

SCS TODAY: September 4, 2020

[A late-day M-W-F update from the SCS Dean's Office]

As the first week of classes in the hybrid mode comes to a close, I know that preparing for this semester has been challenging for everyone – as are most aspects of the school during these unprecedented times. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for meeting the challenges that SCS faces these days. I recognize the toll this is taking on everyone mentally, physically and in your personal lives – so I urge you to use this long Labor Day weekend as an opportunity to retreat, reflect and rest. Barring a dire emergency, I plan to stop emailing at the end of today until Tuesday morning. Have a fantastic holiday weekend...

TO KNOW

— [Xinshuo Weng and Ye Yuan, both Ph.D. students in the Robotics Institute, are one of 13 teams nationwide to win a 2020 Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship.](#)

DON'T DELAY!

— **Deadline is today at 5 p.m.:** SCS faculty, staff and graduate students with child care needs, please [take the survey from CMU's Family Care Advisory Committee](#). This is the best way to share how the pandemic has affected your child care needs and arrangements. Contact the HR Service Center at hr-help@andrew.cmu.edu or 412-268-4600 with questions. All information provided will be kept confidential.

REGARDING PARKING

— Do you have a parking pass for campus that you're not using frequently and would be willing to share with someone who needs to be on campus occasionally? Or do you need to be on campus occasionally but don't have a parking pass and would benefit from someone sharing theirs with you? [Let us know, as SCS works to explore and facilitate some parking solutions.](#)

FRIDAY FUN...

— You'll see friendly, familiar faces in [Episode 13 of SCS@home](#) where we learn what music some SCS students listen to when they study – and what they listen to during their free time.

...AND MORE FUN

— Stay tuned for more information next week when you'll be invited to the [Gather](#) kick-off of "Build SCS" on Thursday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m. We'll virtually gather in Rashid Auditorium as [Phillip Wang](#), Gather's CEO/co-founder and a recent CS grad, hosts a workshop to get us started with virtually building – room by room, bridge by bridge, building by building – all spaces within SCS. Everyone can build/contribute.

— Have you organized or attended a virtual event that you thought was awesome (or maybe not so awesome)? [SCS is working to develop school-wide virtual events for this fall and we would love your input!](#)

Until Wednesday,
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