



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

Free Opera Tickets!

An IS faculty member, Mike Lewis, and his wife Katia (a CMU faculty member), have graciously offered to pay for tickets for SCI grad students to see the opera La Traviata. Performances available for the free tickets are either March 19 at 7 p.m. OR March 22 at 7:30 p.m. While this opera can have a variety of sets and interpretations, [here is a sample](#) (from the Met) of a famous portion of this opera.

If you are interested, please join the Pittsburgh Opera and SCI and CMU School of Computer Science colleagues by [reserving your free ticket here!](#)

Scholarship Highlights

The University of Pittsburgh has an Office of National Scholarships and Post-Graduation Success. This office works with all Pitt undergraduates, graduate students, and recent alumni who are pursuing a competitive award. The office helps students identify awards for which they are competitive and guides them through the process from start to finish including essay review, advice on choosing recommenders, and interview preparation. While housed within the David C. Frederick Honors College, this office can assist undergraduate and graduate students across the University. To keep current on the scholarships of which this office is aware, please consider [signing up for their monthly newsletter](#).

Additionally, there is the Dawna J. Colbert and John Fitzpatrick Scholarships in Computing Studies for 2024, which has several categories of scholarships, some of which are relevant to current SCI undergrads (rising seniors) and graduate students in computing and information technology.

Judges needed for the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair

The Carnegie Science Center is currently recruiting judges for the 85th Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair, which connects nearly 1,100 students in grades 6-12 with our area's scientists and engineers. The fair will take place on April 2 - 3, 2024 from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. each day. Judges must be comfortable with students in this age range, be able to interact in a constructive manner, have an understanding of a STEM field (in this case a field within computing and information), and be confident in their ability to chat with a bright young person!

If interested, please [register here](#).

> Events

T.L. Saaty Decision Making Hackathon | March 22-24, 2024

Registration is now open for the T.L. Saaty Decision making hackathon. Learn how to master decision-making techniques and harness the power of generative AI to tackle complex challenges. The winning team wins \$2,000! .

Pitt's Big Idea Center for Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship | Jan. - Apr. 2024

The Big Idea Center is Pitt's hub for student innovation and entrepreneurship on campus. The center is an on-campus, inclusive innovation catalyst that develops the innovative and entrepreneurial skills of the Pitt student community. The Big Idea Center hosts a variety of training sessions, lectures, competitions, and more, including advice for international students. Please access the [Big Idea Center calendar](#) for what they have to offer and to register for sessions.

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



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

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