



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

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

Online hate is on the rise, leading to devastating real-world effects on individuals and communities around the world. Join the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, 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.

### Research Study: Request for participation - Exploring User Sentiments About Sensing Within Campus Spaces

This research study aims to understand user sentiments regarding exposure to IoT devices and their sensed data within campus spaces. This study will take place using an Android application over the course of two weeks. This study will run for 2 weeks and participants will be paid up to \$51 for their participation. You can learn more [here](#).

## > Events

### March 28 | CPT/ OPT Work Authorizations for SCI International Students

In this virtual presentation, offered from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., 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), the authorization to work in the U.S. after graduation. If interested, please [register here](#).

### March 28 | Dean's Spotlight Series: "Harnessing human-AI synergy to make the smart classroom more human and effective"

Offered from 5:00 p.m. - 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 28 | Visiting Poet Paul Tran

The writing program invites members of the University Community to several events throughout the day to welcome visiting Poet Paul Tran. Their work appears in the New Yorker, Poetry magazine, and elsewhere, including in the anthology *Inheriting the War* (W.W. Norton, 2017) and in the film *Love Beats Rhymes* (Lionsgate, 2017). Tran is the first Asian American since 1993 to win the Nuyorican Poets Cafe Grand Slam, and has placed in the Top 10 at the Individual World Poetry Slam and has earned ninth, fifth, second place in three consecutive National Poetry Slams. Please [access this calendar page](#) to learn more.

### March 30 | SheLeads Women's Forum

Offered from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. All students are invited to attend! Join us for a keynote address followed by a reception with refreshments and a panel discussion featuring women leaders in technology, moderated by Provost Ann E. Cudd. [RSVP Here](#)

### March 30 | Open Mic Night: LGBTQIA+ Pride

Offered from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in C4C Cathedral, this is a very special open mic night celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices. All Pitt students, faculty, and staff and all performance-based genres are welcome: original music or covers; poetry, storytelling, and spoken word; skits or monologues.

For this open mic, we specifically center LGBTQIA+ experiences, joy and resistance. Performances should be relevant to these themes. Performance slots are limited, and sign-up starts at 8:15 p.m. Come to perform, or come to be part of our supportive community audience and soak up the vibe (and some good snacks). Please access this [calendar page](#) for more information.

### March 31 | AWS Pittsburgh Cloud Computing Student Gathering

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!

### March 31 | Trans Day of Visibility Rally for Trans Lives

Each year on March 31, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to raise awareness about our vibrant community and bring attention to our fight for equality.

To mark this day, Starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Pittsburgh City Council Building, SisTers PGH is supporting our TGNC Youth Collective as they organize a Rally for Trans Lives. Please access this [page](#) for more details.

### 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 1, from 11:00 am. - 2:00 p.m. at the [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 4 | University of Pittsburgh Career Fair

Offered from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This career fair is specifically for jobs at Pitt for your consideration after graduation! The fair will feature various departments and schools with positions specifically available at Pitt, and is open to all job seekers. The fair is a great opportunity to discover available jobs at Pitt and to learn more about working at one of [the region's best places to work](#). The fair will take place in the William Pitt Union, Lower Lounge. Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of their resume/CV when attending the fair!

### April 13 - 15 | Race + IP '23: "The Imperial Scholar" Revisited

Offered in 2017 Cathedral of Learning, this year's conference will be hosted at the Center on Race and Social Problems in the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus, with a hybrid option for those who cannot join in person. Consistent with our commitments to access, we have made the conference free to attend, with some meals included. Information about the event, including speakers and schedule, is available [here](#). There is no fee to attend this event and you can register [here](#).

### April 28 | Lavender Graduation for LGBTQIA+ Students

Lavender Graduation starts at 6 p.m. and is an annual ceremony celebrating the achievements of undergraduate, graduate and professional students in the LGBTQIA+ community across all University of Pittsburgh campuses. The deadline for registration is April 10, 2023. [RSVP here](#).

### April 29 | SCI Graduate Recognition Ceremony

The Spring 2023 SCI Graduate Recognition Ceremony will be held on-campus from 2 - 4:30 p.m. on the

first floor of Lawrence Hall. This will include a formal School-wide ceremony as well as a reception/social hour with light refreshments. All graduates who are graduating this Spring 2023 term and [have applied to graduate](#) will be emailed an RSVP invitation and more details 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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