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1. Fall Enrollment Advising Meetings

Fall enrollment begins **MONDAY – March 25**. If you haven't yet met with an advisor to get your Fall advisement hold removed, **DO IT NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Christine, Dan, Ellen, Jessica, and Kevin all have appointment sheets out in A258 Langley Hall. **BRING YOUR ADVISING FOLDER WITH AN UPDATED PLAN TO YOUR MEETING.**

Not sure if you still have an Academic Advisement Hold? Go to your Student Center. There will be a box on the right that says "Holds". If there is a hold listed, you can click on it for more details.

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2. Walk-In Resume/CV Feedback with Ellen

Ellen will be holding walk-in hours in for resume/CV feedback on Thursdays and Fridays. Bring a copy of your resume/CV if you want to review it with her!

Where: A257 Langley

When:

- Thursdays from 9-10am
- Fridays from 12-1pm

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3. Departmental Honors Application – deadline Mar 30

Are you doing research? Are you starting or already working on your own project? Consider applying to graduate with Honors in the Department of Biological Sciences!

More info & application: <https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/advising-and-support/honors>

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4. AUG Grad? Don't forget to apply! – deadline Mar 22

Are you a senior who plans on graduating in August? Make sure you go to 140 Thackeray to pick up AND return your Application for Graduation.

Do it before March 22. It is free during this time. Late applications will be charged a fee!

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5. Senior Recognition Ceremony 2019

Did you graduate in December 2018 or are you graduating in April or August 2019 and want to participate our departmental Senior Recognition Ceremony?

If you applied for April graduation, you are already on our list and just need to RSVP. If you graduated in December or plan August graduation and would like to participate, please RSVP AND notify us at bioadv@pitt.edu.

Check out the details here: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony>

The RSVP link is now up: <https://goo.gl/forms/UprsNarQxZawksW2>

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6. Research Technician Position

A research technician position is available in the Hooks lab at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine for a highly motivated young researcher interested in mapping neural circuitry of motor control and motor learning.

Our lab uses state-of-the-art methods for circuits mapping: cell-type specific mice to identify subtypes of neurons, stereotaxic surgery and viral vectors to target, label, excite, and manipulate selected neurons, and neurophysiological methods to map local and long-range circuits. An ideal candidate will have experience with animal husbandry, stereotaxic surgery, histology/immunostaining, and fluorescence microscopy. These techniques will be most crucial to on-the-job success. We can train exceptional candidates in these skills as well.

Scientific creativity, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and technical expertise are essential.

Interested candidates should send a resume or curriculum vitae (CV), a cover letter stating research interests, and contact information for three references to **Bryan (Mac) Hooks** hooksm@pitt.edu.

More information about the lab is available at:
<http://www.neurobio.pitt.edu/faculty/hooks.htm>

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7. Bio Blog: Exploring a minor

This week, Parker shares some advice on adding a minor:
Blog link: <https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/blog/choosing-a-minor-thats-right-for-you>

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8. Peer Advisors Regular Office Hours

First day of Fall enrollment is March 25th, **MONDAY!** Meet with our peer advisors if you have questions or need help planning before you enroll!

Peer Advisors will be holding regular office hours in **Langley A230**:

- Colton & Yogi: Monday 10am-11am
- Nora & Parker: Monday 2pm-3pm
- Lisa & Kristen: Tuesday 4pm-5pm
- Sofie & Julia: Wednesday 9:30am-10:30am
- Isabella & Owen: Friday 3pm-4pm

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9. Life Sciences Week Registration Open

Invest in a Smarter Life
Life Sciences Week 2019: May 13-17th

Life Sciences Week is a five day exploration of cutting edge technologies, sciences, and partnerships that define the future of life science innovation. This year's theme, Investing in a Smarter Life, draws on Pittsburgh's unique position at the intersection of intelligent systems and life sciences. Invest in a Smarter Life features 20+ sessions and 30+ speakers with varied expertise and leadership in the life sciences. Some events have limited capacity, so be sure to reserve your spot now.

To register: <https://www.lifesciencespittsburgh.com/>

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10. Become a Dietrich School Ambassador

The Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences is seeking enthusiastic and knowledgeable student employees to assist with the undergraduate recruitment of prospective and admitted students. The Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for students who are dedicated to representing the Dietrich School at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dietrich School Ambassadors help welcome prospective students and families to campus while sharing their Pitt experience. They are responsible for leading tours, speaking on panels, and connecting one-on-one with prospective students in person and via email.

To apply: <https://goo.gl/gDMo4L>

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11. Summer Job & Volunteer Fair – Mar 20, 1-3:30pm, WPU

The Summer Job & Volunteer Fair is a great opportunity for companies located within the greater Pittsburgh area to

recruit Pitt students and alumni for full-time, part-time, seasonal, internship, and volunteer opportunities. Dress is casual and pre-registration is not required.

More info on [handshake](#) and <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/summer-job-and-volunteer-fair/>

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12. PhiDE Anatomy Fashion Show – Mar 24, 6:30pm, Bellefield Hall

The Anatomy Fashion Show is a fundraiser that various chapters of Phi Delta Epsilon (PhiDE) have put together to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) each year. The basic premise is for models from different organizations on campus to have systems of the body painted on them and walk down a runway while their counterparts show their support from the audience. The models participate in minute-to-win-it games and we also host performing groups such as The Songburghs and First Class Bhangra for entertainment. This event raises money through ticket sales, sponsorships, raffles, donations, etc. and all of the proceeds go to the CMN.

The event will be held on March 24th in the Bellefield Hall Auditorium, doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5.

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1074917019369576/>

Promo video: <https://youtu.be/Uq86qshjc2c>

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13. Astronauts & Space Experts Panel – Mar 26, 7:30-9pm, Pitt University Club

Save your seat to meet interstellar experts:

- » Kathryn Sullivan, 1st American woman to walk in space
- » Jay Apt, space shuttle astronaut
- » Douglas Brinkley, bestselling author and historian
- » Jennifer K. Levasseur, curator, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

RSVP here: <https://goo.gl/EQEd8S>

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14. Schwarzman Scholarship Info Session – Mar 26, 4:30-5:30pm, CMU Campus

Learn all about the prestigious [Schwarzman Scholarship](#) for global leadership for the 21st Century. Meet a member of the Admissions Team and 2 recent winners from Pittsburgh.

Schwarzman Scholars is a highly selective, 1-year master's program at Tsinghua University in Beijing. It's designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders for the challenges of the future.

All majors are welcome. This is a joint event with Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh, on CMU's campus (walkable from Pitt.) Students and alumni from either school who are interested in learning about the scholarship can attend.

Tuesday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Gates Hillman Complex, Room 4307

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15. AMSA Research Recruitment Fair – Mar 29, 4-6pm, O'Hara Student Center

On Friday March 29, Pitt AMSA (American Medical Student Association) will be hosting a research recruitment fair in the O'Hara Student Center! All of the labs in attendance are actively looking to recruit undergraduates to work on their projects.

More info: <http://www.pittamsa.org/research.html>

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16. Careers in Science Week – Apr 1-5

Save the date for this year's Careers in Science Week! Check back soon as we're still in the process of finalizing the events for 2019.

Take a peek at events from 2018: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/careers-in-science-week/>

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17. Bio & Chem Tutors Needed for High School Students

The School of Engineering in Benedum Hall is looking for biology and chemistry tutors for their INVESTING NOW summer program where you'll be helping kids that don't yet have a direction to see STEM as a possibility.

Tutor local high school INVESTING NOW students 3pm-7pm M-F, May 13-June 7 (4 weeks) in Benedum Hall-- tutoring in high school (grades 9-11) mainly biology and chemistry but also math and physics if you want.

Hours are flexible following your availability. Pay is \$8.50/hr.

If interested: <https://goo.gl/LZmkqz>

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18. Pitt CS, Bio, Biomed Inform Innovation Internship – deadline Mar 22

The [Center for Commercial Applications of Healthcare Data](#), in collaboration with Pittsburgh Health Data Alliance, accelerates the translation of health data-focused technologies into products and services that save lives, improve health and reduce healthcare spending.

The Center for Commercial Applications of Healthcare Data seeks applications from undergraduate students for the 2019 Computer Science, Biology, and Biomedical Informatics (CoSBBI) Innovation Internship.

More info & apply: <https://scivelo.pitt.edu/summer-2019-innovation-internship/>

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19. Pitt PLE Field Assistant Job – deadline Mar 29

Hiring an undergraduate student to work as a field assistant at the Pymatuning Lab of Ecology for approximately 8 weeks over the summer (May - June, start and end dates flexible). Housing and a stipend will be provided, however the student must be able to facilitate their own transportation.

Dr. Kuebbing's lab has a research focus in plant invasion ecology. This assistantship will involve monitoring observational plots and a plant competition experiment, as well as collecting data for an online research project. No previous experience is necessary - just an enjoyment of the outdoors and a good work ethic! This is a great opportunity to gain research experience, with the option of continuing research in the fall.

Email a short cover letter to rar163@pitt.edu by March 29th.

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20. Pitt Research Diversity Program – deadline Apr 15

PURDiP (Pittsburgh Undergraduate Research Diversity Program) is a 10-week summer research experience for undergraduate students from underrepresented groups such as Black, Hispanic, Native American and those with disabilities or from disadvantaged backgrounds offered by the University of Pittsburgh.

- 10 week hands-on lab experience
- Graduate school prep and career development
- Summer Stipend (\$4000)
- Free Housing, Travel Assistance and Food Allowance

More info & apply: <http://vmi.pitt.edu/CTIH/PURDIP/>

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21. Hospital Elder Life Program Summer Volunteering

HELP is a quality improvement program designed to prevent delirium in patients age 70 and older who are hospitalized at UPMC Shadyside Hospital. Volunteers spend quality time interacting with patients, offering services to improve the quality of the patient's stay, while watching for signs of delirium. Student volunteers work an assigned weekly shift or shifts, Monday through Friday 8am-12pm, noon-4pm or 4pm-8pm.

If interested, contact:
Stacy Hunter
Lead Volunteer Coordinator
Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP)
UPMC Shadyside
huntersa@upmc.edu
412-623-1793 (Office Phone)

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22. Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) Mock Interview Sign-Up

The Interprofessional Center for Health Careers will be offering Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) Mock Interviews on:

- Thursday, March 21 from 4:30-5:30 pm in LANGY A219B
- Wednesday, March 27 from 4-5 pm in LANGY A219B

Students from any health-related field are welcome to participate in the event. **Please be on time.** No special attire or preparation needed.

March 21 MMI Interviews – Click here now: <http://signup.com/go/XPVsdH>

March 27 MMI Interviews Click here now: <http://signup.com/go/dwxtXjC>

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23. Pitt Pharmacy Admissions Workshops – Mar 25, 26, 29

Effective immediately, the Physician Assistant Studies program will **no longer require the GRE** for admission to the program. Applications will be evaluated holistically, with the GPA, recommendation letters, and writing samples all being carefully considered.

[Interviews](#) will begin in July for the next incoming January 2020 class – be sure to get your application in early!

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24. Pitt Pharmacy Admissions Workshops – Mar 25, 26, 29

Pitt Pharmacy will be holding an Admissions Workshop for all those applying to **Pitt Pharmacy for Fall 2020**. They will go over application details, PCAT, recommendations, interviews...etc. Below are the 3 dates to choose from:

Monday, March 25 @ 3:00 pm in Room 456 Salk Hall
Tuesday, March 26 @ 3:30 pm in Room 456 Salk Hall
Friday, March 29 @ 1:30 pm in Room 456 Salk Hall

In the meantime, below are Websites to note:

PCAT registration opens on April 15 at www.pcatweb.info

PharmCAS opens usually mid-July at www.pharmacas.org

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25. Importance of Shadowing Webinar – Mar 26, 2:30-3:30pm

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA), the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), and the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) are pleased to present *Experience Your Future: The Importance of Shadowing and Observation Hours*—a webinar tailored to individuals interested in applying to any health professions education program.

Shadowing and observation hours are a vital way to gain experience and contribute to your professional school application. Find out what shadowing and observation hours are, why they matter, and how to find opportunities in

your desired field.

Featured presentations by admissions officers and a health professions advisor will provide tips and suggestions on the importance of shadowing and observation hours as you prepare for your future profession. A Q&A session will follow. This webinar will be recorded.

More info & register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3102937659321976075>

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26. Pitt SHRS Health Info Management Meet & Greet – Mar 27, 5-6pm, 4060 Forbes Tower

Join Pitt faculty and students to learn how you can start a career as a health information professional.

- Health Information Management (BS)
- Health Information Systems (MS)
- Health Care Supervision and Management (MS)

More info: <https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/event/him-meet-and-greet>

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27. Pitt Dental Admissions Open House – Apr 12, 9am-12pm, Salk Hall

Pitt Dental Medicine Admissions will be holding an Open House on April 12.

Registration and check-in begin at 8:45AM in the Edward J. Forrest Continuing Education Center in Salk Hall, 2nd Floor.

Agenda: Presentation, Tour, Q&A

To RSVP contact: dentaladmissions@dental.pitt.edu

Please include current educational level and school name

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Until next week,

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