The College of Natural Sciences Newsletter is designed to serve CNS students. It is delivered online every Sunday.

Dean Vanden Bout’s weekly email includes a link to access the newsletter, as well.

Items in **BLUE** are new; Items in **RED** are last chance.

If you would like to submit news to CNS Newsletter, send the information to nicolekruijs@gmail.com. Include a contact person phone number and email, date or deadline, write in complete sentences, text must be fewer than 150 words. Submit by 11:59pm Friday to be included in that week’s newsletter.

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   We are now in the One-Time Exception (OTE) drop and withdrawal period. If you have never used your OTE, you may use it to initiate a single course drop or a complete withdrawal from the semester. To use your OTE, you must meet with a Student Division advisor in Natural Sciences Advising office.

   Rules for withdrawal are as follows:
   The form must be picked up by the last class day, December 5, and returned within three business days. You will not be allowed to withdraw if there is a case of scholastic dishonesty pending against you.
   Rules for drops are as follows:
   The form must be picked up by the last class day, December 5, and returned within three business days, before finals begin, or before the course grade has been assigned, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
   You MUST get the instructor’s signature and the grade must be specified on the form. No exceptions. Because many instructors are not on campus after the last class day, it is to your benefit to initiate a drop at least THREE DAYS PRIOR to the last class day.
   If you are in your first or second semester at UT you will be allowed to drop the class regardless of the grade indicated by the instructor. If you are in your third or subsequent semester at UT, you must be making a grade of D+ or lower in order to drop the class.
   You may not drop a class if you are under investigation for scholastic dishonesty in the class.
   This is an academic drop, so you may not use the OTE to drop if you are subject to the drop limit and have used your six allowable academic drops.
   Think very carefully before exercising this option as you will have only one opportunity to do so during your academic career. Please read through this policy and contact your academic advisor or the Student Division if you have questions. One-Time Exception (General Information Catalog, 2013-14) [http://links.utexas.edu/cuz/wsc](http://links.utexas.edu/cuz/wsc)

2. **World AIDS Day Event**
   Monday, December 1st; 5pm-7pm; SAC 2.120

   Heather Houser will be reading from her new book, "Ecosickness in Contemporary U.S. Fiction: Environment and Affect" and we will have other readings and a discussion afterwards.

   Amazing local poet, and sexual health educator, Ebony Stewart will be performing, as well.

   This event will be catered, and there will be a chance to connect with student and community groups talking about HIV, and to sign the World AIDS day banner.

   The event will be in the Student Activity Center, 2.120 (2201 Speedway, closest parking is the Brazos Garage).

   This event is part of the GSC’s 10 year anniversary celebration, for more information: [http://ddce.utexas.edu/GSCat10/](http://ddce.utexas.edu/GSCat10/)

3. **CNS Fall Graduation Ceremony**
   Sunday, December 07, 2014, 02:30pm
   Speaker: Dr. Brian Kushner
   Location: Frank Erwin Center

4. **Getting Grounded Workshop Series**
   BUR 214 (Burdine Hall)
   Tuesdays 3:00 to 4:15 pm
   This is an 11-week, open workshop series featuring a different topic each week, aimed at helping students explore themes of mind-body-emotional wellness. Each week students will learn and practice new mind-body grounding and relaxation techniques, as well as explore common themes that impact our daily thriving.

   Strategies for Working with Anger 11/18: Conflict & Communication 11/25:
   Navigating Families, Holidays, Finals 12/2: Art and Music for Stress Relief

   Workshops are free of charge. No registration necessary. Attend as many as you would like. For more information, please call CMHC at: 512-471-3715.

5. **Sanger Learning Center Tutoring and Workshops**
   The Sanger Learning Center offers workshops, tutoring, and events throughout the year. Anyone interested is invited to attend, though a RSVP is required. For more information about each, see the Sanger Learning Center page: [http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/slc](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/slc)

   Classes being offered this semester include ‘Study Smarter,
6. Archer Fellowship Program

The Archer Fellowship Program is a program that empowers students from across the University of Texas System by providing a unique opportunity to live, learn and intern in Washington, D.C. Each year between 32-40 UT Austin undergraduates are selected to become Archer Fellows. Fellows live in town homes on Capitol Hill; earn 15 hours of in-residence credit by taking classes on policy, politics, and advocacy; and pursue a full-time internship. Students may apply their financial aid to the program costs, and a number of scholarships are available to support selected Archer Fellows.

The Archer Program is seeking applications from a diverse group of students who represent various majors and disciplines across campus. While all applicants should share a passion for policy and public service, we welcome students with diverse policy interests. It’s easy to see this diversity represented in previous Archer Fellows by looking at their internship placements. Previous Archer fellows have interned with The White House, National Geographic, the U.S. Department of Education, the Sierra Club, Amnesty International, the Alliance for Health Care Reform, the Republican National Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice among many others sites and organizations.

For more information, come to an information session:

- Wednesday, November 5 | 4:00pm
- Thursday, November 13 | 4:00pm

All information sessions take place in FAC 328

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7. Register for Fall 2014 University Extension Courses

Registration is open for all of University Extension’s Fall 2013 classroom and online cohort courses, which begin the week of September 2nd.

UEX courses can be used to:
- Meet core curriculum requirements. Finish up that last course to graduate. Take a prerequisite for graduate and professional school.
- Financial aid can be used to pay for semester-based classroom courses. It is a good idea to check with the Office of Student Financial Services before registering. UEX grades are provided on an official university transcript and included in one’s cumulative UT GPA.

Learn more and register at http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/fall2012. Call or write to UEX at (512) 471-2900 or uex@austin.utexas.edu.

Scholarships

1. First Abroad Scholarships

Due December 1st

The First Abroad Scholarship provides first-generation college students with the opportunity to study abroad by reducing the financial barrier that may prevent some students from considering study abroad during their undergraduate career. Approximately 25 recipients a year will receive a one-time scholarship of $3,000 to help cover the cost of the UT-approved study abroad program of their choice. UT-approved programs can be found by using the "Search Programs" box to the left. Recipients have up to two academic years to select a program and participate, ensuring sufficient time to plan their study abroad experience.

2. AfterCollege Scholarships

Due: Wednesday, December 31st

AfterCollege believes that what’s good for students is good for everyone: schools, employers, community, and other students! That’s why we not only help students find jobs & internships, but also offer scholarships to help fund their education. We have awarded more than $1,000,000 in scholarships and student activities through our program to date. As a job and internship resource, our scholarships are for students who will be exemplary candidates in their field when the time comes to find an internship or job. This means that we evaluate applicants with the eye of a hiring manager, so: watch your grammar, check your spelling, put your best accomplishments forward and you may get paid for thinking about your future! https://www.aftercollege.com/company/aftercollege-inc/10/scholarship/62/

3. Fulbright Summer Institutes

Deadline: March 5th

The US-UK Fulbright Commission has opened the applications for the summer 201 institutes. These are fully-funded summer programs which
provide the opportunity for US undergraduates (aged over 18), with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete, to visit the UK on a three, four, five or six week academic and cultural summer programme. The Fulbright Commission covers the cost of airfare, tuition and fees, accommodation, and meals. In addition, they provide a small daily allowance.

Here’s a link to the applications: [http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates](http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates).

The institutes are in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. There are nine different institutes to apply to covering a range of programs and experiences.

### 4. Udall Scholarship

**Deadline: Feb 5, 2015**

Nominations are now being accepted for The University of Texas at Austin selection for candidates for the Udall Scholarship.

In 2013, the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation expects to award 80 scholarships of up to $5000 and 50 honorable mentions of $350 to sophomore and junior level college students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care.

Eligible students will be current University of Texas at Austin students with sophomore or junior standing in the 2014-2015 academic year with a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 studying the environment or related fields or a Native American or Native Alaskan and studying health care or tribal policy. A maximum of six students will be nominated to represent The University of Texas at Austin in the competition to be selected as Udall Scholars.

Application information and appropriate forms are available at [http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/uhc/awards/udall](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/uhc/awards/udall). For more information please contact the University Honors Center at 512-471-6524 or via email at uhc@austin.utexas.edu

### 5. CSI STEM Scholarship

**Deadline: December 15th**

CSI EXECUTIVE SEARCH (CSI) is pleased to be able to offer continuing scholarships to motivated students to help in the furthering of their education. This scholarship is designed to support promising students as they pursue a higher education degree in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). Awardee will be selected based on the strength of their written essay as determined by the scholarship committee at CSI Executive Search and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 or higher.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to U.S. citizens who have been accepted to or are enrolled at an accredited college or university in the U.S. Available to undergraduate and master’s students in all STEM majors. No purchase of any kind is necessary. This award is available to undergraduate and graduate level students attending an accredited college or university.

**PRIZE:** One scholarship each award cycle in the amount of $1,000.00.

Please visit the following website for more information and application: [http://www.csi-executivesearch.com/csi-executive-search-stem-scholarship/](http://www.csi-executivesearch.com/csi-executive-search-stem-scholarship/)

### 6. Volunteer at the Long Center

**2014-2015 Season and beyond**

Attention: arts-lovers on a student budget! The Long Center for the Performing Arts is seeking qualified volunteers to serve in the box office on the night of performances. The main job duty is to distribute Will Call to patrons at the windows. Volunteers are given one complimentary seat to watch the show that same night. All selected volunteers will possess superior customer service and problem-solving skills to provide an unparalleled, positive experience for all visitors of the Long Center. A sample of upcoming shows that need staffing include: Elf: The Musical, Blue Man Group, 2 Cellos, Vienna Boys Choir, Disney in Concert, Shen Yun, rePlay: Symphony of Heroes, Shaping Sound, Straight No Chaser, Burt Bacharach, Confessions of a Prairie Bitch, and many more. The time commitment is only 2 hours &15 minutes. Then volunteers get to see the show for free & parking is included as well.

Interested students should send a cover letter only to boxoffice@thelongcenter.org

**Internships and Employment**

1. **Sanger Learning Center**
   **Hiring Outreach Assistants**

   Flexible schedule, 2-6 hours/week; Starting pay $11/hr

   We are hiring Outreach Assistants for spring and summer work to
Program dates: June 10 – August 14, 2015
3. Walk in Career Coaching
   Tuesdays and Thursdays
   from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Senior Career Coaches, Jessica Sitler and Melanie Pearce, are available for brief, 10-15 minute walk-in career coaching appointments. These walk-in appointments are for undergraduate students and topics include: resume/cover letter reviews, job search tactics, interview techniques, graduate school information, job offers/salary negotiation, resource guidance, and general career related questions! Appointments are at a first come, first serve basis. Appointment days/times are subject to change, please check the announcement section of our website for any changes.

4. Peer Mentor Resume Reviews
   Monday, 1-5 PM; Tuesday, 8-9:30 AM, 11 AM-3 PM; Wednesday, 1-3 PM; Thursday, 8-9:30 AM, 10 AM-1:30 PM; Friday, 11 AM-2 PM

Peer mentors Mickey Damani and Brian Yim are available to meet with undergraduate students to assist with resume/cover letter reviews and general career questions. Appointments are at a first come, first serve basis. Appointment days/times are subject to change, please check the announcement section of our website for any changes.

5. Pre Graduate School Internship
   There is still time to enroll in the fall 2014 IE Pre Grad Internship. If you are thinking about whether graduate school is in your future, you may wish to consider undertaking the Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) "Pre-Graduate School Internship." This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.

Read more about this program (including FAQ’s, examples of internship activities and an easy to complete internship contract) on the web at http://communication.utexas.edu/ie/. For future information, contact Professor Richard Cherwitz, spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

Pre-Professional Announcements

1. Med School Speaker Series: UT Southwestern
   December 1; 5-6PM; WEL 2.224

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   Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 4:00 PM; NHB 1.720

Dr. Urry is the Israel Munson Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Yale University, the Director of the Yale Center of Astronomy & Astrophysics, and the President of the American Astronomical Society. During her visit to UT, she is receiving the prestigious Antoinette de Vaucouleurs Memorial Lectureship and Medal awarded by the Astronomy Department for outstanding scientific achievement. "Why So Few? The Dearth of Women in Science" will focus on why women continue to be underrepresented in STEM fields
and why the gender imbalance is particularly large in physics, where fewer than 20% of college physics majors are women and only 10% of physics faculty are women. Interestingly, astronomy requires more or less the same skills as physics but has roughly double the percentages of women at all levels, indicating the influence of factors beyond scientific/quantitative talent. Dr. Urry will discuss the experimental data and outline steps that can be taken to mitigate obstacles to equal gender participation in the STEM professions.

2. **Analecta Journal Accepting Submissions**  
Analecta is an all-majors, student-run journal that publishes student writing and art every spring. We are currently taking submissions for Analecta 41. Submissions (which can be any form of prose, poetry, or art) are due Friday, December 19th at 11:59 p.m. Additional information about the submission process can be found at [analectajournal.com](http://analectajournal.com), and our FaceBook page is Analecta Literary and Arts Journal.