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****NETWORKING TIP OF THE WEEK**** by Carol Stanton, CGS Career Counselor

Go to job fairs and other networking events.

You never know who you're going to meet at a job fair or what this meeting will lead to. Be prepared with an "elevator speech" in which you talk about yourself and what you are looking for in a very succinct way. Use this opportunity to network with other job seekers and gain information about organizations in your field.

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1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

Our Sign-up sheets are filling up - come sign up for your advising meeting now! All three advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley.

NO SHOWS for appointments will have to re-schedule after March 25, so be mindful when selecting a time.

BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER TO YOUR MEETING!

Fall self-enrollment begins MARCH 25th. Your online "enrollment appointment" for Fall Term (2141) is available in your Student Center.

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2. Final Exams, Resolving Schedule Conflicts - deadline March 1

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! *****

You have 1.5 weeks to get all the signatures, so start RIGHT NOW!

www.registrar.pitt.edu/final_examination_schedules.html

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3. Monitored Withdrawal Deadline - March 8; 140 Thackeray

The Monitored Withdrawal form required to withdraw from a class is ONLY available in 140 Thackeray. No permission is necessary if the form is turned in before the deadline. 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 March 8 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.

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4. Tuberculosis Lecture - March 1, noon, Lecture Room 6 Scaife Hall

Anne O'Garra, PhD, head of the Division of Immunoregulation, Medical Research Council National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in London, will deliver the first Eberly Distinguished Lecture of 2013. Her talk, "Regulation of the Immune Response in Tuberculosis: From Mouse Models to Human Disease,"

A reception will follow the lecture.

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5. Mortar Board Honorary Society - membership application due Feb 22

The Mortar Board is the Senior Honorary Society at the University of Pittsburgh. The Alpha Lambda Nu Chapter recognizes Pitt college seniors for superior achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. You qualify as a candidate for Mortar Board if you have a:

- cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher
- minimum of 75 credit hours previously completed before this spring 2013 semester
- graduation date no earlier than December 2013 (preferably May 2014)

To apply, drop off your application and your current resume to the in box located in the 5th floor SORC Annex of the William Pitt Student Union, or via the chapter email at pittsburgh@mortarboard.org.

questions & to get an application: pittsburgh@mortarboard.org

www.mortarboard.org.

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6. Spring Career Fair - Feb 19 (Technical Jobs), Feb 20 (Non-technical Jobs)

10am-3pm, William Pitt Union

Come meet more than 160 employers from across the nation representing various industries will be present to talk about full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities.

For a list of employers attending: www.careers.pitt.edu.

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7. Case Western Post-Bac Open House - RSVP by March 29

The Department of Physiology and Biophysics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, will be holding an Open House for students interested in the Department's Master's of Science in Medical Physiology Post-Baccalaureate program on Saturday, April 6, 2013.

Department of Physiology and Biophysics: <http://physiology.case.edu/>
Post-Baccalaureate Program: <http://physiology.case.edu/education/graduate-programs/master/master-science-medical-physiology/>

RSVP to Jean Davis at jxd16@case.edu by March 29, 2013

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8. Pitt School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Open House - April 13, 10am-1pm, Forbes Tower

Undergraduate and Graduate programs available in:

- Athletic Training (BS)
- Clinical Dietetics and Nutrition (BS, CMD)
- Communication Science & Disorders (BA, MA/MS, PhD) Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Doctor of Clinical Science (CScD) in Medical Speech-Language Pathology
- Emergency Medicine (BS)
- Health Information Management (BS)
- Occupational Therapy (MOT)
- Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Physician Assistant Studies (MS)
- Prosthetics and Orthotics (MS)
- Rehabilitation Science (BS)
- MS in Health & Rehabilitation Sciences 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 at shrs.pitt.edu/OpenHouse
*Registration is appreciated but not required

www.facebook.com/shrspitt

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9. Pittsburgh Research and Investigation Summer Experience - deadline March 15

The University of Pittsburgh Research and Investigation Summer Experience (PRISE) program, funded by a grant from the American Heart Association Great Rivers Affiliate, is soliciting applications for the 10-week summer research program. Students must be rising juniors or seniors. Participants will receive a stipend of \$4000.

www.dom.pitt.edu/card/prise.html for full eligibility criteria and further information.

Questions: Deborah Spellman at (412) 648-9286 or spellmand@upmc.edu.

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10. Colorado Ecosystem Summer 2013 Field Courses

- seventeen-day field-camp course (June 18 to July 4 -or- July 30 to August 15)
- Study, hike, & camp in the amazing foothills of the Rocky Mountains
- Gain career skills in hands-on ecosystem field research
- Accredited by the University of Montana at Missoula Environmental Studies Program - ENST 391

more info: www.ecofs.org

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11. UTA Scientific Teaching in Biology Club - Fridays, 10am, Clapp 325

Spring 2013 pilot program for BIOSC Undergraduate Teaching Assistants

- Meet 1 hour weekly for discussions and journal clubs on...
- How to help undergraduates learn and study biology
 - Using science education literature to design activities
 - Working with students with different strengths and backgrounds in large and small groups
 - How to get help for your students who struggle in and out of the classroom
 - Other ideas initiated by you, the UTAs!

More info: nkaufman@pitt.edu (Dr. Nancy Kaufmann)

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12. ECOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays 7:30pm, Langley A219B

- 2/26: Study Abroad Student Panel
- 3/19: Speaker (TBD)
- 3/26: ESA Presentation
- 4/9: ??

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13. BIOLOGY CLUB - Tuesdays, 8:30pm, Langley A214

2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2

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14. TRI-BETA - Tuesdays, Langley A221

- 2/26: RateMyProfessors
- 3/26: Speaker (TBD)
- 4/9: Elections

Bamboo fundraising- February 11, 12, 13 from 10 – 12 am in Towers Lobby
Adopt a block - 3/2, and 4/6

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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15. Volunteers Needed for SciTech Days @ Carnegie Science Center - March 5-8

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

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Until next week,

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