



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](#).

[Reminders for Academic Support Resources](#)

Faculty Office Hours

See your syllabi for times, how to make appointments or drop-in procedures. Faculty syllabi should be posted on Canvas or the Course webpage. <https://www.sci.pitt.edu/people/faculty>

Teaching Assistant Office Hours

Most SCI-specific courses have teaching assistant (TA or UTA) to lead REC and LAB sessions. Ask them for an appointment during their office hours if you need more time than the REC or LAB affords.

You can email AskSCISUCCESS@pitt.edu for specific office hours, if you are unable to find them.

Peer Tutoring

The SCI Resource Center provides peer tutoring for students enrolled in CS core and service courses. When qualified to do so, peer tutors will also provide assistance to students enrolled in various levels of CS courses.

See here for how to book and appointment via Navigate/Pathways. <https://www.sci.pitt.edu/student-resources/student-success/academic-support-and-tutoring>

Student Success

From academic coaching to study skills and strategies to support navigating the university community and resources, SCI's Student Success is here to support you. Student Success also conducts outreach and intervention at different points in the term. Check your email and

follow up by making an appointment or attend a drop-in hour. <https://www.sci.pitt.edu/student-resources/student-success>

Events

[The Minority Association in Computing \(MAC\) | October Events](#)

The Minority Association in Computing (MAC) was originally established in 2020 as the Underrepresented Minorities in Computing and since then, has continued to grow and improve as an organization. Check out their upcoming events in October.

Oct 17th-Bring Your Own Work (BYOW) --No pressure study space w/SCI students and snacks

Oct. 24th- Spooky Game Night

*Contact MAC's president, [Jay Johnson](#) if you are interested in any of the events above.

[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.***

[Balancing Act for Productivity | Oct 18](#)

Offered from noon - 1:00 p.m. (with lunch provided!) in 5317 Sennott Square by SCI Student Success. When learning to balance your responsibilities in college, you may face challenges and there will be difficult decisions you have to make. Balancing Act for Productivity will help you develop a scheduling system that will allow you to face the challenges head-on and make the choice that is right for you. If interested, [please RSVP here](#).

[Gaining Experience Outside the Classroom - SCI | Oct 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](#).

[Pitt2Pitt Graduate Education Fair | Oct 18](#)

Offered from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, the Office of the Provost is hosting this fair for you to learn more about the 80+ master's and professional degree programs that participate in the [Pitt2Pitt Scholarship program](#). Gifts and refreshments will be provided to all registrants. If interested, please [register here](#). If you have questions, please contact graduate@pitt.edu.

[Engineering and Technology Networking Night | Nov 2nd](#)

This event will take place in the William Pitt Union from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Connect with employers and Pitt alumni in the engineering and technology industries. Don't miss the opportunity to build connections, network, and learn more about how to accomplish your career goals. Register [here](#).

DATATHON sponsored by Alteryx, BNY Mellon & UofPitt | Nov 3rd

Are you the REAL DATA MASTERMIND?? [Register today](#) for the Alteryx and BNY Mellon DATATHON! Register as a team of 3 or sign up individually and be placed in a team. **Application is open until Oct 13th** so sign up now! Limited number of teams will be accepted!

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 deadline 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](#).

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