

Biology Advising Newsletter 9/30/2013

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3. **HELP OUT YOUR ADVISORS at the Majors & Minors Expo Oct 8**
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INTERNSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

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GET INVOLVED

9. Volunteer for SciTech Days @ Carnegie Science Center, any day Nov. 5-8
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11. Paid Personal Assistant Position

CLUB MEETINGS

- Ecology Club - Oct 7, 6:30pm
- Biology Club - Oct 1, 8:00pm
- Tri-Beta - Oct 8, 8:00pm
- Optometry Club - Oct 6
- Pitt Outdoors Club - every Tuesday, 9pm
- Pre-Vet Club - Sept 30, 8pm

Special Event: Current Vet Student Presentation - Oct 4, 4:30pm, WPU 310
Birding & Ornithology Club

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1. Appointments: Detailed advising & Spring Enrollment Holds

Advisors are now taking appointments for career and academic planning, and to prepare for Spring Enrollment (and remove your advising hold) Sign-up sheets are in the Bio Advising Office (A258 Langley)
BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER to your appointment!!!

2. Walk-ins – yes we still do!

Feel free to stop by with quick questions, (many things take just a minute to answer) or see if we have time for a longer meeting. If we don't, you will be able to sign up for one right in the office!

Please make Appointments for long-term plans, complex discussions and Spring enrollment HOLDS. [NEW DECLARES must attend a GAM before their individual appt.]

3. HELP OUT YOUR ADVISORS!

Table with us at the Majors & Minors Expo Oct 8

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 8th from 11am-3pm in William Pitt Union. If you can help out, contact Jaime Warren jlw146@pitt.edu or just stop by our table and hang out for a bit.

4. Final Exams, Resolving Schedule Conflicts - deadline Oct 18

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.

- 1) Complete an Exam Conflict Accommodation Form, on which The Registrar confirms that you have 3 finals on the same day (link below).
- 2) Take this form to your professors to see if any one can accommodate you.
- 3) 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! You only have THREE DAYS to get all the signatures, so start RIGHT NOW!

www.registrar.pitt.edu/final_examination_schedules.html

5. Monitored Withdrawal Deadline - Oct 25; 140 Thackeray

The Monitored Withdrawal form required to withdraw from a class is ONLY available in 140 Thackeray. No permission is necessary if the form is turned in before the deadline. If you withdraw from a class the grade "W" will be recorded on your term grades and transcript for that class. "W" grades do not count toward a student's degree, grade point average, or academic progress for purposes of financial aid eligibility. There is no tuition adjustment associated with a class withdrawal.

After the Oct 25 Deadline, you can only file an "Appeal for Late Withdrawal." The A&S Undergraduate Deans will decide whether to grant it. You need a really good reason to justify a late withdrawal.

6. Internship Week Monday through Friday, October 7-11

There will be a ton of things happening! Various events & locations; a complete schedule will be posted at www.internships.pitt.edu

7. Health Professions Advising Updates Fall Term 2141

Direct general questions to pitthealthprofessions@gmail.com

Scheduling Appointments

- Students whose names fall between A-M will meet with Angela Illig.
- Students whose names fall between N-Z will meet with Andrea Abt.
- Guaranteed admit students will be advised by Andrea Abt.
- Online Scheduler: <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2160041238>

Fall Term Walk-In Hours 9/23/13 – 12/05/13

- Angela will answer quick questions Wednesdays 12 to 1pm, Cathedral 3609
- Andrea will answer quick questions Thursdays 9:30 to 10:30am, Langley A208

MANDATORY Personal Statement/Committee Preparation Workshops

- For juniors and seniors applying to the Pre-Professional Health Committee May 2014
- <https://pithonorscollege.wufoo.com/forms/q7w8r3/>

8. ARC Resume and Cover Letter workshop - Oct 1, 6pm

In order to have an appropriate amount of food, please register for the workshop: 412-648-7920

9. Volunteer for SciTech Days @ Carnegie Science Center - November 5-8: www.scitechfestival.com

SciTech Days connects middle and high school students with leading scientists and technologists in a fun, dynamic atmosphere. The intent is to capture the interest of younger teens, as they start making choices that will affect their

careers.

Volunteers bring and set up technology exhibits at the event. We can help with designing an exhibit. You ask students pre-written questions about your exhibit and then stamp their "SciTech Passports". It's very easy to do and a lot of fun, too! All volunteers receive passes to go back to the Science Center at a later date, and vouchers for discounts in the café.

The shift is 8:30-2:30 (café discount vouchers for lunch); choose any number of days to volunteer.

A representative from our Outreach Program is co-ordinating exhibits from Pitt's Dept. of Biological Sciences. Ask us, or get more info from her: Rebecca Gonda <reg11@pitt.edu>

10. Poster Presentation Opportunity, CA\$H prizes

Now accepting undergraduate poster submissions for the 9th Annual Metals in Biology Mini Symposium on December 6. Several cash awards are given to excellence posters presentations by undergraduate students. You present regardless of the type of research whether bioinorganic or not.

<http://www.duq.edu/metals-symposium>

Poster Submission Deadline: Nov 15

11. Paid Personal Assistant Position

Student needed to assist a woman with a C4-5 level spinal cord injury with ADLs (activities of daily living). Prefer someone for a 2 to 3 year commitment including breaks and summer.

Tue 4:00 - 6:00pm
Wed 8:30am - noon; 4:00 - 6:00pm
Fri 8:30am - noon

Pay: \$11.26 per hour

Location: N. Craig St. in Oakland

Contact: Amy Shannon 412-682-2878 or amy.e.shannon@gmail.com

ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Mondays 6:30pm, Langley A221

10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2

pittecologyclub@gmail.com

BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26, 12/10

TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

OPTOMETRY CLUB - Sundays, WPU

First meeting: Oct 6

pittoptclub@gmail.com

PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9:00pm, WPU porch

PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 8:00pm, Langley A219B

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10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9 (Langley A219B)

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pittprevet@gmail.com

BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

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Until next week,

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