

SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | April 6, 2022

A midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office

I hope everyone is looking forward to Spring Carnival and to a brief break. Remember: there are no classes tomorrow or Friday and no assignments to be due over the break. Enjoy!

FOUNDERS DAY RECAP

— Every spring, SCS honors outstanding faculty and staff during our annual Founders Day ceremony. I offer sincere thanks to this year's nominators and nominees – and congratulations to the faculty and staff award recipients who were honored during yesterday's gathering. See [who was nominated and who won](#) this year.

DOUSE-A-DEAN RETURNS!

— Friday, April 8, 12:45 - 1 p.m. – Join me on the midway in front of Doherty Hall as I wait for buckets of water to rain down on me, thanks to the organizing efforts of CMU's Police Department. Consider supporting the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania by dousing... me! Visit <https://give.specialolympicspa.org/team/415937> to donate any amount. Donations will be accepted until 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

As of today, I see that SCS is in second place with this fundraising effort. Doesn't first place sound a little better?

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— The [Society for Science](#) included esteemed SCS faculty members Mary Shaw and Dana Scott in its recent list of notable alumni from the Science Talent Search program – the oldest and among the most prestigious science and mathematics competitions in the U.S.

— The [Girls of Steel](#) robotics team took home top awards at two recent regional competitions and qualified to compete with the best national and international teams at this month's [FIRST World Championship](#) competition in Houston.

— Researchers Nesra Yannier, Ken Koedinger and Scott Hudson in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII) along with researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and Georgia Tech have [created a new genre of interactive, hands-on museum exhibits](#) that includes an intelligent, virtual assistant to interact with visitors, enhance learning, and keep kids engaged longer.

— CMU's Moon Buddy team is part of the 2022 [NASA Spacesuit User Interface Technologies for Students \(SUITS\) Challenge](#). The team, which aims to [incorporate an augmented reality \(AR\) interface in the agency's next generation of spacesuits](#), was one of 10 selected to participate in the challenge and will test their design next month at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

NEXT WEEK'S DEI SEMINAR

— Thursday, April 14, 5 p.m. – Centering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Impact at Toyota Research Institute (TRI) with Kerri Fetzer-Borelli, executive program manager at TRI, who designed and launched a range of diversity, equity and inclusion programs that have provided opportunities for TRI to review all aspects of the organization including product development. [Join via Zoom](#) or on [Panopto Simulcast](#).

INFO + REMINDERS

— CMU has provided a [door sign](#) for use by individuals who wish to ask others to wear a facial covering in a private office (or in a shared office with agreement of all occupants). Please be respectful and supportive of others as we continue to deal with COVID-19 in our community.

— President Jahanian recently provided an [update](#) on the report of the President's Committee on International Engagements. If you work with international partners, please review the recommendations and new [website](#), which include travel guidance.

— It's not too late to register to [compete as a runner](#) in this month's [Random Distance Run](#).

Until next week,

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REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

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.
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