Newsletter Spotlight

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Matthew Figley, (right) presented his research “YKL-40 Expression in Traumatic Brain Injury” on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the First Annual mGlurS (Midwest/Great Lakes Undergraduate Research Symposium) in Neuroscience at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Matthew’s abstract was selected as one of only three platform presentations, in addition to his poster.

Well done Matthew!

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### Important Dates

#### Fall Term (Code 2101)

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Major Requirements

Students must complete BIOSC 0150, BIOSC 0160, CHEM 0110, and CHEM 0120 with a grade of C or better (not C-) in order to declare Neuroscience as a major. To graduate with a BS degree in Neuroscience, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in major courses and in co-requisite courses.

Departmental Honors

Departmental Honors are awarded to students who have achieved outstanding academic success. To qualify for this distinguished honor, a minimum overall GPA of 3.25, a minimum Neuroscience GPA of 3.25, and a substantial amount of approved Neuroscience research must be conducted. Additionally, students are required to give a public presentation of their research. Eligible students must then pass a faculty review.

Capstone Requirement

Students who have matriculated to A & S since Fall of 2008 must complete a capstone experience. For more information, please contact the advising office via email or call 412-624-5156.

Fellowship Opportunities

University of Pittsburgh Fellowships

- **Brackenridge Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship**
  Research participants receive a monthly $800 stipend to assure their freedom from the need to work during the summer.

- **Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Fellowship**
  $600 one-term stipend for undergraduate students engaged in research.

- **Chancellor's Undergraduate Teaching Fellowship**
  $600 one-term stipend for undergraduate students engaged in teaching with a faculty member.
### Course Offerings

**Spring Term (2010)**

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#### Spring Registration Starts
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HEALTH SCIENCES MINI-FAIR
Thinking about a career in the medical field?
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Learn about opportunities to study your major around the world! Students in any of the health sciences – SHRS, Nursing, Pre-Med, Pharmacy, and other health-related fields – are invited to attend.

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William Pitt Union, Ballroom

For more info:
Study Abroad Office
802 William Pitt Union
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Advising and Registration in the World of Self-Service Enrollment

The Arts and Sciences Advising Center will be hosting multiple workshops on the advising and registration process as it relates to the new process of Self-Service Enrollment. The workshop is geared towards helping students with the transition to online registration. The interactive workshop will focus on:

1. Understanding how to choose courses in order to explore and attain educational goals
   This will include how to use the Course Descriptions and Class Search
2. Preparing for Self-Service Enrollment
   This will feature registration procedures including information about enrollment appointment dates, “how to” videos, holds, permission numbers, and other related processes.

Tues, October 20th 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 125 Frick Fine Arts Jennifer Stapel
Wed, October 21st 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 125 Frick Fine Arts Carla Cummings
Thurs, October 22nd 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. B-11 Thaw Hall Maggie Schneider
Fri, October 23rd 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. 125 Frick Fine Arts Mary Beth Favorite
Mon, October 26th 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 125 Frick Fine Arts Gregory Allen
Wed, October 28th 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. 525 Benedum Hall Adrian Gonzales
Thurs, October 29th 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Aud 6 Scaife Hall Philip Tarasi
Thurs, October 29th 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Aud 6 Scaife Hall Mary Beth Favorite
Fri, October 30th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 125 Frick Fine Arts Carlton Scott
Wed, November 4th 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 332 Cathedral of Learning Linda Berry
Shouldn’t you apply for the Anthony and Concetta Ambrosio Internship Award for an Academic internship at CBS Corporation headquarters next summer in New York City?

Think about applying for the 2010 Ambrosio Internship Award if you are an School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate student and you are a sophomore, junior or senior majoring in communication, computer science, economics, English, film studies, history, or political science (must have junior or senior status as of summer 2010) have a minimum GPA of 3.0 have completed a previous internship experience – either credit or pay-based is acceptable

For more details, attend an Ambrosio Award Information Session in B10 Thaw Hall Monday 10/19 at 5.30pm or Friday 10/23 at 3pm

Samuel Merritt University and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announce funding for students in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)* program. Ten RWJ scholarships of $10,000 are available to students starting the ABSN program in spring 2010 and summer 2010.

Eligibility:
Accepted to the SMU’s ABSN program for spring 2010 or summer 2010
Committed to pursuing professional nursing licensure through the NCLEX-RN
Citizen/permanent resident of the U.S. at time of application for scholarship
Students who are from groups that are underrepresented in nursing or from disadvantage backgrounds. Preference will be given to male and Hispanic students.

Application for the RWJ Scholarship:
Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship Application

Application for admission: www.samuelmerritt.edu

*The ABSN program is designed for someone who already has/his baccalaureate in a non-nursing field. The intensive program is completed in 12 months.

Dr. Robert Nebes is seeking a motivated student research assistant in the Aging Research Lab. This is a 20 hour per week position that involves administering Neuropsychological and cognitive tasks to normal elderly participants, running participants through portions of the experimental protocol, calling potential participants, recruiting for ongoing studies and scheduling testing dates along with general laboratory assistance such as Xeroxing, filing, answering the telephone, scoring/coding/entering of data.

This job would provide students interested in graduate school with excellent research and testing experience. If any students are interested, they should get onto the UPMC website and apply for job posting # 1053842 (Research Assistant II- Aging Lab).

Steps for applying: 1- click on this link: http://jobs.upmc.com/job.htm 2- select UPMC jobs home 3- select browse upmc job opportunities 4- click on Advanced Search 5- type in job opening # 1053842, scroll down and click on SEARCH, the position information will appear for you to view.

Caregiver – great position for Students
We are seeking a warm and compassionate person to be a companion and aide to our 18 year son with cerebral palsy. He has a great personality - very easy to be around. He loves to work on his computer doing email, talk with friends and hang out watching tv. We live in Edgewood.

There is some minimal lifting required but all our caretakers receive good training on how to take care of him. We need someone for after school (3 pm to 6/6:30 pm), some evenings and occasional weekends. This is a GREAT job for students as we can be flexible with hours - especially during exam times.

$12.50/hour; definitely need your own transportation as we are not directly on a bus-line.
Non-smokers only, please. Contact: jcohen316@hotmail.com