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,
----- Martial

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. Coronavirus Updates & Information and FAQs

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