Advising Office. OR email a BIOSC advisor

Google Journalism Fellowship - January 31

Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow Program - January 31

The Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship - February 7

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program - February 8

The Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship - February 25

Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute's Global Leaders Internship and Fellowship Program - April 6

Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship - October 1

15. ADEA GoDental Internship - deadline Feb 25

Intern will work with The American Dental Education Association staff to creatively and strategically grow GoDental.org, a website designed for pre-health students interested in dentistry, dental students, and residents. The focus of the internship will be on social media, web design, and content development on dental education.

The intern does not need to be located in the Washington, DC area as this internship can be maintained electronically.

Qualifications

-Current college freshman, sophomore, or junior

-Interest in website development and/or health careers
-Available to attend 2013 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in Seattle, WA: March 15-19th, 2013
(travel expenses paid)

Intern Responsibilities

-Devote 5 hrs/ week from March 2013-March 2014
-Weekly meetings by phone and webinar
-Learn management software to assist staff with updates
-Content creation in the form of blogs, articles, and opinion pieces
-Participate in DentNetworks- the discussion forum for current and future students
-Provide feedback on website
-Participate in the ADEA GoDental Task Force

[http://info.adea.org/DEP/Highlights/ADEA_Announces_GoDental_Internship_for_College_Students-Apply_Now!\(2\)/](http://info.adea.org/DEP/Highlights/ADEA_Announces_GoDental_Internship_for_College_Students-Apply_Now!(2)/)

Questions: Emily Rhineberger RhinebergerE@adea.org

16. West Virginia University Summer Undergraduate Research - deadline March 15

Undergraduate students will conduct independent research for 10 weeks during the summer (May 20 - July 26) and receive a \$5000 stipend, free room and board in a dorm, and an allowance for travel to and from WVU. Research will focus on some aspect of environmental biology and include laboratory and field projects in forest ecology, plant biology, microbiology, physiology, genomics, molecular biology and more. Many students that have participated have had their work published and presented at national and regional science meetings and workshops. Especially good for students interested in a graduate career in environmental biology and would like a preview of graduate school.

More info: <http://biology.wvu.edu/nsf-reu>

17. Last session of Juniors/Seniors applying to Pre-Professional Health Committee in May 2013

January 31 at 5:30 pm in Langley A219B. This resume session is mandatory.

Questions: aapt@pitt.edu

18. Ornithology Club Field Trip Allegheny National Forest - Feb 10, 6am, Clapp Hall

For the trip to Allegheny National Forest, the target species will include Evening Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls both being reliable in the town of Marienville. We will then check Buzzard Swamp and Cook Forest State Park for both species of crossbills, Rough-legged Hawks, and other northern species.

Meet in front of Clapp Hall at 6:00 AM on Sunday, February 10th. This will be an all-day trip, as our destination is 2+ hours away - so bring a lunch. Binoculars and transportation will be provided. Please RSVP if you plan on coming.

Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538

19. ECOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays 7:30pm, Langley A219B

1/29 - Current grad student presenting tips for graduate school interviews

2/12, 2/26, 3/19, 3/26, 4/9

20. BIOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays, 8:30pm, Langley A214

2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2

21. TRI-BETA - Tuesdays, Langley A221

1/29: Resume and Interview Workshop

2/12: Speaker (TBD)

2/26: RateMyProfessors

3/26: Speaker (TBD)

4/9: Elections

Bamboo fundraising- February 11, 12, 13 from 10 - 12 am in Towers Lobby

Adopt a block - 2/9, 3/2, and 4/6

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt/>

Until next week,

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