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## Bio Advising Newsletter – 3/5/2019

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#### 1. Fall Enrollment Advising Meetings

Fall enrollment begins March 25. **Not including Spring Break, there are ONLY 8 Business Days before the start of Fall enrollment and a little under 350 students who still have Academic Advisement holds. Sign up for an advising appointment NOW before all spots get filled!**

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 on how to get it removed.

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## 2. Advising Office Spring Break Hours

YES! Spring Break is next week (March 10-17)!  
YES! We are open with limited appointment spots (except Friday, March 15).

Will you be here during the break and want to get your fall hold removed before the start of enrollment? Stop by A258 Langley to make an appointment.

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## 3. Monitored Withdrawal – deadline Mar 8 (FRIDAY)

March 8 is the deadline for students to withdraw from an undergraduate course in the Dietrich School without penalty or credit. This will show up as a "W" on your transcript.

Complete the form in 140 Thackeray.

Thinking about withdrawing from a course and wonder how it may affect your plan? Stop by our drop-in hours in A258 Langley and talk to a Bio Advisor.

Tues, Mar 5: 12 - 1pm (with Jessica)  
Tues, Mar 5: 3:30 - 4:30pm (with Christine)  
Wed, Mar 6: 12:30 - 1:30pm (with Kevin)  
Fri, Mar 8: 10:30 - 11:30am (with Dan)

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## 4. Final Exam Conflict Accommodation – deadline Mar 13

If you have three or more final exams in one day, you may request an alternate final exam time. Please see the [Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Procedure](#).

If you are not able to work out an alternate time with your instructor, fill out the [Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Form](#), and return it to G-2 Thackeray Hall by the monitored withdrawal date Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

More info & final exam schedule: [https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2194\\_EXAMS.pdf](https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2194_EXAMS.pdf)

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## 5. 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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## 6. Bio Student Experience Survey

The Department of Biological Sciences Challenges & Opportunities Committee seeks your feedback in order to **improve and extend supportive programs to undergraduate students in our department and to enhance overall student experience.**

Please complete the following survey by **Friday, March 8, 2019**. The anonymous survey should take no longer than 10 minutes.

[https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bQtdrRnPweendDT](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQtdrRnPweendDT)

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### 7. 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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### 8. 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](mailto: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/UprsNarQxZawkszW2>

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### 9. Bio Blog: Choosing Bio Electives

This week, Owen shares his experience working in a dental clinic and a look at the possible future of dentistry: Dental Stem Cells!

Blog link: <https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/blog/an-introduction-to-dental-stem-cells>

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### 10. Peer Advisors Regular Office Hours (updated for this week)

First day of Fall enrollment is March 25<sup>th</sup>! Meet with our peer advisors if you have questions or need help planning before your advising appointment.

This week, Peer Advisors will be office hours in **Thackeray 201**:

- Lisa & Kristen: Tuesday 4pm-5pm
- Sofie & Julia: Wednesday 9-10am

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### 11. Volunteer Opportunity: Share your BIOSC 0067 Experience!

Neural Defects. DNA Regulation. Water Channels. Tiny Earth (Small World).

Did you love your BIOSC 0067 lab and want to share your experience with students trying to choose their BIOSC 0067 lab for next term? On March 29th, we will be holding our inaugural BIOSC 0067 Information Poster Session and we are seeking volunteers to present and answer questions from first and second year students.

If you would like to participate, please contact Jessica Wandelt at [jewandelt@pitt.edu](mailto:jewandelt@pitt.edu).

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### 12. College Necessities Resource Coalition E-Board Recruiting

Collegiate Necessities Resource Coalition (CNRC) is a student organization on campus to connect and serve as a platform for first generation and low income students. It serves as a catalyst for bringing together these students in

need of support and to create a comfortable environment for communication among those of similar life experiences. The organization focuses on providing support through the transition into college and beyond with financial, academic, and food security resources for students.

CNRC is looking for students to join their Executive Board for the 2019-2020 academic year. If you are interested, contact Danica Pratta at [dlp60@pitt.edu](mailto:dlp60@pitt.edu).

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### 13. Lab Assistant Job in Biogeochemistry

Undergraduate lab assistant position in a biogeochemistry/stable isotope laboratory, in the Department of Geology & Environmental Sciences. For more info on the lab: <http://www.pitt.edu/~elliott/>.

Hours: 10-15 hours per week; 2-3 hours per day between 8am and 1pm, beginning at 10:30 AM at the latest, Monday through Friday. Days and hours can be flexible with your class schedule. Position starts as soon as possible.

Duties include: Working with and maintaining bacterial cultures, assisting with sample preparation, general cleaning and washing sample vials, filtering samples, and other tasks as needed. Occasional assistance with field work is likely. An independent research project is possible (consult with Dr. Emily Elliott).

Qualifications: Major in Chemistry, Geology, Environmental Geology, Biology, and other related fields; Completion of at least an introductory-level laboratory course (Biology 1 Lab, Chemistry 1 Lab, etc.). Preference given to students with coursework or lab work in microbiology, those pursuing a career in science, and those with the potential to continue work in the 2020 academic year.

Pay: \$10.00/hr. This job qualifies for federal work study.

Contact:

Richard Dabundo

Stable Isotope Laboratory Manager and Technician

[rcd35@pitt.edu](mailto:rcd35@pitt.edu)

Please send a cover letter including a list of applicable courses, your hours of availability and your resume.

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### 14. 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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### 15. 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](http://www.pcatweb.info)  
PharmCAS opens usually mid-July at [www.pharmacas.org](http://www.pharmacas.org)

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**16. 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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**17. 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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**18. Frederick Scholarship – deadline Mar 8**

The David C. Frederick Scholarship provides \$10,000 in tuition support to three full-time undergraduate students. Students apply as sophomores and the support is for the junior year with the possibility of extension into the senior year. This scholarship was created specifically for high-achieving students (3.500 cumulative GPA or above) who currently work at a part-time or full-time job in order to pay for their education. It is intended to allow students to significantly reduce the number of hours worked during the academic year so that they may devote more time to other academic pursuits, such as additional courses, research opportunities, study abroad, or community engagement.

More info: <http://bit.ly/2N3Zgl9>

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**19. 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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**20. NSLC Team Advisor Job – deadline Mar 15**

The National Student Leadership Conference is a summer academic and leadership program for high school students. This program will provide students with a remarkable opportunity to meet healthcare professionals, established healthcare facilities, and develop their leadership skills through hands-on clinical simulations in diverse fields of healthcare.

I am currently in the process of hiring staff for this summer and am interested in the position being advertised at University of Pittsburgh and to every student in the Department of Biological Sciences. Our Team Advisor (TA) position is an amazing employment experience and networking opportunity for undergraduate students, specifically those studying the health sciences, and I would love to have some students on my staff representing your university.

More info & apply: <https://www.nslcleaders.org/about-summer-youth-programs/summer-job-opportunities/>

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### 21. Univ College London Institute of Ophthalmology – deadline Mar 15

The UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Trust come together as one of the largest vision science centre in the world. Together with our NIHR Biomedical Resource Centre, we are pleased to offer summer research studentships in visual neurosciences, retinal imaging, molecular and cellular biology. The programme is open to students who will have completed at least two years of undergraduate work, but not yet graduated by June 2019. Applicants will be selected based on their academic achievements, academic letter of reference and written statement about their research interest in a participating investigator's work.

More info & apply: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/loo/study/online-and-short-course-vision-and-eye-health-experts/summer-schools/summer-research-placement>

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### 22. Johns Hopkins Sci Communication Internship – deadline Mar 16

Spend your summer communicating about the latest biomedical research discoveries and clinical advancements at one of the leading academic health care systems in the United States.

The Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Marketing and Communications is offering two internship positions. They are seeking applicants from diverse backgrounds who have a career goal of writing and communicating about biomedical science.

Position: Full-time, paid internship with a stipend of \$12 per hour. The duration of the internship is flexible, ranging from eight to 12 weeks.

Opportunities include but are not limited to: writing news stories about the latest published discoveries in basic, translational and clinical research; writing web, social media and feature story content; and scripting videos about science. Eight divisions comprise the Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Marketing and Communications: strategic marketing, editorial services, media relations, graphic design, video and electronic media, brand management, social media and web strategy, and market analysis and research. The intern may choose to spend time shadowing others in the department for more exposure to the fields of marketing and communications.

To apply, send a résumé, a cover letter stating your internship goals, a letter of recommendation from an instructor, and one or more writing samples to Marin Hedin at [mhedin2@jhmi.edu](mailto:mhedin2@jhmi.edu) and Vanessa Wasta at [wasta@jhmi.edu](mailto:wasta@jhmi.edu).

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### 23. 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](mailto:rar163@pitt.edu) by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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### 24. 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/>



**Until next week,**

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