Events for December 2015

Finding Your Scientific Voice | 7-8 December
Morning workshops for developing presentation skills. Application required
Location: 609 Clark Hall. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, both days.
HTTP://BEST.CORNELL.EDU/INDEX.CFM/EVENTS.DETAILS?EVENTID=852

Women in STEM Policy Seminar | 11 December
Application deadline for applying to the PLEN seminar in Washington, D.C.
HTTP://PLEN.ORG/PROGRAMS/SEMINARS/SCIENCE/

Job Search Discussion | 15 December
Lunch discussion on job searches, hosted by CU-CIRTL.
Location: TBD. 12:00 – 1:00 PM.
HTTP://GRADSCHOOL.CORNELL.EDU/PROFESSIONAL-DEVELOPMENT-EVENTS/JOB-SEARCH-DISCUSSION-GROUP-1

Reflections on Opportunity
My academic development comes from many opportunities. I am currently writing this newsletter article to improve on my writing skills while getting you interested in current events sponsored by BEST. Writing has helped me come up with better methods to express my work to an audience more diverse than a roomful of students. This column, an ongoing source of opportunities, offers a different vantage point for growing as an engineer.

At BEST we are constantly invited to attend discussions with leaders in industry, government policy, and investigative journalism in the hope that we will get meaningful insights into how to start a career post Cornell. Despite the physical closeness between the student and the presenter, it is however up to the graduate student how to put to use any of the lessons. From talking with complete strangers to hosting a science talk at an event, make sure to put to use any of the ideas you have gathered from BEST. Inspiration does not lead to a job well done, only practice can.

General Words of Wisdom: Be Serious About Non-Work
After interacting with some BESTies over the past two months, this theme kept coming up. From entrepreneurship to traveling, a common motif for graduate students is to find balance in their lives outside the laboratory. While most took their dedications to side activities in the form of leadership roles, most agreed that scheduling professional development and extracurriculars on the side lead to general efficiency work. Consider what you could start making time for and pursue it.