FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Terrance Hayes, Pitt alum and writing professor in the Dietrich School, has been named to the 2015 Longlist for the National Book Award for poetry for his collection How to Be Drawn.
- Willie Choi, assistant professor of Business Administration, won the Early Career Researcher Award from the American Accounting Association.
- Anne M. Robertson, the William Kepler Whiteford professor of Mechanical Engineering, was named one of 100 inspiring women in STEM by Insight into Diversity Magazine.
- The American Society of Mechanical Engineers created the Savio L-Y Woo Translational Biomechanics Medal to honor the Distinguished Professor of Bioengineering and founder and director of the Musculoskeletal Research Center.
- Jonathan Pruitt, biology professor with Department of Biological Sciences, is named to Popular Science magazine’s Brilliant 10 list.
- John M. Kirkwood, the Thomas and Sandra Usher Professor of Medicine, Dermatology and Translational Science Co-leader, Melanoma and Skin Care Program, received The Elsie Hillman Distinguished Scholar Award.
- Lynn Coghill, director of the School of Social Work’s MSW program, is named Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, Pennsylvania chapter.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

- James Conner, junior running back, recognized by All-State American Football Coaches Association and the National Kidney Foundation for his community service.
- Sossena Wood, bioengineering PhD candidate, is named the National Graduate Education for Minorities (GEM) Fellow of the Year.

INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION:

- College of Business Administration is ranked 39th in the United States and 24th as U.S. public university by U.S. News and World Report.
- Katz Business School is ranked 35th in the United States and 13th among U.S. public universities by Forbes Magazine.
- Pitt Law faculty ranked 50th in the nation in scholarly impact, in study by the University of Saint Thomas.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

- Environmental and Energy Leadership: The Natural Health Science Building at Pitt-Johnstown has earned LEED GOLD Certification for its sustainable design.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

- President Barack Obama nominates Pitt Law alumna, Judge Marilyn Jean Horan, to the federal bench for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
GRANTS AND GIFTS:

- **Department of Health and Human Services awards $4 million** to Laurie Mulvey, with the Office of Child Development, for the Early Head Start project.
- **National Science Foundation awards $1.7 million** to LRDC Professors Timothy Nokes-Malach to study cognitive processes; and **$1.6 million** to Kevin Crowley to study taxonomic identification skills.
- **National Science Foundation awards part of $3 million grant** to Shannon Wanless, assistant professor of education, to study the role of psychological safety in teaching math and science to pre-schoolers.
- **The U.S. Brain Initiative, with the National Science Foundation, awards $1.8 million** to Professors Bard Ermentrout, Dietrich School Department of Mathematics and Nathan Urban, School of Medicine, Department of Neurobiology, for study of olfactory systems.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES FOUNDATION:

- **The Hillman Cancer Center Gala**, held on Sept. 17, raised **$6.8 million** to support cancer care and research.
- **The National Cancer Institute’s Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) program has awarded $10.9 million** (over five years) to physician Robert Ferris with the Department of Otolaryngology, School of Medicine, and University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute to study differentiated thyroid cancer.
- **HIV research**: Dr. Linda Frank, of the Graduate School of Public Health, was awarded a four-year **$10.7 million** grant for AIDS prevention and care from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration; Drs. Ivona Pandrea and Cristian Apetrei received **$6.3 million** from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for HIV vaccine research.
- **Joel Greenberger**, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation Professor with the Department of Radiology Oncology in the School of Medicine received a five-year, **$18 million** grant from the NIH to continue work on protection in case of exposure to radiation in an emergency.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS:

- **U.S. Senator Bob Casey** paid visits Pitt-Johnstown and Pitt-Bradford to discuss the Campus SaVe Act and other initiatives to eliminate sexual violence on campus.
- **United Way Day of Caring** held on Oct. 2, saw Pitt volunteers serve at more than 21 projects across Pittsburgh.
- **Pitt Make a Difference Day**, on Oct. 24, will draw more than 3,000 student volunteers, who will fan out for projects throughout the city.
- **An Idea Exchange** held near the end of September allowed Pitt faculty to engage with the community through service-learning courses, research, departmental outreach and other creative ways.