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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October 19, 2014
Academic Announcements

1. CNS Diversity Mixers Invitation
   CNS would like to invite you to two upcoming Diversity Engagement Mixers: They will be held in NHB 1.720 on the UT campus. Please join us for food, and stay for alumni-student discussions, learn more about mentoring programs, meet members of the faculty and myself, and perhaps network with alumni in your career field here in the Austin area. The dates are:
   - October 23, 2014: Student and Alumni Dinner, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
   - November 20, 2014: Student and Alumni Lunch, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
   Please let us know of your attendance, and if you need a vegetarian lunch, as soon as possible. The links above are where you can RSVP. Please spread the word even if you cannot attend yourself.

2. UT Spring 2015 Course Schedule Released
   The Spring 2015 Course Schedule has been release. Please make an appointment with your academic advisor to make sure you are on track if you have any questions. Registration begins the week of 10/27

3. Texas Native Plant Week
   October 19th-October 25th
   To mark the annual Texas Native Plant Week, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is hosting events all week to discuss Texas Native Plants. See more here: http://www.wildflower.org/nativeplantweek/

4. Nike TC Week
   October 19th-October 25th
   Join Nike at UT for a week of exciting free workouts together. Check for more information and to reserve your spot: https://www.nike.com/events-registration/series?id=1433&day=14

5. Holloway Teaching Award
   Nominations are open for the Jean Holloway Teaching Award at https://texasexes.org/form/holloway.asp

6. Archer Fellowship Program
   The Archer Fellowship Program is a program that empowers students from across the Texas 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

   UT Austin Campus Coordinator: Christine Anderson / canderson@austin.utexas.edu

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/uxx/fall2012. Call or write to UEX at (512) 471-2900 or uex@austin.utexas.edu.

Scholarships

1. Environmental Excellence Awards
   Applications for 2015 are still open. For more information...
Internships and Employment

1. **Natural Gas Career Fair**
   October 23: 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
   Palmer Events Center
   900 Barton Springs Road
   Austin, TX 78704

   UT College of Natural Sciences Career Design Center will provide a shuttle service that will run approximately every 40 minutes.
   The Shuttle Bus will make a first run at 9:15 a.m. Please arrive at the Littlefield Fountain at least 10 minutes prior to departure. The Shuttle Bus will make its last run at 3:00 p.m. The 3 pm bus is the last bus back to campus for the day.


2. **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.

3. **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.

4. **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/](http://communication.utexas.edu/ie/). For future information, contact Professor Richard Cherwitz, spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

   Pre-Professional Announcements

1. **Health Professions TED Talk**
   Wednesday, October 22nd; 12pm; PAI 503
   Come watch health related TED talk with your peers and stay around for discussion after! Please RSVP here

2. **Health Professions Info Sessions**
   Hear from a Pre-Health Professions Coach about HPO Services and the UT Austin Pre-Health Professions Experience. We will also introduce the Health Professions Certificate Coordinator who will present information and answer questions about the Pre-Health Professions Certificate requirements.

   We encourage you to go to [http://cns.utexas.edu/health-professions/events-workshops](http://cns.utexas.edu/health-professions/events-workshops) and RSVP for the session that best fits your schedule.
   If you do not RSVP, you are still welcome to join us. There are usually available seats.

   Wed- 10/22/2014; 5 - 6 PM; WEL 1.308

Organizations

1. **Girl Rising**
   October 22nd; 6=9pm; Texas Union Theater
   The Women in Engineering Program and the Texas Women’s Council, with support from Intel, will be screening the film Girl Rising, a documentary about the power of educating girls. Educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation, yet millions of girls aren’t in school. The film presents nine girls living in the developing world who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams.
The screening will be
Wednesday, October 22 from
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Texas
Union Theater. Please advertise
this event at your next meeting
and share the facebook event,
Eventbrite registration, and flyer
(attached as a PDF) with your
membership via email and social
media.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.c
om/events/359317757564481/?not
if_t=plan_user_joined

Eventbrite
registration: http://www.eventbrit
e.com/e/girl-rising-screening-
tickets-13655709595

Thanks for your help and support
for the Texas Women's Council's
first event!

2. **Tany Norwood Nominations**

Applications are now being
accepted for the 2014 Tany
Norwood award recognizing
outstanding staff and
administrators at UT Austin.
Please find the nomination form
at friarsociety.org