

MACAULAY MONDAY

TOP STORIES FROM MACAULAY NOW

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NEWS

Macaulay Student wins Prestigious Award

Bella Robbins (Brooklyn '43) was awarded first place in the Intel Science Talent Search. Bella has been working on an extensive mathematical-based solution to the problems experienced by novice teleporters. Her research showed that students' first teleportation experiences, which are known to detrimentally affect cognitive abilities, are due in large part to the physics associated with the action and not to students' individual intellectual capabilities. Bella's findings have led the scientific world as a whole to question the value of teleportation, weighing the convenience it provides against the students' intellects it impairs.

CUNY-Chip™ Available for Pre-Law Majors

The highly acclaimed CUNY-Chip™ will be available for juniors and seniors taking Pre-Law classes. The chip, using radioactive magnetic wavelengths, will now provide *onbrain* Pre-Law courses in addition to the Pre-Med courses that are already offered. For students already equipped with a brain chip slot, the new CUNY-Chip™ can be purchased from <http://macaulay.cuny.edu/store>. Students looking to obtain a brain chip slot in addition to the chip can receive both at a discounted price. For more information on the brain chip slot surgery, visit <http://soyouwantabrainchipslot.org/FAQ>

FaceTime and Skype for Registration

Tired of the registration frenzy, where Macaulay teleportals are jammed, online advisors are scant, and your home base is just too far away? Now you can register easily in realtime with a certified Macaulay advisor who will help you choose the classes that best suit your needs. As of next week, realtime registration will be available through FaceTime and Skype. The Macaulay Tech Department is reviewing additional third-party softwares through which to offer this new, convenient method of registration.

Hologram Malfunctions

EducateX, the company that provides Macaulay with holograms of their professors, announced that a bug has appeared in the hologram software, but

that it is of minor concern and will be fixed shortly. The malfunctioning holograms pose a problem for professors who do not have other means of teaching, such as those who are traveling abroad or do not reside near a Macaulay campus. Thankfully, Macaulay only uses holograms for professors that teach in large, impersonal settings such as lecture halls. Still, there may be class cancellations in the upcoming days while EducateX irons out the glitches. "In the meantime," a representative from EducateX said, professors just will have to "show up in person."

OPPORTUNITIES

Macaulay Offering Courses in conjunction with University of Costa Rica

For students interested in tropical ecology and marine biology, Macaulay has just the program for you. Macaulay teamed up with the University of Costa Rica, an institution that has been at the forefront of ecological studies since the early twentieth century. Now, you can learn about the fascinating biodiversity of Costa Rica right from your own home. Students can 'travel' to Costa Rica using the new *ReallyThere* software. *ReallyThere* can transmit sight, smell, touch, sound, and taste- all through your USB port! Come along for the ride as renowned ecologist Miguel Escobar travels through the legendary rainforests of Costa Rica.

New Field Trips Added to Geology Course

Students enrolled in *GEOL4244: Composition of the Earth's Core* can sign up for monthly field trips to the Earth's core. Each day-long trip consists of seven hours of travel time and ten hours of fieldwork. The trip themes will coincide with the course syllabus. Students interested in the field trips should contact GEOLdept@macaulay.cuny.edu. The field trips are part of LSE (Learn, See & Explore), which has been generously funded by Macaulay's Center for Outside Learning.

STUDY & RESEARCH

Research Opportunity with Dr. Paula Edmont

Dr. Edmont, professor of PT (Psychology of Technology) at Hunter College, is looking for a research assistant this summer. Dr. Edmont is studying the effects of technology on students' independent research skills. In particular, Dr. Edmont is looking at technologies available today (specifically search engines and instant online tutors) and the role they play in the global trend of students' decreasing

ability to do independent work. Have these free, ubiquitous technologies caused the decline in our students' capabilities? Or do they merely expedite the insignificant yet necessary steps associated with a research project that would otherwise be tedious time-consuming? Please contact Dr. Edmont at pedmont@hunter.cuny.edu to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

EVENTS

“Where is Your Money Going?”

Guest Speaker Brian Chang will be speaking about universities today and their allocations of funds. For the past thirty years, there has been a surge in universities' technology budgets and a decrease in teachers' salaries. While having the newest technology is internationally recognized as being vital to a college's success, teachers are becoming exceedingly neglected in the face of technology's expanding spotlight. Chang explores the apparent inverse relationship between budgets for technology and teachers, and what it means to be a successful college today. With the best technology, do you need the best teachers? In fifty years, will we even need teachers? Come join us or tune in online while Brian Chang discusses all this and more.

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