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INTERVIEWING TIP OF THE WEEK

Be a good listener.

Listen carefully to the questions so that you can give the appropriate answers. If you don't understand the question, ask for clarification. Don't be so focused on what you are going to say that you don't listen to the entire question.

(Tips by Carol Stanton, CGS Career Counselor)

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1. Advising & Pre-Registration Meetings

Sign-up sheets are available in the Advising Office for pre-registration meetings (Enrollment starts Oct 29).

These meetings include removing your "Advising Hold" for Spring Term 2012 self-enrollment; we will talk about your spring schedule, and can discuss your academic and career plans. Don't delay, even if you have other holds... the Advising Hold can be removed independent of them.

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.

No-shows or cancellations with less than 24-hour notice must reschedule AFTER November 7th!

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2. The undergraduate section of the www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate website has been growing!

Check out the useful information. In particular, you can now find many commonly used forms at: www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms

As always, we still offer these forms in hard-copy in the Advising Office.

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3. Monitored Withdrawal Deadline - Oct 26; 140 Thackeray

Until the deadline, you can simply complete a form in the A&S Undergraduate Dean's Office, no permissions needed. If you withdraw from a class the grade "W" will be recorded on your term grades and transcript for that class. "W" grades do not count toward a student's degree, grade point average, or academic progress for purposes of financial aid eligibility. There is no tuition adjustment associated with a class withdrawal.

After the Oct 26 Deadline, you can only file an "Appeal for Late Withdrawal." The A&S Undergraduate Deans will decide whether to grant it.

You need a really good reason to justify a late withdrawal.

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4. Career Presentation: Pitt Physician Assistant Program - Oct 24, 5-6pm, Crawford 169

Emily Murphy, MPAS, PA-C, from the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences will discuss the PA program, admissions, and curriculum information.

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

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5. Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine on Campus - Oct 17, noon, Cathedral 3504

Johnathan Cox, a representative from the Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine will be in Pittsburgh on October 17, 2012. If you would like to meet with him, please come to 3504 Cathedral of Learning at noon.

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6. Career Presentation: American University of Antigua Medical School - Oct 22, 5pm, Langley A224

Thomas Morrow, Associate Director of Admissions for American University of Antigua (AUA), will give a talk about AUA's Medical School admissions process, program qualifications, and academic opportunities.

www.auamed.org

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

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7. Thomas Jefferson University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Fall Info Sessions

Upcoming On-Campus Information Sessions at Thomas Jefferson University to learn more about the opportunities for graduate training in the biomedical sciences at the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies. Prospective students will have the chance to speak with faculty and representatives to learn about the programs of study available and the admission process.

-PhD Programs include: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Cell & Developmental Biology, Genetics, Immunology & Microbial Pathogenesis, Molecular Pharmacology & Structural Biology, and Neuroscience.

-MS Programs include: Biomedical Sciences, Cell & Developmental Biology, Microbiology, and Pharmacology.

-Graduate Certificates (15 credit hours) include: Infectious Disease Control, Human Clinical Investigation: Theory, and Clinical Research and Trials: Implementation.

MS/Certificate Info Session - Oct 16, 5:30-7pm, Philadelphia

PhD Info Session - Nov 2, 2-6pm, Philadelphia

Fall Open House & Financial Aid Workshop - Nov 10, 9am-2pm, Philadelphia

www.jefferson.edu/jcgs/info.cfm

Questions: Marc Stearns, marc.stearns@jefferson.edu

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8. Drexel University Global Health Opportunities Day - Oct 19, 10am-3pm, Philadelphia

Drexel University will host its second Global Health Opportunities Day on October 19, 2012. The event is designed to connect students to information and opportunities related to global health.

The event is free, however registration is required: www.publichealth.drexel.edu/globalhealth

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9. WVU Department of Biology Graduate Recruitment Weekend - Nov 10-11

This weekend is an opportunity to acquaint yourself with WVU's M.S. and Ph.D. programs. Over the weekend, students will learn about the department, the specific research interests of our faculty, financial support, and graduate student life at WVU. Students will meet one-on-one with faculty, share social time with graduate students, attend a research poster session, and tour of our state-of-the-art Life Sciences Building, and explore Morgantown. Weekend lodging provided.

www.biology.wvu.edu

Space is limited, register by emailing your name, address, and phone number to Dr. Rita Rio at rita.rio@mail.wvu.edu

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10. \$1,000 Spring Undergraduate Research Awards - application due Nov 16

The Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR) is offering \$1,000 Spring Undergraduate Research Awards to students conducting 1 to 3 credit hours of directed independent research under a Dietrich School faculty mentor.

Applications will be accepted from any Dietrich School undergraduate who:

- is in good academic standing
- has completed 30 Pitt credit hours of academic work
- has declared a disciplinary major
- has a faculty mentor in A&S
- has enrolled in directed research for credit for Spring Term 2013

Application includes:
 -Cover Sheet
 -2 page project proposal
 -transcript
 -resume

Questions and Application Materials: Patrick Mullen, 412-624-9150, pjm57@pitt.edu

11. Spring Break Field Studies Program in NYC - application due Nov 16

The Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences is seeking applicants for a New York City undergraduate research field studies program to take place over spring break, March 10-15, 2013. The program, which covers students' travel, accommodations, and some meals, provides them the opportunity to conduct research outside the University of Pittsburgh. Daily meetings and other educational and cultural activities will be scheduled.

- Applications will be accepted from any Dietrich School undergraduate who:
- is in good academic standing
 - has completed 30 Pitt credit hours of academic work
 - has declared a disciplinary major
 - has a faculty mentor in A&S
 - has enrolled in directed research for credit for Spring Term 2013

Application includes:
 -Cover Sheet
 -2 page project proposal, explaining how NYC will enhance the project
 -transcript
 -resume

Questions and Application Materials: Patrick Mullen, 412-624-9150, pjm57@pitt.edu

12. VOTE! PA Deadline for absentee voting - Oct 30

Need to vote through absentee ballot? You have until October 30 to apply for an absentee ballot in PA. Absentee ballot applications are available through the Resource Center link at www.votespa.com

Absentee voting regulations and deadlines vary by state. Check out your home state here: www.longdistancevoter.org/absentee_ballots

More information is available online, but if you have any questions or want to talk to someone about voting, please call Pitt's Office of Government Relations at 412-624-7755.

13. Dr. Interns Service Trip to India

Dr. Interns is a non-profit organization that provides students healthcare internships internationally. Dr. Interns is committed to placing students passionate about healthcare into internships where they learn from hands-on experience, shadowing, and research work. The next internship will be taking place during the summer of 2013, in Ratanpura, India.

This is a great opportunity, though you do have to pay to participate. More Information: <http://drinterns.org/apply/faq>

Questions: Paul Gonter, Paul@DrInterns.org

14. MEDLIFE Student Organization - Oct 22, 9pm, Cathedral G8

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a concrete impact in the fight against global poverty? MEDLIFE is a global health organization working to improve access to medicine, education, and development in impoverished regions of Latin America. Through Medical Mobile Clinics and community development projects, students are able to work alongside doctors and other professionals to bring sustainable change to areas of extreme poverty.

We are currently looking for students interested in either participating in MEDLIFE's Pitt chapter or going on a mobile clinic over spring break (or summer break).

Next meeting: October 22 at 9pm in room G8 of the Cathedral. All years/majors welcome!

Questions: pittmedlife@gmail.com

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15. Ecology Club - Oct 16, 7:30, Langley A224

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in Langley A224
10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/4

pittecologyclub@gmail.com

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16. Biology Club - Oct 16, 8:30pm, Langley A214

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 8:30pm in Langley A214
10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27

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17. Tribeta National Biological Honor Society - Oct 23, 8pm, Langley 224

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 8pm in Langley 224.
10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4

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18. Pitt Dental Club - Oct 16, 9pm, Cathedral

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 9pm in the Cathedral
10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27

Contact pittedentclub@gmail.com and join the Facebook page for up-to-date information.

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Until next week,

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