



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.

## > Announcements

### Need some extra space to study?

There are study spaces available to students across Pitt's campus. Please [check here](#) for various options.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycyjuut9>

### Hacking 4 Humanity: The Problem of Online Hate

Online hate is on the rise, leading to real-world devastating effects on individuals and communities around the world. Join the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon, and Duquesne University students at a multidisciplinary hackathon from March 18 - March 24 to develop new tech and policy solutions that mitigate online hate and create safer communities. If interested, please [access this page](#) to learn more and register.

### SAP Premium Hub – Center of Expertise (CoE) Early Talent Program

Develops you into a professional with strong technical expertise, and excellent analytical and communication skills. [Apply here today](#) and be on your way to plan, architect, analyze, optimize, and safeguard our customers' SAP solutions.

### Developer Needed | [Ripple](#) is a social media app with a unique way of spreading content through users.

Ripple is looking for a student intern for this position. If you are interested in learning more, please contact [Jill Stalnaker](#).

## > Events

### March 14 | Digital Narrative & Interactive Design Networking Event

Offered from 5 - 6 p.m. in 501 Cathedral of Learning, this is a chance for DNID students to network with Pitt alumni now working in digital storytelling: [Andy Wright](#) (VP Software Development & Architecture at Robots and Pencils) and [Joe Zeff](#) (President of Joe Zeff Design, Inc.). Andy and Joe will discuss their

professional trajectories and you will have a chance to talk about building your design networks with folks invested in your success. There will also be food provided!

### [Mar 15 | National Security Agency \(NSA\) virtual information session](#)

Offered from 4 - 5 p.m., this session introduces the NSA Cooperative Education Program Internship and will give you the opportunity to learn more about all levels of jobs at the NSA. You'll be able to take a job exploration questionnaire to learn about options that match your interests, level of experience, and educational background. If interested, please [register here](#).

### [March 15 | Equal Pay Day/Salary Negotiation Workshop for Tech Students](#)

This virtual workshop, offered from 1 - 1:50 p.m., offers students the chance to learn the finer points of salary negotiation, how to evaluate and translate your value to an employer, and how to manage multiple job offers. If interested, [please register here](#).

### [March 16 | Preparing for Optional Practical Training \(OPT\) Application-F-1 Students in SCI - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.](#)

Suppose you plan to work in the United States after graduation. In that case, you'll need to apply for OPT (Optional Practical Training) to gain work authorization in the U.S. This meeting will focus on the application process from the timeline to apply to the documents you need to submit to the government. Join this presentation if you will be applying for OPT this semester or if you plan to apply in the future.

[Register here](#).

### [March 22 | Chat with OASIS and SCI Alum Brandon Hedges \(SCI '18\) - 7 p.m. - Sennott Square 5317](#)

In collaboration with the Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, the Official Association for Students of Information Science (OASIS) is hosting SCI alum Brandon Hedges (SCI 2018). Brandon is a senior XR software engineer at BehaVR and an adjunct professor for the school. Come and chat with Brandon about his experiences working in the world of serious games, teaching, and more as an SCI student!

### [March 28 | CPT/ OPT Work Authorizations for SCI International Students - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.](#)

In this virtual presentation, we will review the eligibility requirements, the process to apply, and timelines for F-1 Curricular Practical Training (CPT), the authorization for internships before graduation and F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT), and the authorization to work in the U.S. after graduation. [Register here](#).

### [March 28 | Dean's Spotlight Series: "Harnessing human-AI synergy to make the smart classroom more human and effective" - 5 - 7:00 p.m.](#)

Join alumnus Vincent Aleven (Professor, Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University) and the Intelligent Systems Program for the fourth installment in this series. Refreshments will be served. All students are welcome! [RSVP here](#) to attend virtually or in person.

### [March 30 | SheLeads Women's Forum - 3 - 6 p.m](#)

All students are invited to attend! Join Dr. Catherine Marsh (Director, IARPA) for the keynote address, "Empowerment Through Opportunity", followed by a reception with refreshments and a panel discussion featuring women leaders in technology, moderated by Provost Ann E. Cudd. [RSVP Here](#)

### [March 31 | AWS Pittsburgh Cloud Computing Student Gathering - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m](#)

Amazon Web Services (AWS) [Academic Advocacy](#) will be in town in the William Pitt Union Lower Lounge

and eager to meet with students in the Greater Pittsburgh Area! Students will learn about cloud computing through a hands-on activity and discuss career pathways with a panel of AWS employees. Space is limited, so please [register through Amazon](#) as soon as possible if interested!

### April 1 | SCI 5th Year Anniversary Celebration of Students!

We invite all SCI students, faculty, and staff to celebrate the excellence of our students with us on Saturday, April 1st, from 11:00 am. - 2:00 p.m. at [Phipps Conservatory](#). Lunch will be included, as well as 5th Anniversary giveaway items, and you can tour the Phipps' 5 Senses of Splendor flower show while you are there! **If interested, PLEASE [RSVP HERE](#) BY MARCH 24.**

### April 29 | SCI Graduate Recognition Ceremony

The Spring 2023 SCI Undergraduate Recognition Ceremony will be held on-campus from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Alumni Hall. This will include a formal School-wide ceremony as well as a reception/social hour with light refreshments. All undergrads who are graduating this Spring 2023 term and have [applied to graduate](#) will be directly emailed with an RSVP invitation THIS WEEK!

Additionally, Student Services will be reaching out to those who may graduate this summer with an invitation for them to attend the Spring Ceremony as well.

**For a full list of upcoming SCI events, visit the [SCI calendar](#).**

## **Deadlines**

### Don't forget to apply to graduate!

If you are graduating this term, you MUST apply to graduate, [which you can do here](#). Please note that [applying has deadlines](#) - if you apply late you will be charged a late fee. If you apply too late, you will need to wait to apply to a future term and will not receive your diploma until after the end of that term!

**For those graduating in Spring 2023, the absolute latest deadline is April 1.** If you do not apply by then, you will not be able to apply and get your diploma until the end of the summer!!!!

**For students planning to graduate in Summer 2023, the absolute latest deadline is August 1.** If you do not apply by then, you will not be able to apply and get your diploma until the end of December!!!!

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

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