

Biology Advising Newsletter 9/25/2012

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****INTERVIEWING TIP OF THE WEEK****

Do your homework.

From previous interview experience, you know that you need to research the employer in order to ask intelligent questions. With the information that is available these days on company websites, this is easier than ever before. Showing that you know about the company and can ask relevant questions will save time, show your interest, and demonstrate that you took the time to prepare.

(Tips by Carol Stanton, CGS Career Counselor)

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1. Advising & Pre-Registration Meetings

Sign-up sheets are available in the Advising Office for pre-registration meetings (Enrollment starts Oct 29).

These meetings include removing your "Advising Hold" for Spring Term 2012 self-enrollment; we will talk about your spring schedule, and can discuss your academic and career plans. Don't delay, even if you have other holds... the Advising Hold can be removed independent of them.

PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent having to scratch out your name later. A last-minute appointment change deprives other students of that time-slot.

Remember that we also take walk-ins for quick questions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

IF YOU MISS YOUR APPOINTMENT you will need to re-schedule for AFTER October 29th.

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2. Majors and Minors Expo - Volunteers Needed, Help your Advisors!

We are looking for students able to spend 30 to 60 minutes at the Biological Sciences table at the Majors and Minors Expo to promote our majors on October 10 from 11am-3pm in William Pitt Union. If you can help out, contact Jaime Warren jlw146@pitt.edu

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3. Final Exams, Resolving Schedule Conflicts - deadline October 19

If you have THREE FINALS on the SAME DAY (or 24 hour period), you should work with your professors to see if one can accommodate you.

- Complete an Exam Conflict Accommodation Form, on which The Registrar confirms that you have 3 finals on the same day (link below).
- Take this form to your professors to see if any one can accommodate you.
- If no professor will move your exam, then the Registrar will select which exam is to be moved.

*** If you need the Registrar's help, you must have completed the form and contacted all your professors first! ***

Although October 19 may seem close, it's not much time to talk to everyone and determine if you need help from the Registrar.

www.registrar.pitt.edu/final_examination_schedules.html

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4. Do you know an exceptional teacher? Nomination letters for the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award due Oct 8

The Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes teaching excellence of the faculty. Teaching includes all activities that faculty members engage in to facilitate learning by undergraduate, professional, or graduate students: lecturing; clinical teaching; conducting seminars, tutorials, or recitations; etc. Distinguished teaching implies sustained commitment, effectiveness in helping students achieve meaningful goals, and overall teaching excellence.

Any person or group of persons may submit a written nomination. Nomination letters are due by October 8, 2012, and should be sent electronically in Word to: Dr. Juan J. Manfredi, manfredi@pitt.edu.

Full guidelines are available online at <http://bit.ly/QLJfAI>

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5. Career Presentation: New York Chiropractic College - Sept 25, 5pm, Langley A219B

Do you love anatomy? Why not use it every day as a Doctor of Chiropractic or other practitioner? Brian Becker, Sr. Admissions Counselor for the New York Chiropractic College, will present an overview of their graduate programs and answer student questions. Programs include: Doctor of Chiropractic, Applied Clinical Nutrition, Human Anatomy and Physiology Instruction, Clinical Anatomy, and Diagnostic Imaging.

www.nycc.edu

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

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6. Career Presentation: Pitt Graduate School of Public Health - Oct 9, 5pm, Langley A219B

Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health staff, post doc, and graduate students will discuss information about the admissions process and conducting graduate research in the Infectious Disease and Epidemiology programs. Please attend to ask questions about all the GSPH programs and find out what the pre-requisites, curriculum requirements, and expectations are for students in the public health department and the profession.

www.publichealth.pitt.edu

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

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7. University of Pittsburgh Fall 2012 Career Fair - Sept 25, 11am-4pm,
Peterson Events Center

The largest career fair of the year will feature over 200 national, regional, and local employers from a diverse range of industries. Employers seek students for full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities. Students are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of their resume.

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8. Graduate & Law School Fair - Sept 27, 10am - 1pm, William Pitt Union

Over 45 graduate and law schools will be represented to discuss continuing education opportunities at their respective institutions.

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9. International Service Learning

Fellow BIOSC student wanted us to pass along information for International Service Learning, a socially responsible international educational NGO. The program sends service trips to developing countries, primarily Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Africa. They have specific medical trips geared toward students interested in health care. Its a great way to get hands on experience and clinical hours, as students work directly with doctors and patients and is a sort of mini-study abroad for those who don't have the time or money to spend a whole semester abroad.

www.islonline.org

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10. Caribbean Ecosystem Field Studies

This 3 credit field course offered through the University of Montana runs Dec 28 - Jan 13. Based on the Caribbean coast of Mexico, you will have the opportunity to study, snorkel and SCUBA dive while gaining career skills in hands-on ecosystem field research.

Please note: Pitt's Spring Term begins on January 7th. However, if you will be finished with your other classes in December, you could remain an undergraduate until April to take advantage of this course.

www.ecofs.org

Questions: Steve Johnson steve@ecofs.org

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11. UHC Friday Afternoon Lecture - Sept 28, 2pm, 3500 CL

"The Pox of Liberty: How Legal and Political Institutions Shape Disease Environments"
Dr. Werner Troesken, Professor, Department of Economics

Light refreshments will be served. All Are Welcome!

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12. C. F. Reynolds Medical History Society Lectures - Sept 27, 6pm, Scaife Lecture Room #5

"Never a Finer Chance for a Man of Zeal and Spirit: Charles Darwin's Voyage to Discovery."
Adam Davis, MA, history of science at Duquesne University

Questions: Dr. Jonathon Erlen, erlen@pitt.edu

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13. Tribeta Grad School Panel Event - Sept 25, 8pm, Langley 224

Bring your career questions and bring your friends! There will be light refreshments.

Panel participants are:

Chatham University, Physical Therapy - Andrew Lee
Pitt School of Engineering, Bioengineering - Ning Jiun Jan
Pitt School of Medicine - Jinny Ye & David Lehman
Pitt School of Dentistry - Melanie Leung
Pitt School of Pharmacy - Meicheng Wang
University of Pittsburgh, Ecology - Lisa Limeri
University of Pittsburgh, Chemistry - Justin Proto

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14. Birding Club Field Trip to Schenley Park - Sep 30, 9:30am

The second birding outing of the year will be to Schenley Park on Sunday, September 30th. Barring rain, we'll meet under the tent at Schenley Plaza at 9:00AM and then head out over the bridge into Schenley Park. This is a good minimal-effort trip which can be pretty fun, especially if you've never been to the park before. Some of the birds seen in the park are gray catbirds, cedar waxwings, common grackles, and lots of robins. Binoculars provided. The whole trip shouldn't last more than two hours.

Questions: pittbirdingclub@gmail.com

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15. Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force Student Ambassadors - now recruiting

The PATF Student Ambassadors of Pitt is a group of Pitt student volunteers for the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, located in East Liberty. The burgeoning organization is looking for dedicated and interested Pitt students who would like to actively work to prevent HIV transmission in the Pittsburgh community. Work includes passing out HIV transmission information, safe-sex kits, attending PATF training and events, and more - either on or off Pitt's campus. Members have the opportunity to network with HIV prevention professionals, network with other students interested in Public Health, work to prevent the spread of one of the world's most widespread diseases, and will be a founding member of the student organization.

Contact Topher Hoffmann at csh18@pitt.edu with questions, or to apply for the position.

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16. Ecology Club - Oct 2, 7:30, Langley A224

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in Langley A224
10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/4

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17. Biology Club First Meeting - Oct 2, 8:30pm, Langley A214

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 8:30pm in Langley A214
10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27

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18. Pitt Dental Club - Oct 2, 9pm, CL

The Pitt Dental Science club aims to provide pre-dental students with a comprehensive look into the field of dentistry through guest speakers, dental labs at the Pitt School of Dental Medicine, mentoring program with dental students, as well as help with volunteering, DAT, and research.

Contact pittdentclub@gmail.com and join the Facebook group at Pitt Dental Science Club for up to date information.

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 9pm in the Cathedral
10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27

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19. NYC Teaching Fellows - 1st Deadline Today (Sept 25)

The NYC Teaching Fellows program recruits and prepares high-quality, dedicated individuals to become teachers who raise student achievement in the New York City classrooms that need them most. Applying for the NYC Teaching Fellows program begins with submitting an online application <<https://nyctf.teachertrack2.org/>> . There are several deadlines remaining this year.

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Until next week,

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