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NEW PROVOST

- Our new **Provost, Ann Cudd**, officially started on September 1. She comes to Pitt from the University of Boston, where she served as Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. There, she oversaw all strategic decisions related to the college's academic, financial, and administrative direction and growth.
- She also served for 25 years at the University of Kansas, where she held various roles including Director of Graduate Students and Director of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies; and Associate Dean for Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- She holds three degrees from the University of Pittsburgh: A Doctorate in Philosophy, a Master of Arts in Philosophy, and a Master of Arts in Economics.

NEW SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- **Hari Sastry** has been selected to serve as **senior vice chancellor and chief financial officer**.
- Since 2014, he has served as the director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources at the State Department. In this position, he is responsible for managing all aspects of the \$37 billion foreign assistance budget for the State Department and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), including planning and implementing the budget, as well as program performance.
- Sastry holds a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University, a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Michigan.
- His nomination goes before the Board of Trustees at the end of the month, and if elected, he will begin in October.

NEW CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

- Our new **Chief Investment Officer, Greg Schuler**, is officially on the job. He comes to Pitt from BJC Healthcare, one of the largest nonprofit health care integrated delivery organizations in the United States. He managed investment activities covering \$8 billion in assets and oversaw treasury activities related to debt, derivatives, and cash management.
- He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of British Columbia. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

NEW TREASURER

- **Paul Lawrence** is officially in his new position as **Treasurer**. He has served as Pitt's Managing Director of Investments since 1999 and as assistant treasurer, a Board-elected position, since 2000.
- Paul earned an MBA from our Katz Graduate School of Business, and he holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Penn State. He also holds the CFA designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Pittsburgh.

SUMMER TRANSITIONS

The following administrators started new positions over the summer:

- Interim President of Pitt-Bradford and Pitt-Titusville **Larry Feick**;
- School of Social Work Dean **Betsy Farmer**;
- Swanson School of Engineering Dean **Jimmy Martin**; and
- School of Law Dean **Amy Wildermuth**.

CLASS OF 2022

The Class of 2022 is the most academically accomplished and diverse class in Pitt's history. The **4,218 students** posted higher test scores than any previous incoming class in Pitt's history. They also hail from **all 50 states and territories** as well as **22 countries**.

FACILITIES PROJECTS

Several construction and/or renovation projects across our campuses were recently completed:

- On our Pittsburgh campus: **Classroom renovations in Posvar Hall**, a major renovation of the **Hillman Library's fourth floor** and a redesign of **Schenley Quad**.
- On our Bradford campus, we opened a new residence facility – **the Livingston Alexander House**—and wrapped renovations on the **Frame-Westerberg Commons Dining Hall**.
- On our Johnstown campus, we kicked off construction on a chemical engineering addition to the **Murtha Engineering and Science Building**.

PITT SEED PROJECT RECIPIENTS

We announced our first-ever **Pitt Seed Project awardees**. The 23 projects support Pitt's strategic goals and come from across the University. They were selected from 171 applications and by 125 faculty and staff. For a full list of the projects and more information, visit **Chancellor.Pitt.Edu**.

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- We achieved **all-time records** in start-ups based on Pitt technology (**23**) and sponsored research activity (**\$808 million**). On a related note, **Evan Facher** has been appointed the new vice chancellor for innovation and entrepreneurship. He has served as interim director since 2017.
- The **Institute for Learning (IFL)** and the **School of Education Center for Urban Education (CUE)**, in partnership with the Dallas Independent School District (ISD), has won a **\$7.4 million grant** from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**. Dallas ISD, IFL, and CUE will work with teachers and leadership in six Dallas high schools and their feeder middle schools to improve English Language Arts and writing.
- The **School of Medicine** has been awarded a five-year, **\$2.5 million Physician Scientist Institutional Award** from the **Burroughs Wellcome Fund**. This grant is matched by a **\$2.5 million** grant from UPMC and **\$250,000** from Pitt to create an elite training program designed to set newly minted physicians on career paths that integrate scientific research with clinical care. Pitt was one of only five programs selected out of 92 submissions.
- The **Swanson School of Engineering** and the **Center for Energy** have announced a partnership with **Leidos**, a defense, aviation, information technology, and biomedical research company, on a 10-year, **\$365 million** Research Support Services Contract awarded by the **Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)**.

- The **Center for Interventions to Enhance Community Health (CiTECH)**, developed by the School of Social Work in partnership with the Department of Psychiatry, recently opened. CiTECH will bridge the “science-to-service” gap often found in the mental health field by developing and testing ways to make research advances in treatment more quickly available to community residents.

FACULTY MILESTONES

- **Robert Brandom** [Department of Philosophy] has been named a **Fellow of the British Academy**, the United Kingdom’s 116-year old national academy for the humanities and social sciences. Past fellows include Winston Churchill and C.S. Lewis.
- **Joseph Glorioso** [School of Medicine] received a **2018 Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy Research Grant**. The \$500,000 award will be shared with Gary Cohen, PhD, of the University of Pennsylvania. They will continue their work together to develop a vaccine for melanoma.
- **Jennifer Pruskowski** [Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics] is the recipient of the **American College of Clinical Pharmacy’s 2018 New Clinical Practitioner Award**. This award recognizes a member who has made outstanding contributions to the health of patients. It is only given to those who are less than six years beyond their pharmacy training.
- **Diane Litman**, director of the Intelligent Systems Program, professor in the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Computing and Information, and senior scientist at the Learning Research and Development Center (LRDC), has been awarded a research grant from the **Institute of Education Sciences** to study undergraduate STEM education. Litman will use the mobile application CourseMIRROR to study science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) lectures to monitor student engagement and the effects of feedback on learning.

STUDENT MILESTONES

- **Andrew Aukerman** [A&S ‘19] spent the summer researching at **CERN**, the world’s largest particle physics lab in Geneva, Switzerland, thanks to the ThinkSwiss Scholarship. He conducted research with the ATLAS experiment, and his project focused on particles called Higgsinos, the theorized super-partners to the Higgs boson.
- **Four students** have been named **2018 Critical Language Scholars**, a program of the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: **Joseph Acevedo, Michael Andrews, Matt Eskuchen, and Brandon Yee**.
- For the 15th time in 30 years, students in Pitt’s **physical therapy program** took 1st place in the **Mercer-Marquette Challenge** by raising \$50,552 for the Foundation for Physical Therapy.
- **Heather Tomko** [GSPH] won the **Miss Wheelchair USA Pageant**. She represented Pennsylvania and took home the Invacare People’s Choice Award and the Dr. Georgi Hudson-Smith Quest for Knowledge Award.

During **Arrival Survival**, Pitt welcomed its largest ever freshman class, with **4,020 freshman students** moving in to campus residence halls. **617 student volunteers** and **68 staff volunteers** spent over **9,149 hours** assisting our students during move-in. During a very busy few days, we:

- Closed down **5 major streets** and secured **335 parking meters** to provide parking to arriving families; printed **14,432 sq. ft.** of signage and put up **18 tents** around campus
- Served **2,476 parent meals** at Market Central and the Perch at Sutherland
- Served **6,000 people** at the Convocation picnic and served **over 15,000 ice cream treats**
- Provided **2,000 free tastings** at our new food truck, the Panther Grille