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1. Advising Walk-Ins

The advisors are taking walk-ins to serve students with time-sensitive questions, Fall scheduling issues, and permissions. Please bring your advising documents if they are relevant.
 Appointments for long-term plans, complex discussions and Spring enrollment HOLDS start Sept. 9th, after add-drop ends. Sign-up sheets will be out next week.

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2. PeopleSoft SWAP Function

The swap function in PeopleSoft prevents you from losing a class you are currently enrolled in, while you are trying to nab a seat in another class. It works if you are trying to add an open seat, or alternatively if you are getting on a waitlist.
 See instruction guide (with pictures!):
 a) Log into my.pitt.edu
 b) DON'T click "Student Center Login"! Instead, click "Learn More" underneath it.
 c) On the right hand side, at the very bottom, select the tutorial: "Swap a Class.pdf"

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3. Restricted/closed courses: Contact that course's department.

To get permission for a class, work with the department offering the course. You may start with the professor, but then someone in THAT department must create the Permission Number.

Bio Advising only makes Permissions for BIOSC courses. We may be able to help determine why something is restricted or who to contact, but we can't make a Permission Number if it's not BIOSC.
 You can identify the course restrictions yourself by clicking on the course section number's link in "PeopleSoft Class Search".

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4. UTA, Research & Intern Forms for credits are online!
<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms>

Are you doing research, internship or TA'ing for credit this semester? The enrollment forms can be gotten online or in the Bio Advising Office. COMPLETED form must be turned in to Bio Advising any time through Friday Sept 6th (end of add-drop.) Earlier is better!

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5. Southern College of Optometry: Career Presentation - Sept 5, 5-6pm, Langley A224

Meet Jannette Dumas, Director of Student Recruitment, and learn about SCO's optometry program. Info about entrance requirements, the

application process, and what makes an applicant competitive can be generalized to most optometry programs. Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

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6. Check out Pitt Clubs & Organizations to see what fits your interests!

For info on Bio related clubs, see our advising website

<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/advising-and-support/organizations>

To search all Pitt organizations by keyword or name, check out the SORC (Student Organization Resource Center) searchable Directory

<http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/sorchome>
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7. Pitt Science2013 Convergence: Simply Attend or also Show a Poster

All interested undergrads are encouraged to register for Science2013 and attend plenary lectures, spotlight sessions, and special satellite sessions. Visit the Web site for a complete schedule of events. <http://www.science2013.pitt.edu/>

You may also present your research at Science 2013's special Undergraduate Poster Session! Research can be either with a University of Pittsburgh mentor or at another institution.

Science2013–Convergence

<http://www.science2013.pitt.edu/posters.htm>

Undergraduate Research Poster Reception

5:00 pm, Thursday, October 3rd

Connolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall

About your ABSTRACT:

Submit your 250 word abstract through the Science2013 Web site by September 13.

Please e-mail Carol Tatrai (cmt28@pitt.edu) for questions about this poster session.

AGAIN: All interested undergraduate students are encouraged to register and attend Science2013!
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8. Browne Leadership Fellows Program – Application due Sept 20

Great opportunity open to all majors, from the School of Social Work. For freshmen, sophomores or rising juniors. Interdisciplinary fellowship prepares students to be engaged civic leaders working for economic and social justice. You say you "want to help people"? Here's your chance!

Fellowship runs two Terms (Spring & Summer.) Students get 1 credit in Spring Term and a generous stipend of \$3,000 for the Summer Term (12 weeks).

<http://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/academic-programs/basw/browne-leadership.php>
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9. PASGC Research Scholarship - Application due Sept 6

The Department of Physics and Astronomy has funding from the Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium for fall semester undergraduate research projects. Although preference is for research directly related to astronomy or space physics, any STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) topics will be considered – so apply already! Qualified women and minority candidates are strongly urged to apply. Please note that only U.S. Citizens are eligible to receive one of these awards. Award is \$1500.

Req's: work with a faculty mentor 10 hours/week for 15 weeks; present findings in a public forum.

Application: [1] A research plan (incl. name, dept, email), [2] letter of recommendation from faculty mentor, and [3] transcript (official or unofficial).

<http://pa.spacegrant.org/>

For application steps and submission of application materials, contact Dr. Russell Clark (ruc2@pitt.edu, 412-624-9204). (He's the Physics advisor for undergrads)
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10. Federal Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship – Apply by October, 1, 2013

For undergraduates interested in a spring internship away from campus apply for the Spring 2014 (SULI) Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship! (They also have a summer program – info at same link.) The internship encourages undergraduate students to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers by providing research experiences at Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories - yes, some of these labs do biology.

Spring internship dates are January 6 – April 25; deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. ET on October 1, 2013. Visit <http://science.energy.gov/wdts/suli/> to apply or to obtain additional information.

If you have questions, please call Julie Malicoat at (865) 576-2311.
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11. Work Study Position in Langley Teaching Labs

Beginning training opportunity for students interested in further research in non-teaching labs and an opportunity to experience new techniques, responsibilities, and faculty interaction. This position will provide student with the necessary skills and confidence to work in a modern molecular biology research lab. This is also a great job even if you do not have those ambitions, but know how to work.

RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) Support lab courses in our program, which include up-to-date content & techniques 2) Maintain lab-ware & glassware, 3) Make solutions, reagents, & growth media, 4) Keep the lab orderly & clean, 5) Maintain databases, equipment 6) carry out experiments

EXPERIENCE PREFERRED: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, or Math majors - sophomores and higher.

PAY: 7.65/hr and up, if good.

CONTACT: Vern Twombly twombly@pitt.edu

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12. New class - GEOL 1240: Evolution of the Vertebrates (28807)

Instructor: Charles E. Jones

M 6-8:30 pm in Thaw 203

This class is divided into three unequal parts. We first will examine the processes of evolution and extinction and how they are reflected in the fossil record. To gain insights into the limits of the fossil record, we will next look at the relatively recent evolution of living mammal groups and the patterns and causes of mammalian evolution and extinction in North America. We finally will dive into the deep past to look at the origin of the vertebrates and the evolution and major extinctions of the fishes, amphibians, mammal-like reptiles, dinosaurs, birds, and early mammals. We will focus throughout on transitional fossils and the processes driving evolution and extinction.

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13. Health Professions (Pharm, Phys Asst, PT, OT, Nursing, Public Health, more)

Pitt's advisor for these Health Professions is housed in the Career Services Office.

He is Richard Fann, and here is his webpage:

<http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/node/1425>

He does both walk-in meetings (20 minutes) or you can schedule an appointment:

<http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/appointments-and-walk-ins>

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14. Health Professions (Med, Dent, Optom, Pod, Vet)

The Advisors for these professions are housed in the Honors College

<http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/health-professions-advising>

Scheduling Appointments

Sophomores, juniors and seniors may self-schedule an appointment with the health advisors.

LINK: <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2160041238>

Freshmen and transfers are required to attend an information session before they schedule an appointment. Choose one session (they run Oct 13 - Jan 26th). Detailed info on the sessions will be on the prehealth advising page soon at: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/advising/health-professions-advising/access-health-professions-advising>

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Until next week,

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