



## 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](mailto: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.

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