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

University of Pittsburgh Winter Commencement Ceremony
The University will be hosting a university-wide Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Peterson Event Center. Students who have graduated/are graduating with their bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree between the months of May 2023 and December 2023 will be invited to attend. **Invitations will be sent out from the Office of Special Events in mid-October**. All details for the upcoming Winter Commencement Ceremony will be posted here.

Stress Free Zone Classes & Workshops at Pitt
Visit the Stress Free Zone and check out their amazing resources here.

Writing Center Hours for SCI Graduate Students
The following hours have been coordinated specifically to provide additional support with writing specifically for SCI Graduate Students, especially those who are English as second-language learners.
Tutor: Eleni Anastasiou
Days/times:

- Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Students can access the **"Fall 2241 Information Science ONLY"** schedule **here** and then will register using the Writing Center's online scheduler, WCOnline, to make an appointment.

> Events

October is Mental Health Awareness Month
Pitt will be offering events througout the month of October for Mental Health Awareness. Students can review the full list here. The first event will be "Exploring Mental Health with Ryan Shazier" on October 3rd at 8pm in the Ballroom of the William Pitt Union.

5 International Events to Check Out In October

This October, Pitt and Pittsburgh are putting international art, voices and perspectives on display. Explore where you can try new foods, commune with global writers and learn about world history all month long. Full list here.

Homecoming | Oct 12th-14th

Reconnect with fellow alumni, attend educational events in the schools and colleges, cheer on your Pitt Panthers, and share your Pitt pride during Homecoming Weekend. Review events list here.

Pitt Civic Action Week | Oct 16th- Oct 21st

University of Pittsburgh Civic Action Week is a campus-wide event for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community to educate, engage, and encourage collective responses to pressing social issues. This year's Civic Action Week theme is: ***Rewriting our Future: Activism Through Storytelling.***

Gaining Experience Outside the Classroom - SCI | October 18

Join the school's Manager of Experiential Learning, Emily Bennett, from 1:00 pm-1:50 pm to learn more about the opportunities to gain experience outside the classroom. The various types of experiences, as well as strategies to land opportunities, will be discussed in this virtual workshop. Register here.

HackRPI X | Nov 4th& 5th

HackRPI X is the 10th annual intercollegiate hackathon hosted by RPI for students not only from RPI but also from all around the world. Get swag and free food as you compete for exciting prizes! With a broad range of workshops and mentors on-site, there's no experience necessary to attend. Hackers will also have the opportunity to network with our fantastic sponsors from the companies that make our event possible. This year's theme, **Change the World** is an ode to a decade inspiring students and HackRPI! Register here and join the event Discord.

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

❯ Deadlines

The monitored withdrawal deadline is coming up in October!

After the Add/Drop period, if you don't want to continue with a course, you can request a Monitored Withdrawal. Withdrawing from a course means you are no longer enrolled and will not receive a grade at the end. The course remains on your transcript with a 'W' in place of the grade. Withdrawals do not affect your GPA. The dealine for monitored withdrawal for Fall 2023 is Friday, October 27th. You can find the Monitored Withdrawal form and information on how and where to submit it on the SCI forms page. You can find more information on Monitored Withdrawal and other enrollment issues on SCI's Enrollment Resources page.
For a full list of upcoming deadlines, visit the University's Academic Calendar.

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