Hello BUILD EXITO Scholars!

WE know you are busy as you finish up the academic year! We trust you are proud of all the great things you’ve accomplished. We will be taking the summer off from our bi-weekly scholar newsletters but may be in touch from time to time with program highlights and updates.

Best,
The BUILD EXITO team

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Tips to make the most of your summer

Summer is here and though many of you may be taking classes and have other responsibilities, we wanted to take a minute to highlight some things you might put on your to-do list for summer.

1. **Research graduate school options**

Check out this great resource [Graduate/Professional School](http://gradtrek.com/) from Advising and Career Services at PSU!

More resources about grad school options.

- [Peterson's Graduate and Professional Schools](http://www.petersons.com)
- [http://gradtrek.com/](http://gradtrek.com/)
- [Identifying Programs – From Advising and Career Services, Portland State University](http://gradtrek.com/)

2. **Watch these videos about the grad school application process**

- [Bound for Graduate School](http://boundforgradschool.com)
- [Getting into Graduate School](http://gettingintograduateschool.com)

3. **Reach out to your mentor**

Even though you may not be meeting over the summer, shoot a quick email to your mentor to let them know how you are doing and what you have been working on.
4. **Gain relevant experience by job shadowing, doing an internship, or volunteering**

   - Research Companies and Careers Through Job Shadowing
   - Volunteer with dosomething.org
   - Internship Information for Students from Advising and Career Services, Portland State University

5. **Conduct informational interviews**

   Learn more about how to do that with PSU's informational Interviews resource

6. **Work on a draft of your personal statement for grad school**

   - Personal Essays – From Advising and Career Services, Portland State University
   - Writing the Personal Statement – From the Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University.
   - http://www.statementofpurpose.com/

7. **Prepare for admissions tests**

   - Graduate/Professional School Exam Information – From Advising and Career Services, Portland State University
   - ETS PowerPrep II - free GRE preparation software
   - ETS GRE Practice Book
   - Khan Academy Instructional Videos - free preparation for the GRE® Quantitative Reasoning Measure
   - Prepare for the MCAT Exam - From the Association of American Medical Colleges

8. **Write a draft of your CV**

   - Writing the Curriculum Vitae – From the Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University.
   - Resumes, Cover Letters & Curricula Vitae – From The University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
   - CV Doctor – See CV before and after examples. From the Chronicle of Higher Education.
   - NIH Biosketch template

9. **Lastly, but most importantly, carve out time to relax, take care of yourself, and HAVE FUN!**

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**PROJECT UPDATES**

Thanks for making the RLC matching fair last Friday such a success!
We are thrilled to report that the first RLC matching fair last Friday was a huge success! Faculty noted how impressive, confident, and engaged you were. You were also well prepared, making good use of the opportunity to talk with an experienced researcher. We know many of you came in with ideas of RLC leaders you wanted to talk to, but were also open to meeting others. Many RLC leaders stated that they would be happy to have any or all of the scholars they met working in their lab. What a huge complement to how amazing you all are!

We must acknowledge Radhika Reddy, our RLC coordinator, for all her efforts to pull off this event. She worked tirelessly to get all the details together, make sure everyone had what they needed, and ensure that we can make great matches for those who are headed into an RLC at PSU or OHSU this year.

We know that the RLC experience is crucial for you all and recognize how significant this hands-on experience will be. We can't wait to see how your RLC involvement shapes the BUILD EXITO community and beyond!

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Have dinner with the NIH!

Next week, the NIH is coming for a site visit at BUILD EXITO and has requested to have dinner with BUILD Scholars and Peer Mentors to learn more about their experience in the program.

We are asking you to participate!

**Information:**
**What:** Dinner with visitors from the NIH to discuss the program.
**Date:** June 15, 2016
**Time:** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. (may run late but continued attendance is not required)
**Location:** STEM Center Multi-Purpose Room (Cramer Hall 352)
**Parking:** Parking is located on campus but, unfortunately, parking passes will not be provided.

Questions? Contact ramirez3@pdx.edu.

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RSVP Here
Cultural Resource Center Student Receptionist

The Cultural Resource Center is currently hiring for Cultural Resource Centers Student Receptionist positions for the 2016-2017 school year. Please email cultures@pdx.edu for more information.

Graduates this Spring Term will be happy to know that June break-week workshops will focus on interview skills, resumes and cover letters. The first session of our MBTI: Major and Career Choice series is also scheduled that week!

- June 14th | MBTI Session I | 1:30-3:30pm (must attend all three sessions, calls for $20 materials fee)
- June 15th | Intro to Interviewing | 2-3:30pm
- June 16th | Resumes/Cover Letters | 3:00-4:30 pm
- June 20th | SUMMER TERM BEGINS

Workshops are open to all current students and alumni and are located in University Services Building, room 402. Click here for more details.

Also, check out who's hiring Vikings! Visit us for a list!

National Education for Women's Leadership of Oregon National

Education for Women's Leadership of Oregon (NEW Leadership Oregon) aims to build leaders in Oregon today to solve the problems of tomorrow. The program is dedicated towards inspiring, educating, and supporting the next generation of women leaders. Each year we graduate an outstanding class of women who are equipped with the skills to become fearless leaders in their communities and encourages them to become more involved in the political process.

If you have any questions regarding the program or application don't hesitate to contact Mariana Lindsay at 503.725.2895 or at cwlinfo@pdx.edu.
Today’s Women in Science & Technology (TWIST) Summit

June 29, 2016 // 11:30am - 5:00pm
Columbia Edgewater Country Club // Portland, Oregon

Who: High School & Collegiate Women in STEM (high school juniors/seniors and college freshmen/sophomores)

Come and connect with Portland-area peers interested in STEM and meet leading female executives from tech companies around the country! At the TWIST Summit, you can expect to learn more about the STEM fields from top business executives, build relationships and future career opportunities, and have fun. There is no fee to participate and lunch is included.

Space is limited; register here.

Advising and Career Services is planning for next year’s Viking Visits which are described below and we are hoping to get your help by sending this message to your students or posting it on an social media your office may have.

Viking Visits are an opportunity for students to get an exclusive look into the innerworking of local companies. It is a chance to meet and hear from professionals about what they do and how you can start a career in that industry. Past visits have included Wieden + Kennedy, Laika, and Green Zebra. As we plan for future visits we would love your ideas on what companies you would like to visit - please fill out this survey!

Full link to survey if needed:
https://docs.google.com/a/pdx.edu/forms/d/1iyehHKovWt9l8AztEw0iQAz8d_L1e9rL9upNgqj970/viewform

For questions contact Shannon Aniciete, Career Counselor at 503.725.9547

James Dyson Award

The competition is open for entries from February 18
The competition is open for entries from February 18 – July 19, 2016.

The James Dyson Award challenges students and recent graduates of design, engineering and related disciplines to design something that solves a problem.

The best invention internationally is awarded $45,000 in prize money, and their university receives $7,500.

More details about the competition and how to enter can be found at www.jamesdysonaward.com.

If you have any questions or would like any further information contact Emily Shuki at emily.shuki@dyson.com.

Connect with us on social media!