**Bio Advising Newsletter – October 27, 2020**

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1. **Advising Appointments – Schedule Now!**

Enrollment for spring classes started this week!

If you haven’t already, please schedule your Advising Meeting now!

While you may prefer a certain advisor, you are not assigned to a specific advisor and can book with any of the 6 advisors (we are equal in function) for the purpose of having your Spring enrollment hold lifted.

***NEWLY DECLARED STUDENTS - once you have completed your Orientation on Canvas, you can schedule your advising appointment. Please be sure to email your documents to your advisor!***

During the month of October, we are offering Pre-Enrollment Appointments only:

* **Pre-Enrollment Appointment –** This is a 30-minute appointment designed for planning and discussion of Spring and Summer 2021 scheduling, and for lifting advising holds. These appointments are reserved for majors only.

Schedule using the Navigate Student app or access the Navigate Student [website](https://pitt.guide.eab.com/app/#!/authentication/remote/).

After you schedule an appointment, your advisor will send you a Zoom meeting invite. The email may also include a request for the following:

* An up to date copy of your [Progress Tracker](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms)
* An up to date copy of your [Semester Planner](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms) (don’t stress if you aren’t sure of your plan yet!)
* An idea of the questions you have for your advisor.

***\*\* Please submit these documents prior to your appointment. \*\****

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1. **UTA, Research, and Independent Study Enrollment for Spring**

Enrolling for UTA, research or independent study credit for Spring 2021?  Follow these simple instructions…

1. Download a fillable form on our [website](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms).
2. Complete the form, along with all signatures.
3. Take a picture or screen shot of the completed and signed form and save it with your name (example: Lastname\_BIOSC1690 form).
4. Submit completed and **signed** forms  to this [quick survey](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3xTm5JfyGEhDz4p) **by 4:00pm on Friday, February 5, 2021!**

**\*\*\*If you are doing multiple experiences (for example, UTA and research), you must submit separate surveys for each.**

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1. **Academic Plan (Major, Minor, Certificate) Declaration Form – Back Online**

Students wishing to change/add/drop majors, minors or certificates can do so using [this online form](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0SySSwDynTnvCZL). Please note that the deadline to declare a major in the Dietrich School for the Spring 2021 term will be Monday, January 25.

You can also access the form on [this page](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/student-toolkit/forms).

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1. **Seniors – Graduation Application**

Seniors who plan to finish in April 2021 must apply for graduation. After you’ve enrolled in spring classes, go to the [Student Records website](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/student-toolkit/graduation) to complete your graduation application. The application deadline is Nov 5.

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1. **Second Annual Biology Halloween Costume Contest!**

Join us in celebrating Halloween and Biology by dressing up as your favorite biology-related structure/organism/process! First prize wins a **$25 Amazon gift card**! Everyone who participates wins the respect and admiration of the Bio Advising Office. And it is just plain fun.

To enter: Email a picture of you in your biology-themed costume by 4:30pm on 10/31 to Jessica (wandelt@pitt.edu).

Voting: all entries will be posted on the Pitt Bio Advising Facebook and Instagram accounts by 5pm on 11/1. The costume with the most likes by Friday 11/6 at 8am will win!

Other rules: Contest open to Pitt students, faculty, and staff who enjoy dressing up and biology. One entry per person. If emailing a picture, entrant must be recognizable and alone in picture. Please contact Jessica with any questions.

Be sure to follow our Social Media to see pics!

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1. **Biology Peer Advisors – Office Hours**

Our Peer Advisors office hours are in full swing! These students are an **invaluable** **resource** for helping you navigate scheduling, bio classes, remote learning, gen eds, extracurriculars, take-out food, Netflix series, etc. They are here to share their experiences in and out of the classroom. Definitely check in with them!

**Fall Schedule:**

Monday 11:00 – 12:00 Kayla & Peter [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/93436310447](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F93436310447&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C85e276b3294e4513dc1008d84e131e5b%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345191303044300&sdata=lr2blObAVJXZt7eGkWHJePt0nphlAfFl7tCePnymlfc%3D&reserved=0)

Monday 2:00 – 3:00 Jacob & Luke [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/95151233172](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F95151233172&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cb36ceccb60964d07b22f08d84de66303%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637344999179643106&sdata=R2xGZzB%2BAr3ALw961d%2FxjGVKy4QfMZ77XFIMYHnjeI4%3D&reserved=0)

Tuesday 2:45 – 3:45 Sarah & Sarah [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/92732583725](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F92732583725&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C777b874fcf5442bb01df08d84dea63ec%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345016381653626&sdata=6ijR3dA%2Fu8NUpdu73%2BaUCyjG8UcCFJVzw12%2BhdtuL6I%3D&reserved=0)

Thursday 11:00 – 12:00 Madison & Nicole [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94822145512](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F94822145512&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C5bdc2d6509b74731544f08d84ddb4f9d%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C1%7C637344951612737199&sdata=y3I9h42l1LTbMmU10DjPjCS2YDD8YttixmuCFlSwaA4%3D&reserved=0)

<https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/peer_advising>

In the meantime, you can read about these students on our blog: [http://bit.ly/2BS5zg6](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F2BS5zg6&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cfa95295199dc49fd885908d8437fcaf0%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637333563440163660&sdata=Vuv29tN9%2F25CzCSQxOIIAEnpD6nS9%2Fe40tuab%2BO8tYI%3D&reserved=0)

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1. **Bio Blog: Invasive Plants and Goats**

This week on the PittBioBlog junior BIOSC major Madison introduces us to some very helpful goats.

<https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/>

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1. **Career Seminar Series – Deloitte Consulting – Oct 29 at 10:30 am**

Christina Murata, Ph.D., an expert in national security and chemical and biological defense, is a Managing Director with Deloitte Consulting where she focuses on helping clients tackle their most challenging problems. She specializes in applying strategy and analytics, technology innovations, and workforce management in the execution of large-scale, complex programs. Her current clients are in the Department of Homeland Security and the Pentagon. Register [here](https://pitt.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsdeyhpz4uGtdC1n21WP8wA_0vamsi9PoI)!

We are also offering the opportunity for a smaller group to grab virtual coffee with the speaker right after the seminar. If you are interested in talking more with Christina, please register for the ‘coffee’ session [here](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSckFX_m7EKQFnQ8VxxhJDSncauYdZZ4t6es9X-PT0sjD0M4eQ%2Fviewform&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cafa5eac6588c483a45b408d866156457%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637371589357950833&sdata=nHp4sslPJfhnYjvdmCusbWULGhpvkZ0JrmVDai%2FuPxc%3D&reserved=0).

We have several exciting speakers lined up for the next few months. We have recently added Dr. Carly Strasser, who works as the Director of Academic Alliances and Data Strategy at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. You can learn more about our upcoming seminars here: [https://www.bioscigso.com/career-seminar-series](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bioscigso.com%2Fcareer-seminar-series&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cc5cd44bce7b648a8af1408d855c01b08%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637353630983160649&sdata=afj3HquHt81dMj8IFSEsIe7zAMYkFpuTR75Sa8NrSNE%3D&reserved=0).

We hope to see you at Christina’s seminar!

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1. **Pitt Bio Major Hoodies and Fleece – Now Featuring Ecology Options!**

You asked, and we delivered! Ecology fleece are now available to order.

Update your fall/winter wardrobe and treat yourself to warm and stylish Pitt Bio Major gear.

[ORDER HERE](https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/pitt-biological-sciences)!!! Make sure to scroll to the end to find your major, style, and color.

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1. **Falk School Substitutes**

As a result of the current in-person learning model, the Falk School has a significantly increased need for a robust pool of substitute teachers who can assist on an as-needed, day-by-day basis.

If you are looking for occasional work as a substitute teacher, please consider the opportunity. Prior teaching or experience with children is beneficial but not a requirement.

The formal application is available [here](https://cfopitt.taleo.net/careersection/pitt_faculty_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=20000483&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York).

If you have questions regarding these part-time, day-to-day positions, please contact Falk’s Director, Dr. Jeff Suzik, at jsuzik@pitt.edu.

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1. **WAVE Fellows Research Program – Underrepresented STEM Students**

The WAVE Fellows program provides support for undergraduate students, who are underrepresented in STEM and intent on pursuing a Ph.D., to conduct a 10-week summer research project under the mentorship of Caltech faculty.

Research opportunities in biology, neuroscience, chemistry, chemical engineering, engineering and applied science, geology, environmental science, sustainability, astronomy, physics, nanotechnology, quantum sciences, humanities, social science, and more!

Eligible students will be current sophomores, juniors, or non-graduating seniors and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2.

Research-specific [information sessions](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D0012k5hsXkBGtqOutbCp3-5ZlQyp-g9COUDiNEahilE_Jt6eLapfjjKaY3vL6ngFxXWT_Lyemjk-IckhLhLWdCJeFW0jwyvbubQquqKsrH4gQbPoRaQ7BhCsX6QFTAozM6lNnsrmd7KDPcBmmcA_dB0E_CtrOhzVI3_2oxDCb9VCbVQ6JNCgwXLOTMUcBqxNIPUo4l7Sw8D97U%3D%26c%3Drk697rAoeMCM6zGW71xWA4rngUzwnUEzImoX16qqYJtkOHRArk2IRw%3D%3D%26ch%3DeJm57B27dE5OOTUako-SpLKCUyzBCAyiqFtWS8tb21R90Ae8Y5DwmA%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C79ad030db86843b0ae0b08d87a14cb1a%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637393577003485267%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YdxXNfQNo0brtJuKB1a728oDwOShl7fq33EK3dydOvU%3D&reserved=0)scheduled throughout November.

Applications due Jan 9.

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1. **ABRCMS Research Conference – Underrepresented STEM Students – Due Fri Oct 30**

We are soliciting applications from traditionally underrepresented second- and third-year Department of Biological Sciences majors to attend [ABRCMS](https://www.abrcms.org/index.php/present-at-abrcms/submit-an-abstract)with the department.

This virtual conference will take place Nov 9-13 and our department is sending a group, which currently includes 11 undergraduate students who will present their research in the form of a poster, and 3 graduate student mentors.

We are looking for students who are new to research or are interested in getting involved in research and graduate school to join our departmental group. No previous research experience needed! This is a great conference to learn about exciting research, opportunities for your future career, and to network with people within biomedical science.

If you are interested in attending, please complete this [short survey](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NxY4ukpim9ef1r) (including submission of a current resume/CV) by 5pm Friday Oct 30th.

Please email Jessica (wandelt@pitt.edu) if you have any questions.

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1. **Career Mentoring Program**

Join a career mentoring program for undergraduate students. The University of Pittsburgh’s Career Center is excited to facilitate the [Pitt Link Mentoring Program](http://url3836.pitt.edu/ls/click?upn=CQMaMUSXExFNmHXiBhx0foUdmVIul2RnZeAKY-2FNNdOrbcJgPExNRjUmlHHgKgfB0NswHW4HjNZMOXrqROWQWm2Ad2Ycr8OIMo4BtH6WxbzpJ20lp-2ByQbNPE-2FP1VsWLyP4w-2_6URAHB41VNCYiCEe-2Bdh3tgMVFwYQJV1p5VsamB7lOpTiBtNZe0WTRvFDEDcONT0en-2BrhFgOAj7Kqep8ZQzNqvlM0GMOZWqJOxDHufpWQObxFGhacC5kxDnPiyKnsOT-2B2WGmZzS6yLdiZ1YDo7z-2F0WO-2B29H1PdN1q8jYzGq9CdfT0-2F0tx-2FhdDQSDjYD3J16IFZ8Itj1YL3y2wcxe3OiQlBIlgZTDMdJa0KbJ-2BvVHkGEkmRzfiqmsiZ25zzu6hOex9MlJ7MwUlF50LFMmKOJF9U-2Fw-2B90F55i-2B-2BjDpa6tS9k6w-3D) on [Pitt Commons!](http://url3836.pitt.edu/ls/click?upn=CQMaMUSXExFNmHXiBhx0foUdmVIul2RnZeAKY-2FNNdOo-3D42Jl_6URAHB41VNCYiCEe-2Bdh3tgMVFwYQJV1p5VsamB7lOpTiBtNZe0WTRvFDEDcONT0en-2BrhFgOAj7Kqep8ZQzNqvlM0GMOZWqJOxDHufpWQObxFGhacC5kxDnPiyKnsOT-2B2hW8O6yJPDWluWyzDjjTL-2FZauFw7T-2FudmUJ1VHYvK8Y4bMPoAWBlukU6XAiq6Md-2Bt-2BiUePWq29G3ztseJ-2BnGUJwqKph6n7musbwBBvUhLpIWvzmjInfpcm6NG5M-2B5G9CByaMVmh-2FO-2F-2BnStW2u407zNA-2BpuO8eZ-2B-2Bjt0dUGV1DdWU-3D)

Pitt Link is a mentoring program designed to **support Pitt undergraduate students in their major and career planning through 1:1 mentoring with alumni**. Alumni mentors will help students by sharing career, academic, and personal advice, as well as Pitt expertise.

To join Pitt Link, click the "Join Pitt Link" button and sign in with your Pitt email address. Sign up today and you will be matched with a mentor in October 2020. Spots will fill up fast, so be sure to sign up ASAP!

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1. **Adulting 101 – Oct 28**

Are you graduating soon and nervous about what happens after college? Join the Career Center for a new virtual workshop focusing on how to prepare yourself socially, financially, and professionally for what happens after college.

Pre-registration is required! [Click here to learn more and register for Adulting 101](https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/events/594421/share_preview?lor=0&utm_source=mass_mailer&utm_medium=email&utm_content=701864&utm_campaign=uni_targeted_emails).

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1. **Virtual Panther Shadow with Bayer – Oct 30**

Join us Oct 30 from 1-2 for an exclusive [Virtual Site Visit with Bayer](https://app.joinhandshake.com/events/601401/share_preview)!

This one-hour event will take place via Zoom and a link will be sent to registrants before the event. This event will be highlighting the Indianola facility in the greater Pittsburgh area and will have key employees highlighting their day to day experiences.

Please join us for this unique opportunity to learn more about Bayer and their opportunities for students. Email briandoyle@pitt.edu if you have questions

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1. **Pre-Pharmacy – NSU Preview Day –Dec 1**

Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy (NSU COP) Palm Beach Campus would like to invite pre-pharmacy students to NSU Preview Day!

Students who attend will get an in-depth look into Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) Doctor of Pharmacy program, and will learn how our state-of-the­ art campus and exceptional faculty will prepare them for advancement in their career as a pharmacist. During our informational session, we will answer student questions about admissions and how to get started.

The next preview day will take place on Tuesday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m.

[RSVP](https://nova.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJItf-6pqTwvE9RHEAGjWDgajmFZ9X9WAaC-) for the event. Any additional questions can be directed to pbphss@nova.edu.

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1. **Wildlands Studies Information Session – Oct 28 at 5 pm**

[Wildlands Studies](https://www.wildlandsstudies.com/) offers exciting and challenging opportunities. Our field studies programs put you in the field. The courses are taught at an upper division university level as an introduction to environmental studies and sciences. Join a Wildlands Studies Information Session to learn more.

[Zoom Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5940296230?pwd=c3MzZm9DdC9wd05UVTlyYTAreExtdz09#success) – Meeting ID: 594 029 6230 – Passcode: 2j1G16

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1. **Pitt Public Health Open House – Oct 30**

Attend thepublic health *virtual*Open House on **Friday, October 30** to...

* Get an overview of Pitt Public Health departments and degree programs,
* Meet faculty, your future mentors, and advisors,
* Get to know student organizations, research centers, and
* Ask questions to the admissions, financial aid, and career services teams.

Learn more on our [website](https://publichealth.pitt.edu/open-house).

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1. **Big Idea Center - She Creates and Virtual Big Idea Blast**

Critical thinking and problem solving are in the heart of every scientist, and the Big Idea Center’s programming enhances those essential life skills.

The Big Idea Center hosts so many unique and exciting events for anyone who has ever thought about entrepreneurship, or who loves to innovate! You need to check out their upcoming events!

She Creates – October 29 at 5 pm - She Creates as will showcase women who hold leadership roles both within the Pittsburgh entrepreneurial community and beyond and discuss the difficulties of being a woman entrepreneur. [Register](https://go.innovation.pitt.edu/shecreates)

Virtual Big Idea Blast – Oct 30 and 31 - In this 24-hour, virtual weekend workshop, students will have a chance to work on their ideas and win unique prizes including a fast-pass to the final round of the Randall Family Big Idea Competition! Our event will begin on Friday with a group meetup and informational session followed by our first round of presentations. On Saturday, finalists will have a chance to schedule coaching sessions with our staff of entrepreneurs in residence. The day will conclude with final presentations and a live q-and-a with our guest judges. [Register](https://go.innovation.pitt.edu/blast)

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1. **Digital Scholarship Services – Hillman Library**

[Digital Scholarship Services](https://library.pitt.edu/digital-scholarship-services) offers a variety of support and instruction related to data-intensive and digital scholarship. We can help with data management, geospatial data and analysis, digital creation and stewardship, text mining and analysis, computational and programmatic methods, and web-based scholarship. We offer regular workshops and digital creation livestreams throughout the semester, drop-in Zoom office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and one-on-one consultations.

[Upcoming workshops, livestreams, & office hours](https://pitt.libcal.com/calendar/today/?cid=2274&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=2274&ct=26796&inc=0)

For questions, our general email is ULS-DigitalScholarshipServices@pitt.edu

Follow us on Twitter at [https://twitter.com/DSSatPitt](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FDSSatPitt&data=04%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cc175aa57a7e34c8799be08d87ab381ef%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637394258733578439%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cOmCiZJdXa8GQWs%2BxE5d1DX8TsdtospXRv3mj7uA0pQ%3D&reserved=0)

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1. **Election Related Concerns Drop-In**

Pitt Votes & the UCC are co-hosting a number of events and supportive drop-in spaces for students to talk about election-related concerns. [Click here](https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cc/election-support/).

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1. **Genetic Counseling Club Meeting – Oct 27 at 7:30**

We hope you're having a good weekend. Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, October 27th at **7:30pm**. Please use the following zoom link. <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98218179520>

For this meeting, we will have three genetic counselors coming in to speak with us about their experiences in the field. Please come prepared with any questions you may have for them.

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1. **Honors College Scholarships & Awards**

The Honors College has a number of scholarships/awards available for current students, which can be found on this webpage: <https://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/awards>

And as always, the fall, spring, and summer research fellowships are available to students. Details about the research fellowships and national scholarships are on this webpage: <https://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/research-scholarships>

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1. **Study Lab Drop-In Tutoring**

Finals are right around the corner! Study Lab is offering all of their tutoring and coaching services virtually. You can make both [coaching and tutoring appointments](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/schedule-tutoring-online-navigate-student) through the Navigate Student App.

For more information on Study Lab services, click [here](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/study-lab/study-lab-remote-distance-learning-services).

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1. **Bio Advising on Social Media**

Stay up to date with bio advising news, and other noteworthy campus happenings by following us on social media.

Twitter: @PittBioADV

Facebook: University of Pittsburgh Biological Sciences Advising

Instagram: pittbioadv

**See you next week!**

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