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

Stress Free Zone Classes & Workshops at Pitt

Visit the Stress Free Zone and check out their amazing resources here.

CS Undergraduate Research Symposium Recording

If you missed the CS Undergraduate Research Symposium last week, then you can watch the recording here.

Break Through Tech AI Program

The Virtual Break Through Tech AI Program run in collaboration with Cornell Tech. This free, 1-year extracurricular program that helps undergraduate women and non-binary students, especially women of color, obtain the skills and experiences they need to launch their careers in machine learning and AI when they graduate. Their program includes an asynchronous online course over the summer, followed by industry challenges and mentorship and career coaching during the Fall and Spring. Applications open in **January for the 2024-25 program (launching in June 2024)**. Contact Abby Kawola for more information.

English As A Second Language (ESL) Resources

Pitt's Office of International Services would like to provide students with various resources for ESL programs. Students can review the list of programs here. Another resource available to international undergraduate students is the Global Ties Program. This program facilitates the holistic learning and development of the University of Pittsburgh community by providing opportunities for students,faculty,and the staff to deepen their cultural awareness and understanding.

New International Student Resources

New international Pitt sutdents can learn about important resources related to the Office of International Services (OIS) events, health insurance, housing, travel arrangements to the U.S., and much more. Read about these resources here.

Generative AI at Pitt: Identifying practices for responsible use- Request for participation

The Research, Ethics and Society Initiative (RESI) is launching a project to learn about how Pitt's faculty members approach generative AI in their professional activities. The project is led by Ravit Dotan, who works as an AI ethicist and holds a PhD in philosophy. Its goal is to identify practices for the responsible use of generative AI from across the university. The project includes surveying faculty members as well

as conducting facilitated conversations with faculty and students from a range of departments and schools. If you are interested in participating, please email Ravit Dotan.

> 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.

Games4SocialImpact | October 7 2023
Have you ever thought about DESIGNING A GAME? Even if you never considered designing a game, you are looking at this website and thinking, "I'm curious! I got this! I can totally do it!" And to add some icing to the cake, you can actually build something that has a positive social impact. Oh, yeah, and there are prizes! And free food! And the event itself is free! Read more for times and dates.

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. 10th- Sheetz Site Visit

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.

I Love Pitt Day | Oct 11th
Join us at the William Pitt Union Plaza and Quad anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to celebrate Pitt! It will be a day full of free t-shirts, activities, food, and fun! Please access the Pitt Calendar for more information about the event.

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 | October 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 thre 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 | 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.

Pitt2Pitt Graduate Education Fair | October 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.

DATATHON sponsored by Alteryx, BNY Mellon & UofPitt | Novermber 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!

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 a full list of upcoming deadlines, visit the University's Academic Calendar.

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