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

Let your real self shine.

The interviewer wants to know who you are and what you can do for their organization. The more experienced job candidate usually has a better sense of himself or herself and can more readily present their qualifications in a job 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.

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

2. Monitored Withdrawal Deadline - THIS FRIDAY 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.

3. Graduating in April 2013?

GO TO 140 Thackeray to pick up, and return, your Application for Graduation.

DO IT between Oct 29 & Nov 9

it's easy (3 pages) and its FREE.

4. Overcoming Test Anxiety Workshop - Nov 8, 6pm, G1 Gardner Steel Conference Center

The ARC and the Counseling Center will be presenting a workshop on techniques to help overcome test anxiety. Food will be served.

RSVP: 412-648-7920

5. Study Skills Coaching

Individualized coaching sessions are available at the ARC Monday through Friday in the following topics:

- Active Study Habits
- Test Preparation
- Reading Strategies
- Time Management
- Planning for Midterms and Final Exams

Call the ARC at 412-648-7920 to schedule an appointment.

6. Intro BIOSC Labs Undergraduate TAs needed

--BIOSC 0067 is the research-based version of 0060. Experiments focus on genetics, molecular biology, evolution, and ecology. The course meets Thursday mornings.

--BIOSC 0191 is an integrated course that focuses on building problem solving and data analysis skills. Lectures cover genetics, development, ecology, and evolution. The lab meets Wednesday mornings.

Contact: Dr. Nancy Kaufman nkaufman@pitt.edu

7. 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.

8. 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 Sundays 8am-4pm and alternating Saturdays 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

9. POMS Pre-Medical Conference - Nov 9 & 10, Scaife Hall

POMS has invited physicians, medical students, dental students, researchers and others involved in the healthcare industry. They will host workshops, lectures, mock interviews and other networking activities, to provide you with critical information on how to successfully progress through health care careers. Schools in attendance include: Case Western, UPenn, Pitt Med, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, UC San Francisco.

Registration is free, but closes Nov 2.

Registration Link: <http://pomsconference12.eventbrite.com>

Registration Password: pittpoms

Questions: pomsconference2012@gmail.com

10. Career Presentation: Pennsylvania College of Optometry - Oct 31, 7pm, 219B Langley

Interested in learning about optometry? Ryan Hollister, Assistant Director of Admissions at Salus University, will provide information on the field of Optometry as well as PCO's optometry program's requirements and application process, and describe what makes an applicant competitive.

Hosted by the Pre-Optometry Club and the Biological Sciences Advisors.

11. Berkeley Optometry webinars - Oct 25 & Nov 1; 6pm

The Admissions and Student Affairs team at Berkeley Optometry would like to invite pre-optometry students to informational webinars about the profession of optometry and admissions to Berkeley Optometry.

October 25, 6-7:30pm - Essay Writing and Etiquette

November 1, 6-7:30pm - Interviewing Skills

Here is the link for more information and to register:

<http://optometry.berkeley.edu/admissions/webinars>

No special software is needed to join webinar sessions.

12. Ecology Club - Oct 30, 7:30, Langley A224

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

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

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

14. Tribeta National Biological Honor Society - Nov 6, 8pm, Langley 224

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

15. Pitt Dental Club - Nov 13, 9pm, Cathedral

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

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

Until next week,

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