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

Please schedule your Advising Meeting now! There are still many open appointment days and times to choose from. This may not be the case once our new declares begin to schedule. Get in while you can!

***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/).

Spring enrollment begins October 26.

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. **Advising Appointments with Christine**

Christine Berliner will not be available for appointments until October 13. On Oct 13, her schedule will be posted in Pathways, and you can begin scheduling with her once again!

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1. **Withdrawal from a Course – deadline Oct 20**

After the add/drop period has ended, you may withdraw from a course by completing a Monitored Withdrawal Request form. Students must process the Monitored Withdrawal Request form by the deadline. A W grade will be assigned for the course. A W grade does not impact a student’s GPA. Click [here](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Monitored%20Withdrawal%20Fillable.pdf) for the form.

Withdrawing from a course does not adjust a student’s tuition or fee obligations. However, withdrawing from a course may jeopardize satisfactory academic progress, financial aid, and athletic eligibility.

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1. **Drop-In Advising Appointments for Withdrawal Questions**

Advisors will be available on the following dates and times to answer questions:

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/97950700925?from=msft>

Friday, Oct 16 1-3 pm

Monday, Oct 19 1-3 pm

Tuesday, Oct 20 1-3 pm

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1. **Final Exam Conflict – Oct 20**

Have you checked your [Fall final exam schedule](https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/2211%20Final%20Examination%20Schedules%20Information-3.0.pdf) yet? If not, maybe you should!

You can also check your final exam schedule in PeopleSoft…

Menu > Self Service > Enrollment > View My Exam Schedule

If you have three or more final exams in one day, you may request an alternate final exam time. Please see the [Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Procedure](https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/final_procedure.pdf).

If you are not able to work out an alternate time with your instructor, submit the [Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Form](https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/Final_Exam_Conflict_Accommodation_Form.pdf) by the monitored withdrawal date October 20, 2020.

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1. **Specialty Enrollment for Spring**

Are you are planning to enroll in UTA or research credits for the spring semester? We are using a new online submission for your forms! Watch for details in future newsletters.

You can find the forms [here](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms). If you have questions about which form you should use, please contact an advisor, or email bioadv@pitt.edu.

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1. **Spring Enrollment Times and Spring Schedule Posted!**

Your specific enrollment date and time is now viewable in your Student Center, and Spring 2021 classes are viewable in class search. You can start planning your schedule!

To see your enrollment date, log into my.pitt.edu…

1. Click on the Student Center Login
2. Click on Self Service
3. Click on Student Center

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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: Pitt’s iGEM Team – Get Involved!**

This week on the PittBioBlog, BIOSC senior Dara shares her experience working on Pitt's iGEM team.  The International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of synthetic biology, education, and competition.

Learn more about Pitt’s team, the competition, and how to get involved! This year's project is "Bluetooth Bacteria".

[https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/blog/support-the-pitt-igem-team-by-listening-to-their-bluetooth-bacteria-podcast](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpittbioblog.weebly.com%2Fblog%2Fsupport-the-pitt-igem-team-by-listening-to-their-bluetooth-bacteria-podcast&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C1fcc039245324fcc4cc708d8699f1b42%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637375479373858350&sdata=t39r0iI60HRy622HJKTDB86JpgFBLFPx1omrWqh4PbU%3D&reserved=0)

Support their team by checking out their awesome new podcast about synthetic biology on [spotify](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fopen.spotify.com%2Fshow%2F43IxYDdVX3byKpsEJuT0qT%3Fsi%3DlU0hg0iTR7iE1rszrG21GA&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C1fcc039245324fcc4cc708d8699f1b42%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637375479373868346&sdata=oTl1imq7uBoTSecKwidB4%2FLZWKHXNPjd5VG5R6M6tCc%3D&reserved=0" \o "https://open.spotify.com/show/43IxYDdVX3byKpsEJuT0qT?si=lU0hg0iTR7iE1rszrG21GA) or [apple podcast](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpodcasts.apple.com%2Fus%2Fpodcast%2Fbluetooth-bacteria%2Fid1532261130&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C1fcc039245324fcc4cc708d8699f1b42%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637375479373868346&sdata=hXFWDrgB%2BtWWSUZIt%2BnUMRHad%2B9GvsaTAFOROpqmpR8%3D&reserved=0)!

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1. **Biology Representation at the Career Center**

Ashley Hennen will now be assisting majors within the Department of Biology. She can assist you with your résumé, finding a job/internship, preparing for interviews, building your network, and more! Click [here](https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/login) to schedule a phone, Zoom, or email appointment via Handshake. You can email Ashley directly at amh348@pitt.edu.

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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 Hoodies and Fleece – Coming Soon!**

Chilly temperatures have arrived! It’s a great time to update your fall/winter wardrobe and treat yourself to warm and stylish Pitt Bio gear. Ordering information will be available next week – I promise this time! You don’t want to miss it!

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1. **Pfizer Academic-Industrial Relations Diversity Fellowship Program – deadline Oct 16**

Pfizer is committed to creating a culturally diverse workplace by giving eligible diversity students the opportunity to conduct scientific research.  The AIR Diversity Program is awarding a $20,000 fellowship to a selected candidate to work in an academic laboratory in one of the following areas: synthetic organic chemistry, analytical chemistry, crystallography, computational chemistry, chemical biology or structural biology under a professor’s supervision.

To be eligible for this fellowship, the prospective student must have completed at least one year of chemistry lecture and lab by May 2020, must be enthusiastic about science and must belong to a cultural group that has been historically underrepresented in the pharmaceutical sciences.

Pfizer-La Jolla plans to fund a fellowship for the 2020-2021 academic year, with the expectation that the student will do research during the Spring term and Summer of 2021.  The deadline for submission of applications is **October 16th, 2020.**  This deadline is firm.

Click [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1di0labs-WVffsl1cjeZamaGGrK9FHvP7TmH0lY2oYNU/edit) to learn more and apply!

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1. **Promega’s Doors (Diversification of Our Research Scientists) Scholarship – deadline Oct 31**

The goal of the D.O.O.R.S Scholarship is to recognize and empower underrepresented minority students by offering a $5,000 award that can be used towards resources to support tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at an educational institution.

This includes fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at an educational institution. In addition to that, the D.O.O.R.S. awardees will have access to scientific, career-path, and technical writing mentorships.

Applications are open to undergraduate underrepresented minority students pursuing a biotechnology-related major with the hopes of continuing in that career. Winners will agree to partner with Promega to share information on their research and collaborate on projects such as scientific posters, white papers, webinars, blog posts or other opportunities.

[**Applications are due October 31**](https://www.promega.com/Global%20Data/Promega%20Worldwide/North%20America/Promega%20US/Branch%20Content/Local%20Pages/programs/DOORS-Program/)**.**  Application includes 2 short essays (one about career, one about research project). Applicants must also provide a recommendation from a life sciences instructor speaking to their eligibility for the program.

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1. **MS Graduate Position - Conservation, Data Science and Genomics – William and Mary**

The Puzey Lab is looking for 1-2 new M.S. graduate students to begin in Fall 2021. We are looking for students who are passionate about plants, conservation, and/or genomics.  The lab uses a range of big-data approaches to address pressing conservation questions Specifically, we are interested in using milkweed plants (Asclepias) and its associated insect herbivores (monarch butterfly, milkweed beetle, milkweed bug, etc.) as a model to understand how the Anthropocene has impacted plant and insect interactions. Experience with GIS and/or Python is desirable.

Please email Josh Puzey (jrpuzey@wm.edu) for additional information.

Click [here](https://www.wm.edu/as/biology/graduate/index.php) to learn more about William & Mary’s Graduate Program. GRE is not required for admission.

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1. **PhD/MS Positions – Quantitative Microbial Ecology & Evolution – UCLA**

The Kremer Lab in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Los Angeles is seeking creative and motivated PhD or MS students to join the lab in the Fall of 2021. We explore how environmental variability affects ecology (from populations to ecosystems) in light of physiological and evolutionary responses to change. We develop and test ecological and evolutionary theory using math, statistics, and experimental/observational data. Most of this work involves studying the thermal ecology of charismatic microbes (phytoplankton) living in marine and freshwater habitats.

Enthusiasm, excellent written and oral communication abilities, and strong quantitative skills are necessary. Backgrounds in aquatic or microbial ecology, modeling, and statistics are desired.

Learn more [here](https://colinkremer.wordpress.com/). Applications to UCLA are due December 1.

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1. **PhD Postions - Biological Sciences in Public Health – Harvard**

The PhD Program in Biological Sciences in Public Health (BPH) at Harvard is looking for qualified students. The BPH program emphasizes interdisciplinary basic research spanning from molecular biology to human populations. A central goal of the research in this program, whether basic or translational, is the improved understanding, prevention, and treatment of the most common and impactful global health threats.

All students admitted into this training program are provided full tuition, health insurance and stipend support. Our graduates hold distinguished positions in academia, industry, government, and other arenas of life science research, consulting, communications and policy. **The application deadline for the 2021-22 Academic Year is December 1, 2020.**

More information can be found on our [website](https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/biological-sciences/) or through these **upcoming** BPH Open House Events:

* Tuesday, Oct 27 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm [Register](https://harvard.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qc--tqjgvHd1C61P3-eIkz4bjkggK9pAh)
* Tuesday, Nov 17 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm [Register](https://harvard.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcsdOCgrDoqGdCr_zwKSGK1bmvqe00jJTqv)

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1. **Post-Doc Research Fellowship - Heart and Lung Transplant – University of Pennsylvania**

The Division of Cardiovascular Surgery, University of Pennsylvania is seeking an individual to fill a full time Research Post-Doctoral position. This position is focused on clinical and translational research with a focus in heart and lung failure transplantation research.

The successful applicant will participate in studies such as a porcine model of cardiac arrest, developing novel resuscitation strategies with the use of extracorporeal circulation, an ex-vivo lung transplant model with metabolic imaging assessment of ischemia/perfusion injury, and ECMO database review with assessment of various aspects of clinically relevant topics.

General interest in surgery, circulatory support and transplantation with experience in clinical and translational research is expected. This position is for 1 year, renewable for an additional year.

Learn more about this opportunity [here](https://www.med.upenn.edu/apps/my/index.php?_app_id=5f7d09bba0b90&_display=1&_hist_id=1&_preserve%5binit_panel%5d=bpp_postings%2Fmain&_preserve%5bfid%5d=0&_preserve%5bpid%5d=25912&CEALID=).

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1. **Recent Graduates – Research Associate – Carnegie Mellon University**

The Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) department at Carnegie Mellon University is seeking four Molecular Biology Research Associates for our team.

In this role, you will be responsible for performing high-volume daily biological test procedures along with basic molecular biology lab maintenance duties. This position will report to the Laboratory Science Director and will be responsible for high volume biological sample test management, and performance, quality control, result review and reporting, and equipment maintenance in a timely manner.

Click [here](https://cmu.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=2015586&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York) to learn the details and apply for this position.

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1. **Remote Mentoring for Middle School Students - Volunteers**

The Department of Biological Sciences Outreach Program is looking for volunteers to help mentor middle school students at Pittsburgh Science and Technology academy through independent research projects throughout this school year. Volunteers will guide students through experimental design, displaying data, analyzing data, and developing a project presentation. All mentoring will occur through zoom with email interactions between meetings.

Please fill in your contact information in [this survey](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6moZTRimyERpB9H) by October 9th to sign up as a volunteer, and I will connect you with the lead teacher from that school. Contact Becky Gonda (reg11@pitt.edu) with questions.

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1. **Tutor with EduMate NYC – Help Underserved NYC Public School Students**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, EduMate NYC has connected 1500+ underserved New York City public school students with free virtual college tutors and hosted 20+ summer workshops and month-long programs to help fill gaps in their education left by the move from in-person to digital learning due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Our tutoring includes all classic school subjects and the arts, preparation for standardized tests, and guidance on the college application and essay-writing process. We prioritize students from low-income households, English language learners, students with special educational needs, and others who face disproportionate barriers to educational access.

Our fall sign-ups are now open, and we are looking for more tutors to meet the needs of our students and families!  [Sign up to volunteer](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8EDOFDm00CJrnltfJ-Tp_T0wnmJduv8Xp1rLzec_RdoFf9Q/viewform?entry.1750533059=TutorSignupFall2020) and/or shared the link as widely as possible with your peers.

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1. **Choose DO - Virtual Medical School Expo – Oct 13, 12 pm – 6 pm**

Meet with colleges of osteopathic medicine nationwide to learn about becoming a physician. Here’s what to expect from this virtual event:

* Live presentations and opportunities to meet with medical school admissions representatives, faculty, and current students via online chat rooms.
* Detailed tips about applying to medical school, the interview process, and life as a medical student.
* Discuss your questions live with AACOM representatives, med school admissions teams, current residents, and more.
* Get to know the programs and decide which medical school is right for you.

[Register](https://www.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=94bc428e-ac45-475b-b87e-abf3016b1a90) now!

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1. **PIC Health Careers**

If you are pre-med/pre-health, make sure that you schedule an appointment with Pitt Interprofessional Center for Health Careers (PICHC) who will be able to assist you with the testing and application processes. Refer to their [website](https://www.prehealth.pitt.edu/about-us) for more information, and schedule your appointment through the Navigate app.

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1. **POMS**

P.O.M.S. is an acronym for premedical organization for minority students. This organization was founded and sustained off the principle of being a resource to underrepresented pre-med students, providing them with knowledge, skills, and experience that are both prerequisite and concomitant to professional participation in health care fields.

Please click this [link](https://web.groupme.com/join_group/60239036/d2KVNdTX) to join the POMS member GroupMe to stay up to date with your fellow POMS members!

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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 - Diversity in Innovation, 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!

Diversity in Innovation – Oct 20 at 5 pm - Join us as a panel of Black founders and CEOs shed light on the racial divide within the startup and entrepreneurial community as well as how they’ve been able to forge their own path as a minority entrepreneur. [Register](https://go.innovation.pitt.edu/diversity_panel)

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. **Genetic Counseling Virtual Career Fair – Oct 15**

The Western States Regional Genetics Network (@westernstatesgenetics) is hosting their first Genetic Counseling Virtual Career Fair on **October 15th, 2020**. Genetic Counseling is a unique and rewarding healthcare profession and this virtual fair will help you learn all about it! Join the fair to learn about this exciting profession, hear from professional societies, and connect with graduate degree genetic counseling programs across the continent. Graduate programs and professional societies will have virtual "rooms" that you can visit and learn more about degree requirements, professional opportunities and more! Please use [this link](https://www.westernstatesgenetics.org/genetic-counselor-virtual-career-fair/) to learn more, RSVP and attend the fair.

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1. **Internship Prep Program**

Pitt Career Center is a combination of workshops and individual appointments designed to offer individualized support of each student’s internship or experiential learning search. The service is available to all undergraduate students.

Workshops include Resumes, Networking, Searching & Applying and Interviews. Find out more about the program [here](https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/internships/internship-guarantee/), and review the workshop offerings [here](https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/internships/workshops-and-special-events/)

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1. **Sustainability Survey**

Students in Ward Allebach’s Sustainability class (GEOL 1333) has been tasked with designing a project to help Pitt become a more sustainable university. This survey will help them analyze sustainability practices of the undergraduate student body.

[Please take a minute to complete the survey!](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdShTil17Z0d_9ujcmEmIxjQKNJ-gsTPqJhTayAonePaYPBqw/viewform)

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**Pitt English Language Institute – Intensive English Program**

The University of Pittsburgh English Language Institute (ELI) welcomes students to join us halfway through the Fall 2020 Intensive English Program. Anyone seeking to improve their English language skills, please click [here](https://www.eli.pitt.edu/programs/intensive-english-program) to learn more about our program!

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1. **Civic Action Week - Oct 5 through Oct 10**

Discover Your Pathway

With the many changes that have taken place over the last three months, we know that one thing has not changed: the need for volunteers. Because of this need, the Office of Community and Government Relations (CGR) and the Office of PittServes are coming together to host a series of educational and volunteer events.

Traditionally, CGR and PittServes would host Day of Caring and Pitt Make a Difference Day (PMADD), respectively. Due to the greater and broader needs that the pandemic has caused, these offices are coming together to organize an entire week of engagements directed towards non-profit and neighborhood partners and their missions.

There are a number of ways in which volunteers can engage over the week of October 5-10, 2020.

* Remote/Virtual Events: Learn alongside Pitt University Departments and Community Partners.
* DIY Kits: Assemble an item or kit in support of an agency.

To learn about and register for events, click [here](https://pmadd.doc.pitt.edu/).

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

Don’t fall behind! Study Lab is offering all of their tutoring and coaching services virtually, beginning Monday, Aug 31. 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

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**See you next week!**

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