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A midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office | [FACIAL COVERINGS](#) | [VACCINE DATABASE](#)

First today, I reiterate what I emailed yesterday:
In SCS, our collective mission is to cultivate a transformational educational experience for our students. We embrace diversity as a core value and work to demonstrate it in our campus culture. We strive to create a collaborative environment that is open to the free exchange of ideas and maintain an academic environment that promotes the confidence necessary to work and study without fear of discrimination or misconduct of any type.

Regarding the posters that conveyed anti-Asian rhetoric: in SCS we do not tolerate or condone this type of behavior and will take action to seek the origin and stop the perpetuation of this and any form of hate rhetoric. Everyone in SCS has a responsibility to call out inappropriate behavior when we see it, and to work as a community to mitigate any action that is offensive or discriminative. Going forward, I and other leaders in SCS will aggressively investigate this incident and prosecute any hate or discrimination incidents in our community.

Please be aware of and do not engage with any phishing attempts that appear to come from me,
for instance: From: Martial Hebert, <box.inboxmail@aol.com>

SCS NEWS + AWARDS
— Congratulations to A. Nico Habermann Assistant Professor Henny Admoni, named by Women in Robotics and Robohub as one of the [50 women in robotics you need to know about in 2021](#).

— The Technology for Effective and Efficient Learning Lab (TEEL Lab) will collaborate with the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) to [create a more engaging and inclusive curriculum for teaching information technology and computer science](#) in community colleges with its [Social and Interactive Learning at Community Colleges](#)(SAIL-CC) program.

— SCS doctoral student Ruochi Zhang led a project team including Ph.D. candidate Tianming Zhou and Jian Ma, the Ray and Stephanie Lane Professor of Computational Biology. [They developed Higashi](#), an algorithm that illustrates genome organization in cells at unprecedented resolutions. Zhang named Higashi after a traditional Japanese sweet, continuing a tradition he began with other algorithms he has developed.

— Athiya Deviyani, Abuzar Khan, Alex Li and Ranadeep Singh — all first-year students in the Master's in Artificial Intelligence and Innovation (MSAII) program — went into a Cornell University hackathon with a strategy of not taking it too seriously. But their dance app, [Twerk Out, ended up a serious winner](#) as the best health hack and the most creative use of Twilio at [Big Red//Hacks](#) last month.

Until next week,
---- Martial

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Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share.
Connect with a representative leader from [SCS Council](#) if you'd like to submit a topic for Council to consider.