NSOAI Weekly Digest

Stay updated with info, resources, and events for incoming new students!

Week of Monday, August 7, 2017

PRP Writing Assignment Due by August 14

The 8/14 deadline to complete your 250-word essay for The Innovators by Walter Issacson is quickly approaching! Visit our website [here](#) to access your free online copy of the text and visit the [TAP](#) site to view the writing prompt and submit your assignment. Come ready to meet and discuss the book with your faculty discussion leaders!
Note: This assignment is mandatory for all incoming freshmen, while transfer and exchange students are exempt.

PennImmersive

The Penn Libraries celebrates the Year of Innovation with PennImmersive! PennImmersive is a year-long, public research project that explores the potential of virtual reality, augmented reality, and 3D modeling in teaching, researching, and learning. Students will have an amazing opportunity to work with exciting new technology, such as VR systems like Oculus Rift and Google Cardboard, 3D printing, and AR systems such as Hololens and Zappar. Be on the lookout for workshops, special events, and fun activities throughout the year. Learn more about this exciting new initiative at commons.library.upenn.edu/pennimmersive.

UnEarthed Penn

Want to get a head start before coming to campus with leadership experience? Here's your opportunity: UnEarthed Penn is doing a summer recruitment round EXCLUSIVE to the incoming freshman class! The positions for which we are recruiting are:

- VP Operations (executive board position)
- VP Design (executive board position) & Design Team Members
- Writers

APPLY HERE NOW! https://www.unearthedpenn.com/recruitment
Applications are open until WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 11:59 EST. UnEarthed Penn is a biannual publication made by Penn students free for underprivileged middle and high school students all over Philadelphia. It focuses mainly on content about science, technology, geography and
history. It is a fun, quirky, educational and inspiring publication motivated by our childhood heroes such as Bill Nye, BrainPOP and National Geographic KIDS.

Want to learn more? Visit https://www.unearthedpenn.com

Questions? Email unearthed.penn@gmail.com

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**International Relations Program**

Join the international relations majors, faculty, and staff for our annual kick off event for the academic year! All interested in foreign affairs are welcome to attend! Class of 2021 is warmly invited!

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**Platt Student Performing Arts House**

The University of Pennsylvania is alive with arts and culture! From world class performances, exhibits, and museums to exciting course work, internships, and student groups, Penn has something to feed anyone’s cultural appetite! Complete this form to receive more information about one or more areas that interest you: https://secure.www.upenn.edu/vpul/platthouse/form/performing_arts/

Don't forget to check out Freshman Performing Arts Night (FPAN) at 7pm on September 1st to see all 46 Performing Arts Council groups perform on one stage! Tickets here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freshman-performing-arts-night-fpan-tickets-35547939845
Student Registration and Financial Services

- Be sure to complete the SRFS Must Do List: http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/mustdo/index.htm
- Undergraduate Course Selection for Fall 2017 remains open through Penn InTouch (PIT).
- The next student bill will be available on August 2 and can be accessed through Penn InTouch (PIT).
- Students awarded work study as part of their financial aid package will receive an email from the Student Employment Office during the week of August 7th. The email will link to our website where information about Federal Work-Study, Penn and International Work-Study will be posted. Work-Study and Non-Work-Study jobs for the academic year will be posted as well.

Campus Health & Student Health Service

All full time, dissertation and exchange students (in classes for one term or longer) are required to have comprehensive health insurance. The Penn Student insurance Plan (PSIP) is available for students who do not have insurance, whose plans do not provide coverage in the Philadelphia area, or whose plans do not meet our criteria for alternative insurance. If you have yet to enroll into or waive out of PSIP, go to https://studenthealth.bgenroll.com/home to start the enrollment/waiver process. The deadline (August 31) is quickly approaching!
SAIP (Society for African Internationals Penn) Welcomes the Class of 2021 to Penn

SAIP (Society for African Internationals at Penn) was founded to be a platform for voices of African Internationals to be heard as well as to educate people on campus about African culture and history. We work to help and guide new international students as the face the difficulties and struggles that come with being in a school far away from home. SAIP strives to help all African International students to build a professional network and jumpstart the Penn journey with a group supportive individuals from similar backgrounds. SAIP welcomes you to Penn! We hope the next four years are going to be amazing for you!

Work Study Positions - King's Court English House

Interested in early work-study positions? Kings Court English House (KCECH) is looking for cashiers/shift attendees during the 2017-2018 academic year to help operate Oasis and Mirage. The work-study position offers flexible time slots and a relaxed work environment... all conveniently within the KCECH dormitory itself! Head over to these links for more information.

Oasis: https://kcech.house.upenn.edu/oasis
Mirage: https://kcech.house.upenn.edu/mirage

Only KCECH residents are eligible to apply. No experience necessary. Work-study grants strongly preferred.
College House Computing

Are you looking for a position that will be rewarding and challenging? Would you like to work in the College House where you live? If so, an Information Technology Advisor (ITA) position is for you. We are looking for bright, responsible, enthusiastic people to assist College House residents with setting up and troubleshooting/fixing their computers and mobile devices. Don’t let the fear of not being “tech savvy” dissuade from applying! We train all our staff on the various aspects of the job. As long as you have a strong desire to learn and are customer oriented, the ITA position is for you. Visit: www.chasapps.upenn.edu/itaapp/ to apply.

Penn First

Penn First is an all-inclusive group for students who are the first in their family to attend college and/or come from a low-income background. As a student organization we serve 2 different functions. The first is to create a supportive community of first generation and/or low-income (FGLI) students on Penn’s campus. The second is to advocate for more opportunities for FGLI students at an administrative level. In both initiatives, we are heavily supported by Penn’s FGLI Program. Penn First’s overall goal is to be an inclusive support system for FGLI students at Penn. There is no criteria you have to meet, or conditions of membership; if you are FGLI, Penn First is a great resource for you. Are you interested in getting involved? Here are the first steps you can take to joining the Penn First and FGLI community at Penn:

- Like the Penn First Facebook Page to stay up to date on activities, events, and news for FGLI students. We frequently share articles and academic and professional resources.
- Join the **Penn First Members Facebook Group** to meet upperclassmen and other incoming FGLI freshmen!

This is a great resource for students who may have more FGLI related questions and want the perspective of someone who has been in a similar situation. We also have an anonymous form students can fill out if they don’t feel comfortable posting a question. Throughout the year, the FB group is used to share free food events, free events, resources and other cool info.

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**Penn Queer and Asian Contact Information**

Penn Queer and Asian (Penn Q&A) is a student group dedicated to providing a safe space for support and empowerment to meet the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and allied individuals interested in addressing issues of the queer Asian community. Students interested in learning more, joining our listserv, or becoming involved can do so by visiting our website: [http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/pqa](http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/pqa) or by contacting us at pennqanda@gmail.com. We will also be at the SAC Activities Fair in the fall.

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**Moelis Family Grand Reading Room**

Looking for a place for quiet study in the heart of Penn's campus? Consider the newly-opened Moelis Family Grand Reading Room, located on the 1st floor of Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center. A tranquil space equipped with high speed wifi, multiple outlets on every study table, and alcoves full of lounge chairs, the Moelis Family Grand Reading Room is the perfect place to study or take a break during a long day on campus.
LGBT Center

**First Year Pizza Party**: Friday, September 1 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, LGBT Center
New students are invited to eat pizza, socialize, and learn about the LGBT Center’s services. Stay and join the walking tour of the Gayborhood.

**Walking Tour of the Gayborhood**: Friday, September 1 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, meet at the LGBT Center
Together we will travel to the heart of Center City to Philadelphia’s LGBTQ+ neighborhood, The Gayborhood, for a tour and insights. Join Bob and Tiffany as we explore the history and the current culture of The Gayborhood. Please register for this in advance, as it is part of the Penn Tracks series and NSO. Also, this tour involves a great deal of walking, so please let us know if you need accommodations.

**LGBT Center Open House**: Thursday, September 28 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, LGBT Center
Come visit the Center for the first time, second time, or 100th time as we host a reception for the entire Penn LGBTQ+ community. Meet the Center staff; learn about our space and what we have to offer; and leave with a full stomach and some new friends. Open to all.

**35th Anniversary Celebration**: Saturday, October 14 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, LGBT Center
Join us in for the Rededication Ceremony in honor of retiring founding director Bob Schoenberg. Free and open to all.
Saturday, October 14 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm, Houston Hall
Celebrate our anniversary with food, drinks, and music. RSVP and ticket purchases can be made at [www.alumni.upenn.edu/lgbtc35](http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/lgbtc35)

See you in August!

NSO Website:
[https://www.nso.upenn.edu/](https://www.nso.upenn.edu/)