

Biology Advising Newsletter 11/13/2012

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INTERVIEWING TIP OF THE WEEK

Spotlight your education.

Point out courses you have taken and how these have improved your performance on the job. If you have been working and going to school, mention this also if it seems appropriate. This will show your perseverance and dedication, not to mention your ability to do many things at once.

(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. Summer Opportunities

Keep an eye out for next week's BIOSC Newsletter - it will be jam-packed with summer opportunities (research fellowships, jobs, etc).

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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

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4. New 1-credit Courses for Spring Term

Do you still need another credit in the spring? These one-credit career-related courses are open to all students:

CGS 0093 - Academic and Career Exploration

This course allows students to evaluate their academic plans with their career options to help them make academic choices consistent with their career goals. Students will identify the competencies they have and those needed to succeed in their chosen field. They will also learn and practice career development skills that will enable them to apply the marketing techniques necessary to attain future employment opportunities. This course has regular weekly online meetings and three in-person workshops.

CGS 0095 - Capstone Course: Implementing Your Career Plan

This course provides students the opportunity to connect their academic competencies with their career goals. They will utilize professional communication skills to effectively position themselves for appropriate careers. They will practice interviewing skills, write professional documents, develop networking contacts, identify job/grad school opportunities, and compile a professional portfolio in order to conduct a well-organized job/grad school search. This course has regular weekly online meetings and three in-person workshops.

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5. LOST & FOUND

Found items in the Advising Office:

- 2a) polk-dot umbrella with fuchsia handle
- 2b) green plastic Brita water-bottle

If yours, please come get them!

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

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

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/

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7. Global Health Film Series "SAVING FACE" - Nov 15, 3pm, Lecture Room 1, Scaife Hall

The left side of Zakia's face is featureless pink flesh; there is no longer an eye to return your gaze – the result of the undiluted battery acid ("the highest quality," Zakia says) her husband threw on her. More than 100 disfiguring acid attacks and burnings occur every year in Pakistan. The assailants, most often family members, generally receive little, if any, punishment. Plastic surgeon Dr. Mohammad Jawad left his prominent London practice to return to his home country to help women like Zakia rebuild their faces and their lives. Hear them tell their stories in this Academy Award-winning HBO.

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8. Biotechnology Summer Study Abroad in Poland - May 19 to June 16

NC State University is offering a Study Abroad Program to study Biotechnology in Poland. Students will have the opportunity to travel to the Polish cities of Krakow, Poznan and Warsaw.

Coursework includes:

- Agriculture in the History of Poland
- Animal Cell Culture Techniques
- Role of Biotechnology in a Society

Apply online: studyabroad.ncsu.edu

Applications due: February 8, 2013

Questions: Hanna Gracz hanna_gracz@ncsu.edu

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9. Pitt in Ecuador Information Session - Nov 15, 2:30-4pm, 802 WPU

The faculty director of the Andes and Amazon Field School, Dr. Tod Swanson, will be visiting the University of Pittsburgh on Thursday 15 November. This is a fantastic opportunity to not only learn more about the Pitt in Ecuador program, but to ask Dr. Swanson questions about the field school and the courses offered.

Pitt in Ecuador at the Andes and Amazon Field School is designed to immerse students in the Amazonian environment in an interdisciplinary context. Students choose from a variety of courses (Anthropology, Linguistics, English Writing, Biological Sciences) that get them out into the forest and community. Courses are taught in English.

Program session options include June only, July only, or both June and July sessions. Students take two courses each session for a total of six credits for one session or twelve for both. This program fulfills all of A&S's foreign culture general education requirements.

More info: www.abroad.pitt.edu/ecuador

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10. The November Issue of the National Scholarships Newsletter is now available online:

<http://scholarships.honorscollege.pitt.edu/>
(link on right hand side of the page)

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11. \$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

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12. 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

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13. 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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14. Tribeta National Biological Honor Society - Nov 20, 8pm, Langley 224

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

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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.

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Until next week,

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