BEST @ CORNELL

Events for November 2016

Career Blitz & Company Site Visit – Registration Deadline | 3 November
w/UNC BEST Program: TIBBS Career Blitz and PPD company site visit
Location: Research Triangle Park, NC. 15-16 November. Click here for info

COMM 5660 – Registration Deadline | 5 November
Weekend workshop geared at the presentation of your research to non-scientists
Location: TBA. 11-13 November. Click here for info

Procter & Gamble Site Visit - Registration Deadline | 10 November
Site visit to the headquarters of Procter & Gamble + 5 min thesis presentations
Location: Cincinnati, OH. 4-5 December. Click here for application details

NYF: BEST Careers in Industry and Entrepreneurship | 17 November
NYF seminar series on career development for graduate students
Location: 226 Weill. 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Click here for info

COMM 5665 | 2-4 December
Science practicum course offering in-depth writing critique by ScienceNews reporters
Location: TBA. Click here for details. Please email elc55@cornell.edu for registration

For the complete set of events, check the Events Section

Announcements

Certified Achievements (Read her review of the experience)
BEST would like to congratulate BESTie Jessica Duke for her successful completion of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Big Data and Social Analytics course

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship
The AAAS Fellowship provides scientists with the opportunity to interact with federal policymakers in Washington, D.C. Many other policy fellowships are listed here.

BEST Contributes to Quality of Graduate Student Life
The GPCI provides a framework for discussing and addressing issues related to graduate and professional student life. Read about it here

Stepping Out of your Comfort Zone
BESTie Zhengchun Lu recently attended the 2016 BIO International Convention where she had the chance to interact with 1800 exhibitors and 192 companies. Zhengchun had the opportunity to reflect back on this event.
“It is a very intense experience for me to try my best to connect with people who are at much higher levels. Most of the guest speakers at each session are director, CEO, VP, manager, etc.,” mentioned Zhengchun.
At the end, she was able to relate back the benefits to stepping out of her comfort zone, connecting with the head of vaccine development at a major pharmaceutical company.

GET INVOLVED in BEST: read some FAQ to see if it is a good fit for you!
Victor Aguilar, Editor-in-Chief

BEST MENTORS

-How to be a BEST student leader
Kenneth Yancey knew early enough that he did not want to become a professor. Right around this time, the BEST Program was being established at Cornell. Then, doors began to open. “The BEST Program has helped me by giving me an invaluable opportunity ... It has funded my participation in conferences, provided me [with] opportunities for [networking] and helped me advocate for working hands-on in industry,” Yancey said.

Inspired by his own research in the development of new methods for the production of proteins for both small and large scale production, he has constructed a path towards a career in the pharmaceutical industry. He was given the opportunity to work for GlaxoSmithKline for several months, leading to publications and the expansion of his networking base.

His passion led him to join the BEST advisory board, with the goal of helping fellow students.
“My advice to people would be to not be a passive participant ... Don't be afraid to spend time out of the lab,” Yancey advises.

Reach out to a BEST mentor today.

Kenneth Yancey is a Ph.D. student in the Dan Luo laboratory in Biological & Environmental Engineering.