



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

[Pitt Finish Line Grant | Beginning Fall 2024](#)

Beginning in the fall of 2024, the [Pitt Finish Line Grant](#) will give one-time, nonrenewable grants to eligible students with financial holds or unpaid balances so those students can stay enrolled and complete their degrees. The program will support students across all five University campuses and will target those who may be lower income, first generation and Pell enrolled.

[University of Pittsburgh Winter Commencement Ceremony](#)

The University will be hosting a university-wide Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2 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 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, 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 session. <https://www.sci.pitt.edu/student-resources/student-success>

Events

[Financial Fraud Awareness Workshop | Nov. 1](#)

Offered at 6:00 p.m. in 120 David Lawrence Hall, SCI Student Success is partnering with the OTP, UCIS, OIS, SSOE, Student Affairs, the Pitt Police, and the FBI to host a workshop on financial fraud awareness. As you may know, [financial fraud has become an increasing concern](#), and you will be taught how to identify these scams and where you can find resources to help. Everyone is welcome to attend!

[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 three 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 11 a.m. - 2 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 is necessary, please feel free to stop by!

[Workshop to Increase Diversity in Mathematical Modeling & Public Health | Mar 4-5- Boston, MA](#)

The workshop is an annual event hosted by [Communicable Disease Dynamics at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health](#) and MIDAS Coordination Center at the University of Pittsburgh. This workshop is for undergraduates or students in a post-baccalaureate program from underrepresented groups who have an interest in public health and/or mathematical modeling, and are studying quantitative disciplines and/or public health at their home institutions. Students can [submit an application](#) anytime between now and the **deadline of Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST. Accepted students receive free admission**

to the workshop, combined with travel scholarships that cover transportation (airfare, train or bus fare to Boston) and hotel costs.

For a full list of upcoming SCI events, visit the [SCI calendar](#).

Deadlines

Don't forget to check the Registrar's calendar page for upcoming deadlines!

Please access the [Registrar's Calendar Page](#) for more information.

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