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1. Biological Sciences Advising – we’re still here!

All three advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley.
We are available for quick walk-in questions, to go over Study Abroad, Cross-Reg and Summer Class forms, etc.
Want to review your Fall schedule, or just talk about stuff... C'mon in!

If you still have an Advising Hold for Fall, come in for your pre-enrollment advising meeting.

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2. Open seats in BIOSC lab courses

ATTN Rising Seniors - do you still need lab course(s) to graduate? There are some open seats for Fall 2013. Grab them up now so you aren't stressing out about getting a lab in the spring!

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3. Pie your advisors for charity - April 13, 4pm, WPU Lawn

The Asian Student Alliance is hosting a Pie-A-Thon to raise money for Dreams for Kids. All proceeds will be used to empower at risk-youths and handicapped children through leadership programs and extracurricular activities.

Targets for the event include your advisors Christine Berliner and Ellen Kelsey!

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4. Pitt 2013 Pre-Professional Health Committee Application NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/pre-professional-health-committee-application

Application Deadline: May 15

If you have taken courses at other institutions, you may want to send the transcripts at this time. You will need to wait to request your Pitt transcript until your spring term grades are posted which will be the first week of May. April Graduates will need to send a transcript with the degree posted – your transcript won't be ready until May 28, 2013.

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5. A&S Summer Undergraduate Research Award (Minorities) - deadline April 19

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 13 through August 3, 2013. A project report is due to the faculty mentor no later than August 10, 2013. This research opportunity is for underrepresented students (African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander)

Questions & Applications: Patrick Mullen, 412-624-9150 or pjm57@pitt.edu

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6. BIOSC Undergraduate Research Talks - April 12, 2-4pm, Langley 221

Come hear what your peers have been doing! Undergraduate research talks by candidates for Departmental Honors and the HHMI Academic Year Research Fellows. This is especially helpful if you are considering applying to either of these programs

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7. Paid Summer Lab Aid Position - Mallampalli Lab

Earn \$7.65/hr as a lab aid in lab studying acute lung injury and pulmonary biology. Seeking an organized, professional student to maintain the organization of the lab, perform inventories, wash dishes, and prepare solutions five days/week (37.5 hours/week in summer & 18-20 hours/week in fall & spring). After three months of a previsionsary period, possibility to start a research project. Interviews in April, job begins May 1, 2013.

To Apply:

- 1) Log onto Pitt portal -> click "futurelinks" tab -> search for "student worker-TNF" position on futurelinks
- AND
- 2) email hiring manager: Tiffany A. Coon, coonta@upmc.edu

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8. Nikon Small World Competition - deadline April 30

The Nikon International Small World Competition is dedicated to furthering excellence and creativity in microscopy. Photomicrographs must be taken using a light microscope, and use of Nikon equipment is not required. Entries will be judged on originality, informational content, technical proficiency, and visual impact.

Entries for the still digital image Small World contest can be submitted here:
www.microscopyu.com/smallworld/registration/entrypage1.aspx

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9. Lecture by Reproductive Genetics Expert - April 11, 4pm, Scaife Hall Lecture Room 6

Aleksandar Rajkovic, MD, PhD, associate professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences, School of Medicine, will deliver the lecture "Ex Ovo Omnia". Dr. Rajkovic studies germ cell-specific factors involved in the transcriptional regulation of mammalian gonadal development and meiosis and their role in male and female infertility. He also studies the genetics of gonadal tumors such as ovarian cancer.

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10. Lecture by Epidemiology Expert - April 12, noon, Scaife Hall Lecture Room 6

Wilbert van Panhuis, MD, PhD, assistant professor of epidemiology, Graduate School of Public Health, will deliver the lecture "Project Tycho: Open Access to a Century of Infectious Disease Surveillance in the United States." Van Panhuis and his group have digitized data comprising more than 87 million individual cases and analyzed these data to quantitatively describe disease control in the U.S. over the last 120 years. His analysis provides a compelling description of the influence of vaccination programs in the U.S. on transmission of childhood infectious diseases. Pertussis cases, for example, have increased in the U.S. since the 1980s despite the availability of a safe and effective vaccine. Resurgences of other childhood diseases, including measles, mumps, and rubella, have also occurred.

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11. Veterinary Speaker - April 14, 5pm, room TBD

Dr. Bridget Urie, a board-certified veterinary oncologist, will be coming to speak to pre-vet students about field of specialty medicine. Sponsored by the Pre-Vet Club. Please contact ekb13@pitt.edu for more details.

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12. Lecture by Psychiatry Expert - April 16, 4pm, Scaife Hall Lecture Room 6

Maria Kovacs, PhD, professor of psychiatry, School of Medicine, will deliver the lecture, "Three Decades of Programmatic Research on Juvenile-Onset Depressive Disorders: From Phenomenology to Mechanisms". Dr. Kovacs is a Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry. She has focused her research on child and adolescent depression. Her investigations have spanned ages ranging from late childhood to adulthood, and she has examined the presentation, outcome, and public health implications of early-onset affective mood disorders. More recently, Dr. Kovacs led a multidisciplinary international team of investigators in a project on risk factors for juvenile-onset depression that combined molecular, genetic, brain physiology, behavioral observation, and clinical perspectives. She currently has National Institute of Mental Health grant support

to study biobehavioral inflexibility and related risk for juvenile depression, as well as psychiatric outcomes among children at risk for depression.

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13. 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 both in and out of the classroom
 - Other ideas initiated by you, the UTAs!

More info: nkaufman@pitt.edu (Dr. Nancy Kaufmann)

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

4/9: Christopher Tracey, PhD (Ecology & Evolution from Pitt) works at the Western PA Conservancy. Chris will speak about using GIS and GPS technology in ecology and describe his transition from undergraduate to PhD graduate to professional career.

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15. TRI-BETA - Tuesdays, 8:30pm, Langley A221

4/9: Elections

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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Until next week,

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