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

Disability Resources and Services (DRS) Newsletter

Did you know that there is a DRS Student Newsletter with resources and information about upcoming events pertaining to DRS? For example, this newsletter provides information on AccessComputing, an NSF-funded alliance providing mentoring and some limited funding for career development activities for students with disabilities in computing-related fields.

You can access an archive of these newsletters here, and you can email Disabilitty Resources and Services to learn how to get on the mailing list for the newsletter.   .

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.

> Events

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

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!

SCI Spring 2024 Graduation Ceremony for Undergraduate Students | April 27th 2024
There is a School-wide ceremony as well as some departmental celebrations. The School-wide ceremony is the formal ceremony for SCI, where graduates will be called to the stage and receive a scroll representing their diploma as well as a gift.

Departmental celebrations are more informal, offering students from that particular department a chance to talk with graduates of their degree programs, faculty and staff specifically in their areas of study, acknowledge accomplishments and awards, etc.

For detailed information and RSVP links, please access the SCI Graduation Web page.

PLEASE NOTE: Undergraduate students graduating in Spring 2024 are ALSO invited to Commencement, which is the formal University-wide ceremony honoring undergradiates graduating this spring. Details about Commencement can be found here.

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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