TAKE THE SYMPTOM SURVEY DAILY | TAKE THE TARTAN TEST WEEKLY

All of us share A Tartan’s Responsibility. As members of the CMU community we must do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

SCS NEWS + AWARDS
— SCS remembers Adobe co-founder and Ph.D. alum Charles Geschke who died earlier this month at the age of 81.

— SCS and McGill University researchers have adapted an algorithm to identify similarities across advertisements for escort services, making it easier for law enforcement to identify human traffickers.

— Double congratulations are in order for senior Misha Ivkov who has received this year’s Mark Stehlik Alumni Undergraduate Impact Scholarship and the 2021 Alan J. Perlis Undergraduate Student Teaching Award.

— Congratulations to Machine Learning Ph.D. student Stefani Karp, who received the 2021 Alan J. Perlis Graduate Student Teaching Award and to ECE master’s student Diaj Toussaint who was awarded the 2021 Mark Stehlik Introductory and Service Teaching Award.

— The Heinz Endowments has committed $30 million to fund a new Center for Shared Prosperity, which will leverage CMU’s strengths in applied research to address long-standing equity barriers and foster economic empowerment in the Pittsburgh region. SCS professor Illah Nourbakhsh will serve as the center’s inaugural executive director.

FOR SCS PH.D. STUDENTS
— Sign up today or tomorrow for another round of SCS Ph.D. Coffee Chats. Fill out this form to be paired with another SCS Ph.D. student next week.

I don’t often share information about fundraisers, but Engineering and Public Policy Ph.D. candidate Priyank Lathwal reached out to me and I want to share this with all of SCS.

India is in the grips of a severe COVID-19 second wave. In my capacity as president of the Indian Graduate Student Association (IGSA) at CMU, I have started a fundraiser in collaboration with student organizations at Columbia, Cornell, Stanford, Harvard, MIT, UC Berkeley, Northwestern, University of Michigan and other universities to support COVID-19 relief efforts in India. Donations will go to GiveIndia’s “India Covid Relief Fund-II” which directs resources to a growing list of NGOs working on the ground. This fund follows the India Covid Relief Fund-I, for which the impact report is here. We welcome students, faculty, alumni and staff to support this time-sensitive effort and help save lives.

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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