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****INTERVIEWING TIP OF THE WEEK****

Make a good first impression.

Be punctual and look professional. From being in the work world, you already know the appropriate attire for an interview. Have your interviewing clothes ready in case you get a last minute call. As you know, in most cases, it's always better to dress more on the conservative side for an interview.

(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.

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

IF YOU MISS YOUR APPOINTMENT you will need to re-schedule for AFTER October 29th.

2. Class search for spring term (2134) is now available online in PeopleSoft! Whoo-hooo!

The A&S Course Descriptions page will be up after Fall Break.

Your individual enrollment appointment can also be found in your Student Center.

3. Majors and Minors Expo - Volunteers Needed, Help your Advisors!

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 on October 10 from 11am-3pm in William Pitt Union. If you can help out, contact Jaime Warren jlw146@pitt.edu

4. Final Exams, Resolving Schedule Conflicts - deadline October 19

If you have THREE FINALS on the SAME DAY (or 24 hour period), you should work with your professors to see if one can accommodate you.

- Complete an Exam Conflict Accommodation Form, on which the Registrar confirms that you have 3 finals on the same day (link below).
- Take this form to your professors to see if any one can accommodate you.
- If no professor will move your exam, then the Registrar will select which exam is to be moved.

*** If you need the Registrar's help, you must have completed the form and contacted all your professors first! ***

Although October 19 may seem close, it's not much time to talk to everyone and determine if you need help from the Registrar.

www.registrar.pitt.edu/final_examination_schedules.html

5. Considering adding another major or minor? Go check out your options!

Majors & Minors Expo - Oct 10, 11am-2pm, William Pitt Union

6. Career Presentation: Pitt Graduate School of Public Health - Oct 9, 5pm, Langley A219B

Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health staff, post doc, and graduate students will discuss information about the admissions process and conducting graduate research in the Infectious Disease and Epidemiology programs. Please attend to ask questions about all the GSPH programs and find out what the pre-requisites, curriculum requirements, and expectations are for students in the public health department and the profession.

www.publichealth.pitt.edu

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

7. American Podiatric Medical Association Webinars

The American Podiatric Medical Association is hosting several educational webinars for undergraduates. Use the link to view Dr. Grace Torres-Hodge's general career information presentation. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/793600690>

An upcoming webinar on October 19 will discuss podiatry and sports medicine.

Questions: careerinfo@apma.org

8. Primary Care Day at Penn State - Nov 10, Hershey, PA

The Pennsylvania State University Chapter of Student National Medical Association (SNMA) would like to invite all students interested in medicine to the annual Primary Care and MAPS Day.

Presentations in the morning:

- Dean Dwight Davis, M.D., Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs will discuss tips on applying for medical school.
- Eileen Moser, M.D., FACP, Interim Vice Dean for Educational Affairs will discuss the medical school curriculum.
- Hear from practicing doctors in different subspecialties: internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, rural family medicine

In the afternoon, participate in various workshops to find out what life is like as a doctor. Topics include: Simulated Vaginal delivery led by local residents; Listen to heart sounds and how to set up EKGs in a small group setting; Learn to read xrays in a Radiology seminar; many more.

RSVP: www.123contactform.com/form-368729/MAPS-Day-2012-At-Penn-State-College-Of-Medicine
Questions: [Lise Phan snma.hershey@gmail.com](mailto:Lise.Phan@snma.hershey@gmail.com)

9. Pitt School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Open House - Oct 20, 10am, Forbes Tower

Take this opportunity to meet with faculty, staff and students. Learn first hand about programs and the career opportunities they offer.

Graduate programs available in:

- Clinical Dietetics and Nutrition (BS, CMD)
- Communication Science & Disorders (MA/MS, AuD, CScD, PhD)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Physician Assistant Studies (MS)
- Prosthetics and Orthotics (MS)
- Health & Rehabilitation Sciences (MS) with concentrations in:
 - Health Information Systems
 - Health Care Supervision and Management
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Rehabilitation Counseling
 - Rehabilitation Science and Technology
 - Sports Medicine
 - Wellness and Human Performance

Register: www.shrs.pitt.edu/OpenHouse
Questions: admissions@shrs.pitt.edu

10. Forbes and Fifth (a student-run interdisciplinary magazine) submission deadline - Oct 3

Interested in publishing your research, creative writing, visual art, or other scholarly works? Forbes & Fifth, a student-run interdisciplinary magazine sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, is accepting submissions from all disciplines.

Submissions include, but are not limited to:

- Research Articles
- Works of Nonfiction
- Poetry
- Fiction
- Book or Film Reviews
- Translations
- Art (illustrations, paintings, or any visual art)

To submit your work, email forbes5@pitt.edu.

Deadline - October 3

11. Pitt Science 2012 - Oct 3-5, Alumni Hall

Three full days of great science presentations by some of Pittsburgh's leading researchers are planned, as are keynote lectures by distinguished guest scientists. Also featured will be exhibits, poster sessions, a career development workshop, a new technology showcase, networking opportunities, and more—all built around the theme, Science2012-Translation.

- *** Undergraduate Research Poster Reception - Oct 4, 5pm, Alumni Hall
- *** Undergraduates from across the university will exhibit faculty-mentored
- *** research posters in basic science, medicine, and engineering.

<http://www.science2012.pitt.edu/>

Plenary Session 1 - Oct 4, 11am, Alumni Hall
"Imatinib As a Paradigm of Molecularly Targeted Cancer Therapies"
Brian J. Druker, MD, Oregon Health & Science University

Plenary Session 2 - Oct 4, 4pm, Alumni Hall
"Sustainable Energy Innovators: Moving toward a Low-Carbon Future"
Miranda A. Schreurs, PhD, Freie Universität Berlin

Plenary Session 3 - Oct 5, 11am, Alumni Hall
"Riboswitches: Biology's Ancient Regulators"
Ronald R. Breaker, PhD, Yale University

Plenary Session 4 - Oct 5, 4pm, Alumni Hall
"Optogenetics: Development and Application"
Karl Deisseroth, MD, PhD, Stanford University

Spotlight Session 1: Targeted Cancer Therapies - Oct 4, 9am, Alumni Hall
Spotlight Session 2: Modeling and Simulation - Oct 4, 9am, Alumni Hall
Spotlight Session 3: Nano (Enough Said) - Oct 4, 9am, Alumni Hall

Spotlight Session 4: Mitochondria-Metabolism, Moonlighting, and Death - Oct 4, 2pm, Alumni Hall

Spotlight Session 5: Molecular and Engineering Responses to Trauma - Oct 4, 2pm, Alumni Hall
Spotlight Session 6: Next-Gen Materials - Oct 4, 2pm, Alumni Hall

Spotlight Session 7: In Vitro Evolution - Oct 5, 9am, Alumni Hall
Spotlight Session 8: To Screen or Not To Screen - Oct 5, 9am, Alumni Hall
Spotlight Session 9: Re-Engineering Processes - Oct 5, 9am, Alumni Hall

Spotlight Session 10: Elucidating Neural Circuit Dynamics - Oct 5, 2pm, Alumni Hall
Spotlight Session 11: Autophagy and Apoptosis - Oct 5, 2pm, Alumni Hall
Spotlight Session 12: Invasion of the 'omics - Oct 5, 2pm, Alumni Hall

12. Volunteers Needed for FoodShare Drive - October and November

>20% of kids in southwestern PA don't get enough to eat to live an active healthy life. Volunteers are needed to hand out "most-needed" shopping lists at Giant Eagle Stores to encourage shoppers to purchase a few extra items to donate to the Food Bank, or to make a cash donation at the register. As shoppers donate food, simply thank them for their donation and pack up items as needed.

Volunteers needed Saturdays and Sundays October 27 through November 17. Choose the store and date most convenient for you; sign up early to have the most choices.

Sign up online: www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/volunteer

13. Volunteers Needed to Plant Trees

Volunteer to plant trees on Saturdays this fall with TreeVitalize Pittsburgh project. Looking for volunteers who like working outside. A typical planting day starts at 9am with a lesson on planting trees and ends around noon with a free lunch.

Info and registration: www.paconserve.org/300

14. Volunteers Needed for SciTech Days @ Carnegie Science Center - Nov 6-9

SciTech Days connect students with leading scientists and technologists in a fun, dynamic atmosphere. The intent is to capture the interest of younger teens, as they start making choices that will affect their careers.

Volunteers needed as passport stampers at the technology exhibits that will be set up for the event. Volunteers will ask students pre-written questions about that particular exhibitor and then stamp the students' passports. It's very easy to do and a lot of fun, too! All volunteers will receive a Sci-Tech T-shirt and vouchers for a free breakfast and free lunch from Carnegie Science Center.

The shift is 8:30-2:30 (with a lunch included), and you can choose any amount of days to volunteer.

To volunteer, email: Rose Jandrasits, jandrasitsr@CarnegieScienceCenter.org

www.scitechfestival.com

15. Global Brigades Webmaster Position Available Immediately

Global Brigades at Pitt is an undergraduate chapter of Global Brigades, Inc. dedicated to promoting sustainable development holistically through educating students and empowering them to implement projects in Honduras. We are recruiting a Webmaster (unpaid) for the 2012-2013 academic year as an e-board member to create and manage a website and other media to serve all three chapters that will

feature event updates, documents, and general information about the club's mission and activities. For more information, email Pitt@globalbrigades.org or call (908) 361-6427. To apply, send resume and example of previous work (if possible) to the above address.

16. Personal Care Assistant needed (paid)

Looking for student to assist an active woman with Multiple Sclerosis and quadriplegia with the activities of daily living and personal care.

Qualities sought:

- Must be committed and enthusiastic.
- No previous experience necessary.
- Female preferred.
- Available Wednesdays 5:30pm-9:30pm
- Own transportation to Mt. Lebanon.

Pay is \$12 per hour and the position starts immediately. If interested, call Debbie or Bob at (412) 531-5227

17. Ecology Club - Oct 2, 7:30, Langley A224

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in Langley A224
10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/4

pittecolologyclub@gmail.com

18. Biology Club - Oct 2, 8:30pm, Langley A214

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 8:30pm in Langley A214
10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27

19. Tribeta National Biological Honor Society - Oct 9, 8pm, Langley 224

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 8pm in Langley 224.
10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4

20. Global Healthcare Presentation TODAY - Oct 2, 9pm, 232 Cathedral

As part of MEDLIFE's national One Billion+ Campaign Tour, Sean White will be on campus today to spread awareness about the more than one billion+ people worldwide who face a critical shortage in healthcare. This will be a presentation about global health, MEDLIFE and the services it provides, and of course how you can get involved with communities in need. Even though you may not be a MEDLIFE member, this lecture will be a great way to share some global health experiences.

www.medlifeweb.org/one-billion-campaign-tour.html

21. Pitt Dental Club Guest Speakers TODAY - Oct 2, 9pm, Salk 457

Guest speakers Dr. Matthew Gornick (Orthodontist) and Dr. Edward Halusic (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon) will be speaking with us about their schooling experiences and in their individual careers. All interested are welcome.

Until next week,

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