



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 degrees between the months of May 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, WOnline, to make an appointment.

> Events

[Executive Engagement Series | Oct. 26](#)

You are invited to a small-group networking session from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in 5317 Sennott Square. Local tech executives [Summer Craze Fowler](#) and [Van Pierce](#) from [Motional](#), a company specializing in driverless and autonomous vehicles, will be available to network with

you. To learn more about the speakers and register, please [access this link](#).

[HackRPI X | Nov. 4 - 5](#)

[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](#).

[University of Pittsburgh Housing Fair | Nov. 8](#)

Offered from 1100 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Lounge of the William Pitt Union by [Off-Campus Housing](#), this fair will feature local landlords with properties near campus. You can compare prices, amenities, locations, etc. No RSVP necessary, please feel free to stop by!

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 deadline for monitored withdrawal for Fall 2023 is Friday, October 27. 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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