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

Dean Kopp’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 cnsnewsletter@austin.utexas.edu. 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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   Monday Sept 23; 5-7pm; WCH 2.102

   University Extension walk-in advising session held
   Description: Dr. Mike Raney, University Extension’s academic adviser, holds a two-hour session to meet with students. Email Raney at mike.raney@austin.utexas.edu with questions or to schedule an appointment. University Extension provides flexible course options and formats to individuals seeking to earn credit or to meet with students. Email Raney at mike.raney@austin.utexas.edu with questions or to schedule an appointment. University Extension provides flexible course options and formats to individuals seeking to earn credit at The University of Texas at Austin.

   URL: http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/advising/

2. INSPIRE Leadership Program
   Tuesday, September 24th; 7pm; CLA 0.120

   Are you a freshman woman interested in building a network on campus and in our community of supportive and inspiring women? Do you want to develop a relationship with a senior cohort member of the INSPIRE Program at the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies? Do you want to learn from these successful women about anything from how to apply for scholarships, to how to enjoy a healthy sexuality? Join us for pizza and information.

3. Suicide Prevention Week
   September 23rd-September 27th

   Suicide Prevention Week represents a full week focused on raising awareness about suicide and engaging students, faculty and staff in suicide prevention. You are urged to “show up” and “Be That One” who recognizes when a student or friend is thinking about suicide and knows how to help.

   FREE T-shirts and food at All Events (while it lasts!)
   fb link: https://www.facebook.com/events/158054804393103/

   Monday, September 23
   Supporting Student Veterans
   12-1 PM
   The POWER House, SSB, G1.400H

   Tuesday, September 24
   Band Together for the Prevention of Suicide!
   11 AM – 2 PM
   Gregory Gym Plaza

   KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Live Through This Project
   6:30 – 8 PM
   SAC, 1.402

   Wednesday, September 25
   Reducing Suicide Risk: A Presentation for Faculty & Staff
   12 – 1 PM
   NOA, 4.106A

   Thursday, September 26
   Exploring the Link Between High-Risk Drinking and Suicide: What Do We Know? How Can We Recognize It?
   12 – 1 PM
   SAC, 1.105

   Tejas Coffee
   Show Up and Support a Friend!
   9 PM – 10 PM
   2600 Rio Grande

   Friday, September 27
   Be That One. for Students
   Suicide Prevention Workshop
   12-1 PM
   UNB, Eastwoods Room

   All Week
   “Live Through This” Photography Project
   8 AM – 5 PM
   Gregory Gym Concourse

   My Reason to Live.*
   8 AM – 5 PM
   Tri-fold Display in the Health Promotion Resource Center Student Services Building

4. Texas Tribune Festival
   September 27th-29th

   The Texas Tribune Festival, a three-day Texas government festival, is offering special programming and a discount just for students. Students kick off the Fest with a pizza party with Texas Tribune reporters, then our opening session with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. Throughout the weekend, they can relax and recharge at the #StudentsAtTheFest lounge, where we will have special speaker appearances, food and activities. After the closing keynote session with Sen. Wendy Davis, students are invited to a complimentary lunch, live Tribcast recording and a tour of KUT/KUTX. For more info about all the events and speakers, see: http://www.texastribune.org/festival/

5. Sanger Learning Center
   The Sanger Learning Center is hosting a series of presentations on time management and studying smart, among other things. Please RSVP at www.utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/u gs/my/events

   Time & Procrastination
   Tuesday, September 24 • 5-6 p.m. • JES A309
   Monday, September 30 • 5-6 p.m. • JES A309

   Study Smarter, Not Harder
   Monday, September 23 • 5-6 p.m. • JES A309

6. Archer Fellowship Program
   Info Session
   Sept 24th; 4-5:30pm; FAC 328
Interested in public policy and public service? Want to spend a semester living, interning, and taking in-residence classes in Washington, D.C.? If the answer is yes, the Archer Fellowship Program may be for you! Students of all majors, political beliefs, and policy interests are welcome to apply. Come learn about this exciting program at an information session.

Applications for the 2014-2015 academic year are due February 17th. Questions? Contact Rose Mastrangelo r.mastrangelo@austin.utexas.edu.

7. **Neglected Diseases Austin Science Forum**
   October 1st; 6-7:30pm; AT&T Conference Center

The neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are the most common afflictions of people who live in extreme poverty, including the 1.3 billion people living below the World Bank poverty level. Transmission of some NTDs occurs in Texas and in Houston, especially among impoverished populations and people of color, as well as several animal reservoirs. There is an urgent need for a policy to address these diseases. Dr. Hotez will share his work in this area and discuss what he is doing to impact change.

8. **CNS Family Day**
   October 19; 9am-12pm

Join the College of Natural Sciences during Family Weekend at UT! Enjoy a light breakfast, talk with professors, advisers and students, meet our Dean, Linda Hicke, and experience exciting hands-on activities! Accommodation requests for disability services should be made at least five days prior to the activity. While every effort will be made, the University may be unable to fulfill last-minute requests.

For more information about the College of Natural Sciences event, please contact Maggie Wilhite at maggie.wilhite@austin.utexas.edu. For more information about Family Weekend activities and to RSVP for our event, please visit www.texasparents.org.

### Scholarships

1. **WINS Physics Scholarship**
   Deadline: Friday, Oct 18th


   Applicants must be undergraduate physics majors in good standing. Applications for travel support (e.g. airfare) are now being accepted by Lisa Gentry ugaffairs@physics.utexas.edu.

   Please include a statement (minimum of 50 words) with your reasons for attending the conference.

2. **Scholarships for Physics Majors**
   Deadline: October 1st.

   The Cockrell School of Engineering offers two scholarships ($10,000 and $1,000 awards) for physics students interested in nuclear and radiation physics. See the following links to apply to both: [http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/19](http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/19) and [http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/234](http://www.engr.utexas.edu/undergraduate/scholarships/current/detail/234)

3. **Gilman Study Abroad Scholarship**
   Deadline: October 1st

   The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad. Such international exchange is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.

   For application and more information, see: [http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program](http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program)

4. **International Education Fee Scholarship For Study Abroad Spring 2014**
   October 1st; 5pm

   All students studying abroad in Spring 2014 are eligible to apply for the IEF scholarship. Awards range between $1000 and $1500, with merit and need being assessed.

   For the application and more information, see: [http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding/scholarships/ief](http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding/scholarships/ief)

### Internships and Employment

1. **JP Morgan Info Session**
   Sept 24; 5:30-6:30pm; BUR 134

   Come find out more about JP Morgan and job opportunities.

2. **Advise TX College Advising Corps, College Adviser Intern**
   Deadline: September 23rd; 5pm

   Do you want to help students go to college? If you answered yes, then the Advise TX College
Advising Corps has an immediate internship opportunity for you!

Advise TX seeks to increase the number of first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented students realize their dream of attending college, and we are currently seeking UT students who are interested in shadowing and supporting the efforts of current Advise TX Advisers at Reagan and Lanier High Schools in Austin. Interns will work on various projects as directed by the Adviser and receive on-going professional development in the field of college access.

The selected candidate will be able to commit 6-8 hours a week between 8am-5pm. Interested applicants should complete the brief online application and submit a resume to Lisa Diaz at l.diaz@austin.utexas.edu

For more information on Advise TX, please visit our website at www.advisetx.org

Research and Volunteering

1. Nursing Disaster Drill
Thurs, Sept 26th; 12-2pm

The School of Nursing has staged a Mock Disaster Drill each semester for the past few years. This year we are expanding to make this a multidisciplinary event because while emergency response requires teamwork, learning how to work in teams with other healthcare providers shouldn’t begin during an actual disaster! The success of this event will be dependent upon having enough "victim" volunteers for the student responders to triage, assess, and treat.

Please consider volunteering as a victim. The drill will happen just across the street in the Lone Star Room at the Frank Erwin Center.

If interested, you can sign up here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0A03a1i7U1XfqdDVQWEhok5rVnZ2RGRHVGu0UXFPR0E#gid=0

2. Survey Research Seminar
Monday, September 23rd; 6-8pm; Belo Center 3.206

The Office of Survey Research (OSR) will be conducting a 2 hour seminar on basic survey research and questionnaire design concepts. This seminar is perfect for students who are or will be engaged in a survey research project who are new to the process or have limited experience designing surveys or drafting questionnaires. To register: Please go to the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life’s TXshop store at: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/txshop/list.WBX?component=0&application_name=SCANNSTR

3. General Research Info Session
Mon, Sept 23; 10-11am; FAC 332

Attend an undergraduate research science information session. Learn about how to contact faculty members, the quality of faculty members look for in undergraduate researchers and course credit for undergraduate research. Science information sessions also occur Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in FAC 4.
http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/our/students/sessions

4. Rice Regional Undergraduate Symposium
Registration Deadline: Monday, October 7th

The Rice University Department of Chemistry and the Department of Biochemistry & Cell Biology encourage undergraduate students conducting research in chemistry, biochemistry, and related fields to participate in the Regional Undergraduate Symposium to be held at Rice University on October 26, 2013.

The symposium format is 15-min PowerPoint presentations. To close the symposium, K.C. Nicolaou will give a keynote address for chemistry and Cindy Farach-Carson for biochemistry (these talks will happen concurrently), and an awards ceremony (with small cash prizes) will recognize outstanding oral presentations. For more information and to register visit: https://chem.rice.edu/RUS.aspx.

Pre-Professional Announcements

1. Addressing Racial Health Disparities Conference
Mon, Sept 23rd; Thompson Conference Center

UT will host a daylong event focused on Health Disparities at the Thompson Conference Center. The event is actually targeted to Physicians and Public Health professionals, but is available to students at a reduced rate. (Student rate is $25.00.)
http://conferences.la.utexas.edu/healthdisparities/program/

2. Graduate School 101 Info Session
Sept 25th; 5-6pm; WEL 2.256

Considering Graduate School? Come to this presentation to learn about the application process, how to evaluate graduate programs, and what you need to be doing now to start preparing. Presenters include Career Design Center staff as well a PhD who knows the process first hand and can
3. **MCAT 2015 Info Session**
   Wednesday, October 2
   3:30 – 5:00; JGB 2.324

   Of special and immediate interest to Pre-med students who will be taking the MCAT after January 2015. Learn more about the coming changes in content, including:
   --- the science and the new social and behavioral science components
   --- the best ways to prepare

   **Guest speakers:**
   Dee Silverthorn, PhD
   Distinguished Senior Lecturer
   UT Austin - Department of Neuroscience and Scott Wright,
   PhD Executive Director, Texas Health Education Service
   Director, Texas Medical Dental School Application Service (TMDAS)
   If you have any questions, call 512-471-5680
   or newert@austin.utexas.edu

4. **Regional American Physician Scientists Association Meeting for MD/PhD Interested Students**
   October 19th; San Antonio

   MD/PhD students at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio are hosting the South Regional meeting of the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA). APSA promotes more physician involvement in research with primary focus on MD/PhD students (www.physicianscientists.org).

   It is an opportunity for anyone to meet admission directors from several MD/PhD programs around Texas, current MD/PhD students, and established physician scientists.

   Breakout sessions will cover topics such as Applying to MD and MD/PhD Programs, Humanism in Medical Science, Finding a Research Topic, Choosing a Lab/Mentor, Research as a Resident/Post-Doc, and Applying for Funding as a Pre-/Post-Doc.

**Organization Announcements**

1. **Synapse Neuroscience Club**
   Mon, Sept 23; 6-7pm; SEA 3.250

   Synapse Neuroscience Club is an undergraduate student organization interested in promoting neuroscience research. The club meets weekly to host discussions, listen to talks by researchers in the field and read and review journal articles. Meetings alternate between journal club and standard meetings every other week.