



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

[SCI and Pitt First Gen Proud!](#)

We in SCI have been highlighting SCI faculty and staff who are first-generation college students via [social media](#) through the week, as well as a commemorative pin for our First-Generation Students and Advocates. Please stop by the 5th floor Information Science Building or the 6th floor of Sennott Square to pick up a First-Generation PROUD at SCI pin. Or stop by the University-wide [Student Success Hub](#) in 217 Langley Hall for a "First at Pitt" student or advocate sticker.

[SCI Needs Student Ambassadors!](#)

The School of Computing and Information (SCI) is seeking applications for SCI Student Ambassadors. Each applicant must be a currently enrolled SCI student who is interested in sharing their love and knowledge of Pitt and SCI with prospective undergraduate students. SCI Ambassadors will work for a approximately 10 hours per semester for the fall, spring, and summer terms of the 2023 – 2024 academic year for \$10/hour. If interested, please [access this site](#) for more details and to submit an application.

[New Computer Science Course for Spring 20204](#)

[CS 0207 Java for Intermediate Programmers](#) is a new 1-credit computer science course, taught by Dr. [John Ramirez](#), that enables students with intermediate programming backgrounds in languages other than Java to transition to Java in order to complete the Java programming sequence in the Computer Science Department. It is intended for students who have completed an object-oriented programming course (similar to CMPINF 0401) but in a language other than Java. Note: A prerequisite to CS 0207 is an intermediate programming course similar to CMPINF 0401 but using a different programming language. Students who have only introductory programming (i.e. an intro. to programming course) must take [CMPINF 0401](#) and cannot take CS 0207. If you are interested in this class, please reach out to the [SCI Advising team](#) for more information.

[Pitt's new food lockers combat food insecurity and make delivery more convenient](#)

New food lockers at the University of Pittsburgh will make grocery and meal delivery more convenient and help address food insecurity. Located in the Litchfield Towers residence hall (3990 Fifth Ave.), the passcode-protected, climate-controlled lockers are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Getting meals delivered there from Pitt's dining establishments is as easy as logging into Pitt Eats' Transact Mobile Ordering app. Students who already visit the Pitt Pantry for nutritional support can access the free meals by ordering food the way their peers do via the Transact Mobile Ordering app.

Study Pals - Support for Foundation-Level Courses

Looking for additional support in foundation-level courses? Drop in to a 90-minute Study PALs session to study alongside a fellow student who specializes in your specific area of study. All study sessions take place in the Student Success Hub, 217 Langley Hall, through November 20. Please [access the Study PALs site](#) for session schedules, student leaders, and available study session topics.

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.



The Minority Association in Computing (MAC) November Events

Nov 10th--Tech Club Formal- For the first time, all SCI organizations (MAC, CSC, WiCS, KTP, and OASIS) are working together to host a night full of dancing and fun. This event will take place at Phat's Bar for students that have tickets.

Nov 14th-- Family Feud- Another collaborative effort amongst the SCI clubs where students will compete in teams for Family Feud to socialize and win prizes. This event will take place in the information Science Building, 3rd floor.

Nov 28th--Bring Your Own Work (BYOW) -In preparation for the end of the semester, students are encouraged to study together while enjoying pizza. This event will likely take place in 5317 Sennott Square but check with [Jay Johnson](#) to confirm.

NetApp EIC Webinar Series: Navigating the Job Search as a First-Gen Student | Nov. 16

NetApp Early In Career is excited to host our second webinar (4 - 5 p.m. | PDT) of our five part series. The purpose of the series is to highlight key areas of growth and development and provide resources for Early In Career candidates. Within the second webinar of the series, we will be focusing on what it means to be a first-generation college student navigating through a job search process. In this session, a few current NetApp employees, who themselves were first-generation college students, will share their stories highlighting both their struggles and successes. They will also provide resources and tips to help first-generation students improve their experience and outcomes as they set on their job search journey. Register [here](#).

Workshop to Increase Diversity in Mathematical Modeling & Public Health | March 4 - 5, 2024 in 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!

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