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

Prepare for networking events.

Know what your goals are for the event. Spend some time getting in the right frame of mind. Have business cards printed if you don't already have them. Wear something that helps you feel more confident. Think of some topics to use as "opener" with new contacts. Have your introduction polished.

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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 only have THREE DAYS to get all the signatures, so start RIGHT NOW!

[www.registrar.pitt.edu/final\\_examination\\_schedules.html](http://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. Pitt has a free financial Literacy course called CashCourse

Topics Include:

\* Financial Basics \*

Budgeting & Financial Planning, Overspending, Banking Your Money, Dealing with Credit Cards, Protecting Your Credit, Preventing Identity Theft, Avoiding Quick Financial Fixes, Setting Financial Goals, Saving Money, Investing Your Money, Planning for Retirement

\* Paying for College \*

Understanding Financial Aid, Repaying Student Loans, Scholarship Information, Federal Aid Programs, Other Sources of Financial Assistance, Financing Graduate School

<http://www.cashcourse.org/pitt>

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5. Summer Enrichment Program at Loyola University School of Medicine

The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) at Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine (SSOM) is a five-week program for students interested in a career in medicine. The program's mission is to help students understand health disparities and the importance of promoting equity in healthcare.

June 16, 2013 - July 19, 2013

Program Highlights:

- Academic lectures by SSOM faculty
- Weekly community service activities
- Mock admissions interviews
- Mentoring by current SSOM medical students
- Field trips in Chicagoland area

Participant Requirements:

- Must be an AMCAS applicant for the 2014 Entering Class (CANNOT be in the application cycle for the 2013 Entering Class)
- Must take the MCAT by May 31, 2013
- United States citizenship, permanent resident visa, or DACA eligible
- Strong academic record
- Commitment to service in underserved communities
- Potential to enrich the diversity of the medical student community

Participants will receive:

- \$1200 Stipend
- Housing
- Loyola meal card for lunches
- Lab coats, books, and educational supplies

Deadline: Postmarked by March 1, 2013.

[www.stritch.luc.edu/admission/applying-to-stritch/summer-enrichment-program](http://www.stritch.luc.edu/admission/applying-to-stritch/summer-enrichment-program)

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6. Pre-Health Mock Interview Day - RSVP by March 6

If you are planning to apply to medical/dental/optometry/podiatry/veterinary school this cycle (2013), you are invited to participate in mock interview day on Saturday, March 23.

Email Andrea Abt ([aabt@pitt.edu](mailto:aabt@pitt.edu)) by March 6th with (A) your phone number and then (B) rank the following times with 1 being your first choice and 4 being you last choice.

- 1:00 pm
- 1:30 pm
- 2:00 pm
- 2:30 pm

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7. American University of the Caribbean Speaker - March 5, 8:30pm, Langley A214

The Biology Club is hosting a presentation by Kirstin Holmburg from the American University of the Caribbean to discuss information about the school's international medical school program.

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8. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Undergraduate Research Awards - deadline March 1

Seeking applicants to join a diverse community of undergraduate researchers from the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Student must already have a Dietrich School faculty mentor for directed research. Awardees receive \$3,500 to support summer semester independent research and must work full time on the project from May 6 through August 10, 2013. A project report is due to the faculty mentor no later than August 10, 2013.

Application details: [www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/offices/experiential-learning/index.html](http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/offices/experiential-learning/index.html)

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9. Pitt 2013 Undergraduate Research Fair - abstracts due March 8

The Undergraduate Research Fair runs as a "poster session." This is a kind of open house where participants display posters describing their research. Presenters use any format and any additional materials necessary to convey their ideas. No formal talk to a large group is involved.

Students in all undergraduate divisions and in all majors are encouraged to submit abstracts by March 8, 2013.

Applications: [www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/undergraduate-research-fair](http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/undergraduate-research-fair)  
or at the UHC offices, 3600 Cathedral of Learning.

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10. Summer Research at the National Center for Toxicological Research - deadline March 8

Summer research opportunities for undergraduate are available in Arkansas at the National Center for Toxicological Research. NCTR's Summer Student Research Program is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) and is designed for students preparing for future careers in toxicology, regulatory science, or related scientific disciplines.

Selected individuals will participate in 10-week research projects on the biological effect of potentially toxic chemicals and the solutions to toxicology problems that have a major impact on human health and the environment. Participants will receive stipend.

more info: [www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/FellowshipInternshipGraduateFacultyPrograms/ucm243662.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/FellowshipInternshipGraduateFacultyPrograms/ucm243662.htm)

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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](mailto: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 - Dr. Nathan Morehouse
- 3/26: ESA Presentation
- 4/9: ??

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

- 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

Adopt a block - 3/2, and 4/6

[www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt)

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Until next week,

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