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STUDENT MILESTONES

- **Margaret Farrell** became the second student in Pitt's history to be named a **Beinecke Scholar**. This national scholarship supports graduate work in the arts, humanities and social sciences.
- The **Washington Center** awarded junior **David Leftwich** its prestigious **Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship** to help him prepare for a career in the foreign service. Leftwich is one of only 10 juniors who earned this award.

LEADERSHIP MILESTONES

- We announced **Kathleen Blee** as the **Bettye J. and Ralph E. Bailey Dean of our Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences and College of General Studies**. Kathy—who is currently our Dietrich School's associate dean and a distinguished professor with our Department of Sociology—will begin her deanship in August.
- We announced **Paul Cohen** as the dean of our new **School of Computing and Information**. Paul serves as a program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. When he begins his deanship in August, he will become the first founding dean at Pitt in more than 20 years.
- **Gerald Holder** announced his intent to step down as dean of our **Swanson School of Engineering**. Dean Holder, who has led the Swanson School for 21 years, plans to return to teaching in the fall of 2018.

ATHLETIC MILESTONES

- The **NCAA** awarded four Pitt programs—men's basketball, women's cross country, women's softball and women's tennis—with **Public Recognition Awards for exemplary Academic Progress Rates**. To earn this award, teams must finish among the top 10 percent of their respective sport based on a wide range of academic performance indicators. The four winning programs mark the most NCAA Public Recognition awards that Pitt has earned in a single year.
- Five Pitt football players were selected in the 2017 NFL draft: **James Connor** (Pittsburgh Steelers), **Dorian Johnson** (Arizona Cardinals), **Nathan Peterman** (Buffalo Bills), **Adam Bisnowaty** (New York Giants) and **Ejuan Price** (Los Angeles Rams).

ALUMNI MILESTONES

- **The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation** awarded a **German Chancellor Fellowship** to alum **Susie Pisarcik** [A&S '16]. The award gives graduates from five countries an opportunity to live in Germany and work on a project of their choosing that will help strengthen ties to Germany. For her project, Pisarcik will examine refugee resettlement and integration practices in rural Germany.

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- More than 2,500 graduates and guests attended our University's graduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Capacity topped 10,000 for our undergraduate ceremony the following day.
- For the second consecutive year, **The Princeton Review** included Pitt in its *Colleges That Create Futures: 50 Schools That Launch Careers By Going Beyond The Classroom*. Of the eight universities selected from Pennsylvania, Pitt is the only public institution to make the list.
- Our **School of Social Work** and **Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business** has announced plans to offer a joint degree master's program.