

SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | AUGUST 10, 2022

A brief, midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

— Chris Harrison, associate professor in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII), was featured last week on [NBC Nightly News](#), “Inside the Metaverse: What Does the Future of Virtual Reality Feel Like?” The segment also aired on NBC’s TODAY and SUNDAY TODAY programs.

— Worth repeating: the latest issue of The Link, the magazine of the School of Computer Science, is [now online](#). Typically published twice each year, The Link highlights SCS’s people and recent research. Past issues are available in the site’s [Archives](#). This issue will be available only online due to paper shortages.

— This Friday, August 12: [Dec/5 TGs](#) return! Summertime TG (short for TGIF) for SCS graduate students, faculty and staff, 5 - 7 p.m. in the Newell Simon Hall Atrium.

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— The U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency ([DARPA](#)) named [SCS faculty member Deepak Pathak](#) part of its 2022 class of [DARPA Risers](#). Each year the agency selects a cohort of outstanding early career researchers to be recognized for their work.

— A team of [SCS researchers have developed an artificial intelligence pilot](#) that can navigate a crowded airspace. The team tested the AI on two flight simulators: one controlled by the AI, the other by a human — both operating in the same airspace.

— Stephen Smith, research professor in the Robotics Institute, was [voted president-elect of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence](#) (AAAI).

— An interdisciplinary [team of CMU students won NASA's Gateway to Blue Skies: Airports of Tomorrow competition](#), and will have the chance to intern with NASA during the upcoming academic year.

NEWS FROM SUMMER PROGRAMS

— Last month, the HCII hosted middle school students from the Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship for a three-day workshop on user centered design and innovation. Students learned principles of user centered design, conducted guerilla research on campus, practiced rapid idea generation and developed an innovation that they pitched to “investors.” This workshop was led by Skip Shelly, Nik Martelaro and Jessica Vogt.

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Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share.

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