

SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | June 30, 2021

A mid-week update from the SCS Dean's Office | [SCS NEWS](#) | [SCS EVENTS](#)

DID YOU KNOW?: Fourteen students from [Girls of Steel Robotics](#) graduated from high school this year and are headed to 11 colleges or universities: Case Western, CMU, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Georgia Tech, Harvard, MIT, Olin College of Engineering, Penn State, UC Berkeley, University of Wisconsin and Wellesley College. Three students will attend CMU and two will attend Harvard; a total of 13 will major in STEM fields.

Speaking of Girls of Steel, 12 team members are attending the [2021 FIRST National Advocacy Conference](#) today to meet with Pennsylvania Senators and Representatives to advocate for increased appropriations to the Every Student Succeeds Act, [ESSA, Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment \(SSAE\) Program](#).

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RETURNING TO CAMPUS: With CMU's move for on-campus service to a [Transitional Posture](#) as of tomorrow, be sure to review the updated [SCS COVID Guidance and FAQs](#), especially: working with your department to determine an on-campus/remote/hybrid work schedule for your role; new guidance for meetings, visitors and travel; and new guidance for human subject research.

Teaching FAQs will be updated and posted during July for preparation for fall classes.

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— Congratulations to Virginia Smith, assistant professor in the Machine Learning Department, and Priya Danti, Ph.D. candidate in the Computer Science and Engineering and Public Policy departments, who have been named to [MIT Technology Review](#)'s prestigious annual list of [35 Innovators Under 35](#). The list recognizes [exceptionally talented technologists](#) whose work has great potential to transform the world.

— Ashique KhudaBukhsh, project scientist/engineer in the Language Technologies Institute, led a team of researchers who used machine learning to identify supportive tweets from Pakistan during India's COVID-19 crisis. It turns out that [in the throes of a public health crisis, words of hope can be welcome medicine](#).

— [Marinus Analytics, a CMU spinoff company, won third place and \\$500,000](#) in the [IBM Watson AI XPRIZE competition](#). The company was formed in 2014 by Dietrich College alum Emily Kennedy and Cara Jones, a former staff member in the Robotics Institute whose professional experience includes computer engineering, social entrepreneurship and digital transformation in policing.

— Lorrie Cranor, the director of CyLab and a professor in the departments of Engineering and Public Policy and the Institute for Software Research, decided to present at this month's [Conference on Privacy Engineering Practice and Respect \(PEPR\)](#) from an extremely private room in her home: her bathroom. [Lorrie has used "potty talk"](#) to teach about privacy since 2014.

I wish you and yours a safe and enjoyable Independence Day holiday weekend!

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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