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

Anticipate difficult questions.

Having been through previous interviews, you are probably aware of some of the more difficult questions that employers ask. Spend some time preparing for the open ended questions like, "Tell me something about yourself." Use this as an opportunity to give a mini lecture about your strengths and skills. If you have gaps in your work history or were fired from a job, be sure to be prepared to answer these questions in an honest but positive way. Find helpful information in books such as 101 Great Answers to the Toughest Interview Questions by Ron Fry.

(Tips by Carol Stanton, CGS Career Counselor)

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1. Advising Meetings & Walk-ins

Things have slowed down and we have more open time, so if you'd like to talk about your schedule or career plans, feel free to make an appointment!  
Sign-up sheets are available in the Advising Office

We are still here for pre-registration meetings to remove your "Advising Hold" for Spring Term 2013 self-enrollment. Don't delay, even if you have other holds... the Advising Hold can be removed independent of them.

We are also taking walk-ins for students with time-sensitive questions, scheduling issues, and permissions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

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2. Graduating in April 2013? Application for Graduation due THIS FRIDAY Nov 9

GO TO 140 Thackeray to pick up, and return, your Application for Graduation. After Nov 9 there is a late fee!

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3. Seniors - Locked out of a Class for Graduation?

If you are a graduating senior having trouble scheduling your required coursework - add yourself to whatever waitlists are relevant, but also PLEASE contact a BIOSC Advisor!  
We're here to help you figure out the options to complete your degree.

For 'how to waitlist a class' using PeopleSoft, see the Registrar's FAQ, and contact the Help Desk if you have more questions.  
[http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/enrollment\\_waitlisting.html](http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/enrollment_waitlisting.html)

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4. Do a SWAP rather than ADD for a waitlist course for the following reasons:  
1) If already enrolled in a different section of the same course.  
2) If the waitlist course has a time conflict with another course you're already registered for.  
3) If adding the waitlist course would put you over 18 credits.  
Note: if you are already on a waitlist, changing the course to the SWAP option will drop you from your original position and add you at the bottom of the list.

To get instructions (with pictures!) on the SWAP function:  
a) Log into my.pitt.edu  
b) DON'T log into PeopleSoft! Instead, click on "Learn More" underneath the "PeopleSoft Login" link.  
c) On the right hand side, at the very bottom, select the tutorial: "Swap a Class.pdf"

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5. VOTE! The polls are open today until 8pm

- Looking for your polling place? Go to [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com).

- You may be asked for photo ID: your Pitt ID works!

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.

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6. Expert in Molecular Mechanisms of Oxygen Homeostasis To Deliver Lecture - Nov 15, noon, Scaife Hall, Lecture Room 6

Gregg L. Semenza, MD, PhD, will be the next speaker in the 2012 Senior Vice Chancellor's Laureate Lecture Series, a yearlong program highlighting some of the top biomedical researchers in their fields. Dr. Semenza's lecture is "Regulation of Oxygen Homeostasis by Hypoxia-Inducible Factor 1". Dr. Semenza is the founding director of the Vascular Biology Program in the Johns Hopkins Institute for Cell Engineering.

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7. On Campus Community Volunteer Opportunity

The University of Pittsburgh Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams need your help at the Pittsburgh Invitational for the 2012 season. We need volunteer timers for a few hours in two different shifts each day of the Invite. Your organization can earn the required volunteer hours and help out the Swimming and Diving team at the same time. No experience is needed - if you can work a stop watch, we could use your help!

Friday, Nov 16: 9:30am - 12:15pm; 5:30pm - 8:30pm  
Saturday, Nov 17: 9:30am - 12:15pm; 5:30pm - 8:30pm  
Sunday, Nov 18: 8:15am - 11:15am; 2:15pm - 5:30pm

Email [pittdiveswim@gmail.com](mailto:pittdiveswim@gmail.com) to reserve a time slot.

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8. Study Abroad Fair - Nov 15, 11am-2pm, WPU Ballroom

Where can Pitt's Study Abroad Office take you? England, Greece, Spain, the Himalayas, Rome, Tanzania, the Aegean, Florence, Nantes, Ireland, China, Ecuador, Russia, Turkey, Vienna, Poland, Prague, India, Cuba, Ghana, Uruguay, Japan, South Korea... and MANY more! Check out the Study Abroad Fair to meet Panther Program Advisors, exchange program providers, study abroad alumni, and Pitt-recognized program representatives to see how you can work studying abroad into your academic schedule.

[www.facebook.com/events/175270139277328/](http://www.facebook.com/events/175270139277328/)

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

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9. American Red Cross Blood Drive - Nov 9, 11am-5pm, WPU Lower Lounge

One donor can save up to 3 lives! PENS TICKETS AND PIZZA RAFFLE!  
<http://www.redcrossblood.org/>

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10. Pitt Physician Assistant Open House WITH TRANSPORTATION - Nov 15, 2pm, UPARC Campus-Harmar

This is your chance to tour the facility, meet faculty & staff, and learn more about the Physician Assistant Studies Program. Free transportation will leave the Forbes Tower Lobby (Atwood Street side) at 1:30pm. You must register in advance.

RSVP by Nov 5th: email Diane [dlf21@pitt.edu](mailto:dlf21@pitt.edu)

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11. VCU Pre-Health Summer Enrichment Program - May 23 - July 3

The Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP) is a six week, interdisciplinary summer program at Virginia Commonwealth University VCU. It

is a challenging opportunity to develop academic skills that will help individuals (juniors, seniors, and post-bac) become competitive for admissions in a health professions track of their choice.

Highlights of SAEP include challenging course work in the biological sciences, discipline specific instruction, and engaging summer workshops. Students will apply to one of four tracks (dentistry, medicine, pharmacy or physical therapy). Participants are provided housing and a stipend to cover program expenses. Students from underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline: Feb 15, 2013  
Details & online application: [www.dhsd.vcu.edu](http://www.dhsd.vcu.edu)  
Questions: [pipelineapp@vcu.edu](mailto:pipelineapp@vcu.edu), or 804-827-0982.

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12. 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, finical aid options, departments and programs, and student organizations.

More info & registration: [www.publichealth.pitt.edu/openhouse](http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/openhouse)

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13. Ecology Club - Nov 13, 7:30, Langley A224

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

[pittecologyclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittecologyclub@gmail.com)

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

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

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15. 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

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

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

Contact [pittedentclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittedentclub@gmail.com) and join the Facebook page for up-to-date information.

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If yours, please come get them!

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Until next week,

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