



BEST @ CORNELL

Events for July 2016

CompSustNet Conference | 6-8 July

Conference focusing on computational methods for balancing environmental, economic, and societal needs for a sustainable future. Free for Cornellians.

Location: 120 Clark. For info and registration click [here](#).

SciComm – Monthly Meeting | 12 July [More info here](#)

Club meeting featuring a videoconference with Dr. Miriam Krause (CSN).

Location: 226 Weill. 3:45 – 5:00 PM. Contact us at cu.scicomm@gmail.com.

Charting a Course to Career Success Webinar | 20 July

The second webinar in the ASBM-BEST series focusing on career planning and IDPs

Location: Online. 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Register [here](#). Recordings will be available.

Finding Your Scientific Voice | 27, 28, 29 July & 3, 4, 5 August

Sessions on methods for improving your communication & presentation skills

Location: TBD. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Enroll in Blackboard.

For the complete set of events, make sure to check the [BEST Events Section](#)

BEST on the Hill (Capitol Hill)

BESTies associated with the Advancing Science and Policy (ASAP) club had the opportunity to meet on June 9th with ten representatives and senators at the US Congress; these politicians represented a diverse set of states including California, Michigan, New York, among others. These students had been mentored by Prof. Chris Schaffer (BME), who had previously served one year as a science policy aide to Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA). See [news coverage here](#).

Divya Shiroor's Blogs (NIH BEST Blog)

Follow the experiences and (mostly planned) progress of Divya Shiroor [here](#).

The Free Online Course: A Perspective

Even though I am about to celebrate two years as a student at Cornell, this is actually my first time spending an entire summer in Ithaca. All first year students in BME spend their first summer as research interns in New York City. During that summer, I found myself browsing the Internet for free entertainment (whenever I was not busy exploring Manhattan on foot or watching a knee get replaced), which led to my first time taking an online course. With free education being one of the most important tools available to humans, having access to knowledge through these courses has never been easier. Personal experience and actual lessons are still better sources of knowledge, but these courses serve as introductions to new material and can often serve as guides to what you want to explore non-academically. MOOCs and edX are bustling sources of information and may be worth some of your free time. Or you could always go to New York City, I guess.

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BEST HIGHLIGHT



**-Leading,
One Opportunity
at a Time**

Leadership experience, academic dedication and a commitment to the Cornell community are some of the defining characteristics of Tiffany St. Bernard. Highly involved in entrepreneurial ventures, she has already had experience as a CEO and a start-up founder. And many issues that have come along the way. Naturally motivated by her entrepreneurial endeavors, Tiffany's research as a student is focused on the development of medical technology, specifically ultrasonics. Beyond commercialization of medical technology, Tiffany has also developed an impressive portfolio as a student leader, working for organizations such as [GPSA](#) and [OISE](#). As a result of all this work, she has developed a better understanding and appreciation for time management and giving oneself personal goals. Not to mention having a stellar reputation in the Cornell community.

Tiffany St. Bernard is a third year Ph.D. student in the Amit Lal laboratory. At Cornell, she is a leader at [GPSA](#) & [OISE](#) while simultaneously leading her own start-up ([Heredays](#)).

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