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NEW SENATE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

- Election ends **Thursday, April 19** at midnight. New president will be announced on **Friday, April 20**.
- **Vice President Robin Kear** and **Secretary Cindy Tananis** ran unopposed.

NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD LEADERSHIP

- President: Maggie Kennedy
- Executive Vice President: Jahari Mercer
- Vice President and Chief of Finance: Cory Stillman
- Vice President and Chief of Cabinet: Jessica Chong

NEW GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

- President: Rachel Coombs
- Vice President of Committees: Jennifer Enriquez
- Vice President of Communications: Crystal Taylor
- Vice President of Finance: Spencer Edelstein
- Vice President of Programming: Alison McIntosh

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

- **David C. Frederick (A&S '83)** will speak to students who have earned master's, professional doctoral and doctoral degrees on Thursday, April 26. An appellate attorney in Washington, D.C., Frederick has argued more than 100 appeals cases, including 50 before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- At Pitt, Frederick created a scholarship to support tuition for six full-time undergraduate students who work part- or full-time jobs to pay for their education. He also established the David C. Frederick Public Service Internship Award, which supports unpaid public service summer internships, granted by the University Honors College and the Department of Political Science.
- **Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto (GSPIA'11)** will address the undergraduate class of 2019 on Sunday, April 29. Elected in 2013, Peduto took office as Pittsburgh's 60th mayor in 2014.
- Peduto previously spent 19 years on Pittsburgh's city council, during which he wrote the most comprehensive package of government reform legislation in Pittsburgh's history. Under his direction as Mayor, the City of Pittsburgh has added the most police officers (with expanded body cameras), building inspectors, firefighters and paramedics since 2004.

NEW PRESIDENT

- **Larry Feick** has been named **interim President of Pitt-Bradford** and **Pitt-Titusville**. Feick has served as Vice Provost of Special Projects since 2015 and has been heavily engaged on our regional campuses. He first joined the faculty of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business in 1982 and held roles as associate dean, director of the school's international business center and interim dean. From 2007-2015, he served as Director of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS). Feick's appointment begins July 1.

NEW DEAN OF DENTAL MEDICINE

- **Bernard J. Costello** has been named the new **Dean of the School of Dental Medicine**. He officially began his deanship on April 1. Costello joined Pitt's faculty in 2001 and has since served as the School of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery's associate dean for faculty affairs and senior associate dean. He is Chief of the Division of Craniofacial and Cleft Surgery in the School of Dental Medicine and the Division of Pediatric Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton and his doctorates in medicine and dental medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to Pitt, he trained at the University of Pennsylvania Health System and Georgetown University Medical Center.

NEW VICE CHANCELLOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

- **Ellen Moran** has been named **Vice Chancellor of Communications**. She will begin on May 1. She comes to Pitt from the Dewey Square Group, where she partnered with clients in the tech, labor and non-profit sectors. She previously worked as the executive vice president and general manager at the global public relations firm H+K Strategies and as the chief of staff and chief advisor to the Secretary of Commerce. She also served as the White House communications director for the Obama Administration.

RANDALL FAMILY BIG IDEA CENTER

- The **Randall Family Big Idea Center** was launched as part of the Randall Family Big Idea event on March 29. From within the Innovation Institute, the center will offer new resources, increased mentorship and a physical space for incubation activities for students of all levels and all disciplines.

PITT SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

- **Pitt Sustainability Week** runs through Friday, April 20. The **Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation** is organizing activities and events to help us reaffirm our goals to significantly reduce our energy and water use.
- The **University Store on Fifth** is supplying **sustainable graduation caps and gowns** to graduates next week. Each gown is made of GreenWeaver fabric derived from roughly 27 plastic bottles. The Class of 2018's graduation outfits will represent nearly 110,000 plastic bottles.

YEAR OF PITT GLOBAL

- Last week, the Provost's Office announced the "Year of Pitt Global": a university-wide focus in generating dialogue, coursework and research aimed at addressing global challenges and how Pitt can help meet those challenges. Visit <https://www.yearofpittglobal.pitt.edu/> for more information.

YEAR OF HEALTHY U

- Throughout the year, several events were held across campus to enhance our understanding of health in all its forms and renew our commitment to fostering a healthy community.
- Some of the events included:
 - Workshops aimed at helping students recognize unhealthy relationships;
 - A symposium on gun violence sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Health Law;
 - The "Race, Gender and Leadership Series: Health and Entrepreneurship in Asia", which featured Samir Lakhani, distinguished Pitt alumnus, social entrepreneur and Top CNN Hero of 2017.

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- The **Department of Philosophy** was recognized as the **No. 1** program in the world by the *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018*. This is the third consecutive year that the program took the top spot.

- The **School of Nursing's** doctor of nursing program is now ranked as the top program in the state and rose to **No. 5** in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The master of science of nursing program also moved up to **No. 7** from **No. 8** in the nation.
- The **School of Law** is now ranked **No. 74** by *U.S. News and World Report* out of more than 200 ABA-accredited law schools. This marks an increase of eight places. Pitt Law also gained notable rankings in specialized areas of study: **No. 20** in **Health Care Law** and **No. 27** in **International Law**.
- The **School of Social Work** is celebrating its **100th anniversary** this week. It was originally housed within the **School of Economics** and received its first social work accreditation in 1919. Today, it is ranked **No. 11** in the country by *U.S. News and World Report* and offers the second largest child welfare program in the country.

STUDENT MILESTONES

- **Max Kneis** and **Rachael White**, both graduating seniors from the **College of Business Administration**, were named winners of the **Poets & Quants 2018 Best and Brightest Award**. The award recognizes the most distinguished graduating business students at undergraduate schools across the country.
- **Dennis Doyle** has been named a **2018 Beinecke Scholar**. Doyle, a junior studying chemistry and studio arts, is the third Beinecke Scholar in the University's history. The Beinecke Scholarship Program seeks to encourage students to pursue graduate opportunities in the arts, humanities and social sciences.
- **Tuhin Chaturvedi**, a PhD candidate in the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, received the **Best Conference Paper** at the **Strategic Management Society's Special Conference**. Tuhin's paper is currently under review at the Strategic Management Journal. The conference is attended by scholars in strategic management from around the world.
- **Four Growers**, made up of **Daniel Chi, Brandon Contino, Daniel Hickton and Jiangzi Li**, took home the top prize at the **Randall Big Family Idea** event on March 29. Four Growers is developing a robotic system for harvesting tomatoes in greenhouses. They also competed in the Rice Business Plan Competition on April 6-7 at Rice University in Houston, the world's richest and largest graduate-level student startup competition.

FACULTY MILESTONES

- **Angela M. Gronenborn** [School of Medicine] has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS). Other members of the Class of 2018 include author Ta-Nehisi Coates, Tom Hanks, Netflix CEO W. Reed Hastings, Jr. and President Barack Obama.
- **Tamer Ibrahim** [Swanson School of Engineering], in collaboration with the Departments of Psychiatry and Epidemiology, has received close to **\$5 million** from multiple NIH grants that total more than **\$18 million** and extend through 2022 for his lab, the **Radiofrequency Research Facility**. These awards fund the development and use of innovative 7T human imaging technologies, one of the strongest human MRI devices in the world and a powerful imaging tool that allows researchers to gain a far better understanding of brain structure and function.
- **Nitin Sharma** [Swanson School of Engineering] received a **\$509,060 CAREER award** from the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** for "Ultrasound-based Intent Modeling and Control Framework for Neurorehabilitation and Educating Children with Disabilities and High School Students." The NSF CAREER award is the organization's most competitive research prize for junior faculty.
- **Thomas Hales** [Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences] has been awarded a **\$582,852 grant** from the **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**. The grant will be used to develop software and services for transforming mathematical results as they appear in journal article abstracts into formally structured data that machines can read, process, search, check, compute with and learn from as logical statements.

- **David A. Harris** [School of Law] has been appointed the **Sally Ann Semenko Endowed Chair**. This appointment recognizes Harris' extensive research and scholarly activities that have made him the nation's leading authority on racial profiling, police-community relations and police accountability.
- **Anthony C. Infanti** [School of Law] has been appointed the **Christopher C. Walthour, Sr. Endowed Professor of Law**. This position recognizes Infanti's eminence in the field of tax law and critical legal theory.
- **Rory Cooper**, Director of the Human Engineering Research Laboratories (HERL), was recently awarded the **American Institute for Biomedical Engineering (AIMBE) Advocacy Award** for outstanding and lasting contributions to humanity and the field of bioengineering. Cooper is the first person from Pitt to receive this award.
- **Tracy Soska** [School of Social Work] was honored with **Council on Social Work Education Service and Leadership in Social Work Education Award**, which recognizes a social work educator who advances, promotes and provides a significant contribution to extend the reach of social work education.
- **Todd Reeser** [Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences] has been awarded a 10-month senior residential fellowship in Lyon, France under the auspices of the **EURIAS Fellowship Programme**. Reeser will conduct archival research on his ongoing "Transgender France" book project, and become part of a research team at the Max Weber Center.
- **Erika Forbes** [Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences] and **Jennifer Silk** [School of Medicine] have been named **Association for Psychological Science Fellows**. The national honor recognizes "sustained outstanding contributions to the advancement of psychological science." Their election to fellow status places them among the country's most lauded researchers and teachers with over a decade of postdoctoral contributions.

STAFF MILESTONES

- **Jocelyn Lai** [Office of Human Resources] was awarded the 2018 American Advertising Federation's Multicultural Rising Star Award.