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

Go to professional meetings.

Research your field and find out about local meetings of professional organizations. Sometimes they will allow prospective members to attend free of charge the first time. This is a great place to learn more about the field and meet other professionals. Speak with attendees and presenters. Get involved.

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1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

Avoid the March rush and sign up for your advising meeting now. All three advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley.

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!

BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER TO YOUR MEETING!

*** Summer self-enrollment begins FEBRUARY 18th at 12:01am (midnight between Sunday and Monday). It is OPEN ENROLLMENT, so everyone has access at the same time.

*** Fall self-enrollment begins MARCH 25th. Your online "enrollment appointment" for Fall Term (2141) will be available in your Student Center starting Feb 7th.

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2. Worried about your homework or exams? You are not alone.
 Here's an interesting article on anxiety, and some ways to cope with it:

http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/issues/news/Article/278/Part_1__Anxiety_and_Its_Impact_on_Performance

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3. Academic Resource Center "Resume and Cover Letter" workshop - Feb 6, 6pm

Please bring your laptops because the Career Development presenter will show students how to make changes to Resume and Cover Letter during the presentation.

Food provided, but registration required. Register by calling: 412-648-7920

Questions: Melvin Cherry mcc59@pitt.edu

4. Brackenridge Summer Research Fellowships Info Sessions - Feb 12, 7pm -or- Feb 13, 7pm

35th Floor of the Cathedral of Learning

Dr. Peter Koehler will hold information sessions about the Summer 2013 Brackenridge Program. He will talk about the format and schedule of this summer's program, the commitment that is expected of participants, the application process, and the selection criteria. (Same material both evenings, two sessions in order to accommodate different student schedules.)

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Brackenridge info: www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/summer-brackenridge-fellowships

Questions: Peter Koehler koehler@pitt.edu

5. UHC Lecture - Feb 8, 2pm, 3500 Cathedral

"A Glimpse Into Some of the Mysteries of Water In Its Liquid and Solid Forms" by Dr. Kenneth D. Jordan Director, Center for Molecular and Materials Simulations, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences.

All Are Welcome! Light refreshments will be served.

Questions: Peter Koehler koehler@pitt.edu

6. Research Lecture - Feb 8, noon, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall

Andrew W. Duncan, PhD, assistant professor of pathology, School of Medicine, will deliver the presentation "The Ploidy Conveyor of Mature Hepatocytes as a Source of Genetic Variation."

7. Ecology and Global Health Study Abroad Presentation - Feb 14, 5:30pm, Langley 221

Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) Study Abroad, Duke University

Duke University's Admissions Counselor, Kala Wolfe, will provide information about the hands-on study abroad programs available through OTS. She will discuss program requirements, explain the application process, and describe opportunities available during the fall, spring, and summer semesters in Costa Rica and South Africa.

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

8. Government and Non-Profit Career Expo - Mark Your Calendar!

March 25, 11am-3pm, Duquesne University Power Center Ballroom

Students from Pitt, CMU, and Duquesne are welcome!

9. NYC Teaching Fellows Final Deadline Extended to March 11

The final application deadline for the NYC Teaching Fellows program has been extended to March 11th. The NYC Teaching Fellows program recruits talented and dedicated graduates to raise K-12 student achievement in the New York City classrooms that need teachers the most. Fellows become full-time teachers within a few months of enrolling and will be trained to teach math, science, special education, English, ESL, and bilingual education. No previous teaching experience or education coursework is necessary.

Why Become a Fellow?

- Opportunity to impact student achievement in NYC
- Competitive starting salary plus full benefits
- Subsidized masters degree in education
- Intensive, eight-week summer training and non-taxable training stipend

Apply: <https://nycif.teachertrack2.org/r/4082cdee-22d7-4044-8bba-a0c4030e936d>

10. Pre-Health Advising Quick Questions with Angela Illig & Andrea Abt

Take advantage of the new hours for pre-health advising. Quick questions are 10 minutes or less. No resume or personal statement reviews

in these sessions.

Spring 2013 Schedule
Tuesdays 1pm-2pm, 3606 Cathedral
Wednesdays 4pm-5pm, 3606 Cathedral

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11. ATTN! 2013 Pre-Professional Health Committee Applicants

Juniors and seniors who plan to apply to the Health Professions Committee during the 2013 cycle must attend the mandatory resume and personal statement sessions before meeting with a health advisor to review a personal statement or resume.

Feb 7, 5pm, 3504 Cathedral
Feb 11, 5pm, 3504 Cathedral
Feb 12, 11am, 3504 Cathedral

RSVP: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dFd2eV8yZk9KamhJLXNMQU5US0JKRkE6MQ>

Questions: aapt@pitt.edu

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12. International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition

Discussions are underway to mount a Pitt Team for the 2013 iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine) Competition. Here's more about the Collegiate Division: http://2013.igem.org/Main_Page

If interested, contact Christine Berliner (christin@pitt.edu) who will keep you informed as plans develop.

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13. Ornithology Club Field Trip Allegheny National Forest - Feb 10, 6am, Clapp Hall

For the trip to Allegheny National Forest, the target species will include Evening Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls both being reliable in the town of Marienville. We will then check Buzzard Swamp and Cook Forest State Park for both species of crossbills, Rough-legged Hawks, and other northern species.

Meet in front of Clapp Hall at 6:00 AM on Sunday, February 10th. This will be an all-day trip, as our destination is 2+ hours away - so bring a lunch. Binoculars and transportation will be provided. Please RSVP if you plan on coming.

Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538

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

2/12, 2/26, 3/19, 3/26, 4/9

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

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

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16. TRI-BETA - Tuesdays, Langley A221

2/12: Speaker (TBD)
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 - 2/9, 3/2, and 4/6

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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Until next week,

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