



The Weekly Update is the primary means of communicating general announcements and events to students by the SCI Student Services group. The Weekly Update will be sent to all students each week from the beginning of the Fall semester until commencement in May.

> COVID-19

Vaccinations

The [Pitt Vaccination and Health Connection Hub](#) is open five days a week, offering both flu and COVID vaccines (bivalent boosters and initial series). If it is more convenient for you to get vaccinated off campus, [find a location near you](#) offering flu shots, COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. We recommend making an appointment at your earliest convenience.

> Announcements

[Alt Spring Break Application Deadline Approaching!](#)

Each year, students in the School of Computing and Information embark on a 10-day Alternative Spring Break trip where they travel to another country to complete technical skills-based service-learning projects that benefit the local community. This upcoming year's trip will take place from March 3rd to March 12th, 2023, and will involve travel to Quito Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. In order to prepare for the trip, students will attend 8-10 weeks of training sessions on topics such as power and privilege, asset-based community engagement, and the value of community engagement through direct service-learning projects.

[Applications to the program](#) and [applications documenting financial need](#) are due by October 21st, 2022.

> Events

October 17 - 22 | Civic Action Week

In progress right now! This opportunity is a week-long, campus wide event for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community to educate, engage, and encourage dialogue and civic action to tackle pressing social issues in the Pittsburgh community and beyond. This year's theme is "The Path to Joy and Liberation." Service and civic engagement are about sharing our energy and expertise with others—and, in return, we are enriched by and learn from the communities we serve. Please access the Civic Action Week Web site for a full list of events and more information.

October 20 & 21 | Virtual International Student Career Conference

Offered by Pitt's Career Center, this series of events aims to empower international students in their job & internship search, as well as provide helpful career advice from speakers, alumni and employers. On Thursday, October 20th, between 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. there will be sessions on job and internship search strategies as well as info on employment options for international students. On Friday, October 21st, between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. there will be an alumni and employer panel as well as advice from an immigration attorney.

If interested, **please register here!**

October 28 | SCI Kennywood Trip!

Kennywood is a historic amusement park that is a short bus or car ride away from campus, and SCI is inviting all grad students, faculty, and staff to go for free for a special trip - Phantom Fall Fest! SCI grad students who RSVP get up to two free tickets (and can buy additional tickets at the group rate of \$29.99). The park is open from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., and your tickets cover all rides during this time. What makes this particular day special is that not only do you get access to all of the rides and roller coasters, but you also get access to special Halloween activities - 7 haunted houses and 4 scare zones!

SCI has also taken over Pavilion 1 on site at Kennywood during this time. You can stop by the pavilion between 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. to get free hot chocolate, apple cider, coffee, sodas, and cookies and pick up a free SCI 5th Anniversary T-Shirt! If you don't have your own transportation, no worries! The 71C bus will take you directly to Kennywood.

Please RSVP here by 10/24 if you want to go!

For a full list of upcoming SCI events, visit the SCI calendar.

Deadlines

Applying to Graduate for Spring 2023

For those planning on graduating in Spring of 2023 (otherwise known as term 2234 in PeopleSoft), you must apply to graduate in order to get your diploma (and you must, of course, also successfully complete all appropriate coursework and requirements)! Here is the timeline:

2234 Graduation Application Opens – 10/1/22

2234 Graduation Application Late Fee Begins – 12/1/22

2234 Graduation Application Closes – 4/1/23

2234 Final Day for ETD Paperwork & D-Scholarship Upload – 4/24/23

For more details, please carefully review [SCI's Graduation Process and Expectations Web page](#).

For a full list of upcoming deadlines, visit the [University's Academic Calendar](#).

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