

Biology Advising Newsletter 3/17/2014

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HEALTH CAREERS

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Career Info Session: Rehabilitation Counseling - March 26, noon -1pm OR 7pm-8pm, Forbes Tower
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CLUB MEETINGS

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- Optometry Club
- Pitt Outdoors Club
- Pre-Vet Club
- Birding & Ornithology Club
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1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

Our appointment sheets are filling up, stop in to A258 Langley & sign up for your advising meeting for Fall classes!

Fall enrollment begins March 24th.

PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent having to scratch out your name later.

BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER TO YOUR MEETING.

3. Graduating in August?

Go fill out your application for graduation in 140 Thackeray by March 21.
It is easy and free!

7. Overcoming Procrastination - March 19, 6pm, ARC

Presenter: Mike Chirdon-Jones, MEd, Academic Specialist, Academic Resource Center

Lecture "Making a Difference in Climate Change Discourse: The UN and/or Popular Movements" - Mar 27, 4pm, O'Hara Student Center

Robert C. Orr, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Planning at the United Nations, and Ambassador Kamal. What are the prospects for achieving an agreement on climate change that can adequately address the reality of global warming? And can the UN help states manage the large-scale changes that scientists say are needed to mitigate, if not prevent, catastrophic climate change? Dr. Orr, a high-level official in the UN Secretariat, will show how the Secretary-General's office seeks to bring countries towards agreements around divisive global problems, what resources they can bring to the table, and what constraints they face when dealing with the variety of actors in the UN system. Ambassador Kamal will offer his views about the causes of climate change and its importance in relation to other pressing global issues. After the video-conferencing part of the discussion is over, there will be time for the audience to debrief and debate the views expressed during the session.

Speaker bios, relevant readings and more about the sessions are available at the series website <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/dialogs/climate-change-talks>

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Fulbright

Fulbright US Student Program (<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/fulbright-us-student-program>)

1. The UHC National Scholarships is currently offering Fulbright Information Sessions to all rising seniors, graduate students, and Pitt alumni (US Citizenship is required)

The Fulbright US Student Program promotes mutual understanding through educational and cultural exchange. Fulbright awards provide research/study or English teaching grants in 150+ countries. Often students must begin networking before the end of the spring semester to be a competitive applicant.

To register for a

Fulbright Information Session,

which

explains

the nuts and bolts about the application process, please click on this link, <http://scholarships.honorscollege.pitt.edu/calendar.html>.

2. The Director of the Fulbright Student Program Outreach, Institute of International Education (IIE). Tony Claudino, will be providing a Fulbright Information Session on Thursday, March 20th at 12:30 PM, Cathedral of Learning, Room 1228. Attached is a flyer to forward to your colleagues and students who may be interested in joining us.

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Personal care attendant

Long-term female personal care attendant (Preferably local students who are available for breaks) Needed To help with activities of daily living including dressing, washing, Styling hair, Cooking, etc. On Craig St. in Oakland.

Currently need Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Must be available for the summer

interest in healthcare and willingness to learn about spinal cord injuries

Commitment and good communication skills are priority

Skills with hair, nails, and skin are a plus

May have to volunteer hours during training as it can take one to three months to be on payroll

\$9 per hour to start

\$11 for local students or students who are available for Christmas break, spring break, etc.

Please complete the attached Attendant Application and e-mail it to Amy at Amy.E.Shannon@Gmail.com

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Pitt Physician Assistant Studies Open House - April 3, 3pm, UPARC Campus

Meet with faculty and students at the open house! Transportation will be provided from Oakland.

Register now: www.shrs.pitt.edu/PAOpenHouse

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Career Info Session: Rehabilitation Counseling - March 26, noon -1pm OR 7pm-8pm, Forbes Tower

Come learn about the field of Rehabilitation Counseling and Pitt's Masters program.

RSVP: admissions@SHRS.pitt.edu

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Open House: Case Western Medical Physiology MS - April 5, Cleveland

The Case Western Reserve University Department of Physiology and Biophysics is holding an Open House for students interested in our MS in Medical Physiology Post-Baccalaureate program.

Designed for students with a bachelor's degree in a biological science who are seeking advanced training in the physiological sciences in preparation for admission to a professional medical program (e.g. Medical, Dental or PA Schools)

<http://physiology.case.edu/education/department-open-house/>

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Open House: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - March 22, 1pm, Philadelphia

Office of Admissions and the PCOM community, it is a pleasure to extend this Open House invitation to you and your students. All details, along with the online registration, can be found at admissions.pcom.edu.

Learn more about our Graduate Programs on Saturday March 22nd beginning at 1:00pm: Clinical Psychology (PsyD), Clinical Health Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology (Post-Doc. Certificate), Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Psychology, Mental Health Counseling (MS), School Psychology (MS, EdS, PsyD), Organizational Development and Leadership (MS), Physician Assistant Studies (MS), Forensic Medicine (Pathway, MS) and Biomedical Sciences (MS).

Learn more about Osteopathic Medicine on Sunday, March 30th beginning at 1:00pm: Participants in this program will learn more about osteopathic medicine and osteopathic manipulative therapy (OMT/OMM).

Faculty and currently enrolled students will participate in both Open Houses. Refreshments will be served; tours of campus will be conducted.

Again, the online registration can be found at admissions.pcom.edu. We are looking forward to seeing you and your students later this month in Philadelphia!

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Princeton Review

Free Tests

GRE at CMU, 4/12 from 9am - 1pm

LSAT at CMU, 4/12 from 10:30am - 2pm

MCAT at CMU, 4/12 from 10am - 3pm

Free Personal Statement Workshop

Carnegie Mellon University

4/22/14, 7pm - 9pm

The Anatomy of the MCAT this March at Carnegie Mellon University.

Free Verbal Session: March 25, 2014, 7pm - 9pm

Free Bio & Ochem Session: March 26, 2014, 7pm - 9pm

Free Physics & Gchem Session: March 27, 2014, 7pm - 9pm

www.PrincetonReview.com or by calling **1-800-2REVIEW**.

Mock Interviews (med, dent, vet, opt) - April 12

The medical school students are coming to conduct mock interviews on Saturday, April 12 between 10 and noon. The half-hour interviews will be granted to the first 72 students to sign up. We are opening the interviews to juniors and seniors - those applying or reapplying to any of the professional schools this cycle (medicine, dentistry, veterinary, optometry).

Apply by using the Google form below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_L9uYuvh2wOowdcKF8PYrPy_OdaTieCUf5cDWHr52A/viewform

Sign up by March 21st. You will receive a confirmation email on April 1st.

The interviews will be held on the 2nd Floor of William Pitt Union.

2014 Timeline for the Med school Application Process

(To both committee and to the application services)

March, 2014 Strategize

- Complete final edits to resume and personal statement
- Finalize letter writer selection and pull together materials for letter writers
- Select the date for your standardized exam
- More rigorous focus on standardized exam studying
- Research schools for appropriate fit and make a list (~10)
- Write the answers to the Question Set

April, 2014 Begin the Health Professions Application

- Add your letter writers (generates prompt for them to upload your letter)
- Request transcripts from colleges other than Pitt where you have earned credits and send to Andrea Abt, Honors College, 3600 Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, PA 15260
- Cut and paste your resume, personal statement and question set

May, 2014 Apply to Health Professions Committee - Due May 5, 2014

Begin your application to professional school(s)

- **AMCAS** (May 1, 2014) <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/>
- **AACOMAS** <https://aacomas.aacom.org/>
- **AADSAS** (May 3, 2014) <http://www.aadea.org/>

Request transcripts for both **committee** and **application service(es)** from all colleges where you earned credit.

- **Pitt Transcript Request:** <http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/transcripts.html>

Seniors: Make sure your transcripts are released AFTER your final grades and degree(s) is posted.

Juniors: Your transcripts must include current term grades. If you send too early, we will notify you to request a new transcript.

Graduates: You can request transcripts now.

June, 2014 Apply to professional schools

– **AMCAS opens for submission June 3, 2014**

IMPORTANT – Under letter writer, choose “committee” and use Andrea Abt email: aabt@pitt.edu as letter writer. Your committee letter + individual letters will be uploaded.

– **AACOMAS opens early June**

IMPORTANT – Establish an Interfolio Confidential Account - <http://www.interfolio.com/> and use Andrea Abt email: aabt@pitt.edu as the contact. We will upload the letters into Interfolio and then you will forward the letters from Interfolio to the schools. Your committee letter + individual letters will be uploaded by our office. Did you shadow a DO and request a letter of recommendation?

– **AADSAS opens for submission June 2, 2014**

IMPORTANT- Choose electronic as mode of submission and list Andrea Abt email: aabt@pitt.edu as contact for committee letter. Your committee letter + individual letters will be uploaded.

July – August, 2014 Complete Secondary Applications and Prepare for Interviews

- ♣ Purchase a suit or other appropriate outfit and have it altered. The suit may be any color (blue, gray, black and dark green are customary colors). Men may wear jacket/pants; women may wear pants, skirt or dress. Striped or colored ties are appropriate. Find comfortable, business shoes (women may wear flats). Your goal is to present yourself in a polished, professional manner.

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Thursdays, 6pm, Langly A219B

3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17

pittecologyclub@gmail.com

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BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

3/4, 4/1, 4/15

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TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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OPTOMETRY CLUB - Sundays, WPU

pittoptclub@gmail.com

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PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9:00pm, WPU porch

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PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 8:00pm, Langley A219B

pittprevet@gmail.com

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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

PittBirdingClub@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538

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POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, WPU 837

Premedical Organization for Minority Students

www.poms.us

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Until next week,

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