University of PITTSBURGH | School of Computing and Information

Weekly Update

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 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.

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.

> Events

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.

Unmasking the Impostor Syndrome | Nov. 6

Offered from 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in 5317 Sennott Square, this workshop equips attendees with the knowledge and tools they need recognize impostor syndrome, challenge their negative self-perceptions, and build confidence in their abilities. It fosters a supportive and empathetic environment for individuals to work to gether in overcoming these common feelings of self-doubt and insecurity. Lunch is provided for those who RSVP.

Nationality Rooms Scholarships Information Session | Nov. 6

Offered at 12:30 p.m. in 217 Langley Hall, this session will introduce interested students to the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs Scholarships for study abroad. For more information on these scholarships and instructions for how to apply, please access the Scholarships Web page.

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!

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 (4:00 PM - 5:00 PM | 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 <u>here</u>.

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

The workshop is an annual event hosted by <u>Communicable Disease Dynamics at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health</u> 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 <u>submit an application</u> 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 <u>SCI calendar</u>**.**

> **Deadlines**

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

Please access the <u>Registrar's Calendar Page</u> for more information.

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