



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](#).

[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 a 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](mailto: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 an 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 attending 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. 24 - Spooky Game Night**

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

## [Enrollment Workshop for SCI undergrads | Oct. 24](#)

Come join SCI Peer Advisors in William Pitt Union Dining Room A from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for snacks and help with any of your enrollment questions!

## [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](#).

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

This event will take place in the William Pitt Union from 5:30 - 7 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. 3](#)

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. 13** so sign up now! A limited number of teams will be accepted!

## [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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