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

Ask the interviewer questions.

You know that an interview needs to be a two way street where you can find out information about the position, the organization and its culture. Using your former places of employment for a reference point, ask questions that will give you a good sense of whether you would feel comfortable there.

(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.

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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. Podiatry and Sports Medicine - Oct 19, 12:30pm, ONLINE

The American Podiatric Medical Association is hosting several educational webinars for undergraduates. Next Friday, E. Kent Picklesimer, DPM, will speak about Podiatry and Sports Medicine.

Space is limited. Reserve your webinar seat now at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/125115218>

Questions: careerinfo@apma.org

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4. USF College of Medicine & Lehigh Valley Health Network Open House - Oct 13, 9:30am, Bethlehem, PA

The University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine and Lehigh Valley Health are hosting a open house on October 13 at the LVHN-Muhlenberg Hospital located at Rt. 22 and Schoenersville Road in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Participants will: Discover the unique curriculum components and leadership modules; Speak with current SELECT Medical Students and faculty members; Take a tour of the Lehigh Valley Health Network-Muhlenberg Hospital; Learn about the SELECT MD admission process from the USF Office of MD Admissions

To register: <http://form.jotform.com/form/11593427487>

If you are unable to attend and have questions about the program, email William Houder, USF Senior MD Admissions Counselor and Recruiter, at whouder@health.usf.edu

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5. Free MCAT 2015 Info Session (Kaplan) - Oct 17, 7pm, Cathedral Learning Room G8

Kaplan Test Prep is hosting a free information session on the MCAT and the test changes for 2013 and 2015.

register: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1297330-ggH4Isoer8>

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6. Pitt School of Public Health Open House - Nov 9, 10am, 130 DeSoto Street

Open House for prospective applicants on Friday, Nov 9 fro 10am-2:30pm. Meet Pitt Public health faculty, staff, and students; learn about career opportunities; explore the admissions processes, financial aid options, departments and programs, and student organizations.

More info & registration: www.publichealth.pitt.edu/openhouse

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7. .gov Federal Career Day - Oct 15, Carnegie Mellon University/Rangos Hall

The .gov Federal Career Day will be held at Carnegie Mellon University this year. This daylong event features employers in the government sector, as well as presentations to help students navigate the government application process.

8. WestPACS Fall Job & Internship Fair - Oct 17, 10am-3pm, Monroeville Convention Center

Over 100 employers will be on hand at the Monroeville Convention Center to discuss full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities. Students can pre-register for free at www.westpacs.org by Oct 15.

Walk-in are \$10 (cash only).

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Expert in the Genetics of Cardiovascular Disease Lecture: Oct 11, noon, Scaife Hall, Lecture Room 6

Students from the Department of Biological Sciences are invited to attend the next speaker in the 2012 Senior Vice Chancellor's Laureate Lecture Series.

Christine E. Seidman, MD, Professor of Medicine and Professor of Genetics at Harvard University, will speak on:

"Insights into Cardiomyopathies from Next-Generation Sequencing". Dr. Seidman studies the genetic basis of cardiovascular disorders like cardiomyopathy, heart failure, and congenital heart malformations. In her laboratory at Harvard Medical School, she uses mouse models engineered to carry human mutations to examine the consequences that lead to cardiac disease.

12. Biology-Related Study Abroad Presentation: Organization for Tropical Studies - Oct 15, 5pm, Langley A224

Kala Wolfe, Duke University's Admissions Counselor, will provide information about the hands-on study abroad programs available through the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS). She will discuss program requirements, explain the application process, and describe the various Conservation Biology and Global Health opportunities that are available during the fall, spring, and summer semesters in Costa Rica and South Africa. Email Kayla (krw11@duke.edu) for information if unable to attend.

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

13. Symposium on History of Health Law and Health Care Reform - Oct 11, 9am-5pm, 3900 Forbes

"History of Health Law" - 9:15-10:30am

"What is Health Law?" - 11-12:15pm

"The Future of Health Law: Individuals and Populations" - 1:30-2:45pm

Panel: "Health Care Reform: What next?" - 3-4:30pm

More Info: www.law.pitt.edu/events/2012/10/there-at-the-creation-nathan-hershey-the-history-of-health-law-and-health-care-reform

Registration: www.law.pitt.edu/hershey/registration

14. 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.

15. Peer Advising: Spring Term Internship and Paid Summer Job

The Arts and Sciences Advising Center is recruiting for peer advisors! Earn academic credit during the spring, and get paid to work during summer 2013 PittStarts. Spring hours are every Wed 3-5pm plus 5 flexible hours per week. Looking for students who want to learn more about the value of a liberal arts education, gain leadership experience, and help new freshman students make the transition to Pitt over the summer. Minimum 2.75 GPA.

For more information, or to apply, stop by: 201 Thackeray Hall

Application Deadline: November 9

16. Princeton Review Recruiting Teachers & Tutors

The Princeton Review is currently recruiting teachers and tutors for the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT. If you have students who are interested in a great part-time job opportunity please have them submit their resume online at www.PrincetonReview.com/teachforus

17. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Info Session - Oct 12, 5pm, Cathedral 332

The National Science Foundation offers 3-year graduate fellowships to students in science, math and engineering. Seniors who will be attending graduate school are eligible to apply. U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is required.

<http://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

18. DAAD Study/Research Scholarship Deadline - Oct 21

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides up to two years of funding for study and research in Germany for graduating seniors. US and Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or international students who have been full-time for more than a year are eligible to apply.

<https://www.daad.org/page/gradstudy/index.v3page;jsessionid=7j93efigvfb8e>

19. Birding Club Owling Trip - Oct 13, 5:30pm

The Birding Club is going on an owling trip west of Pittsburgh, perhaps in Imperial and/or Hillman State Park. An advantage of this trip is that you don't have to get up early. Meet at 5:30pm in front

of Clapp Hall. On the last birding trip 12 bird species were spotted!

Please RSVP to save a seat in a vehicle. Trip may be cancelled in case of rain, so check your email.

RSVP: pittbirdingclub@gmail.com

20. 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

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21. 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

22. 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

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

Until next week,

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