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UNIVERSITY-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jill Krantz has been named executive director of campus recreation. In this capacity, Krantz will support university-wide initiatives pertaining to student wellness, including the design and construction of the new campus wellness and recreation center, slated to open in Fall 2023.
- Karen Enos, former superintendent of Titusville Area School District, has been appointed interim executive director of the Titusville Education and Training Hub, which is scheduled to launch in 2020.
- The Office of Disability Resources and Services (DRS) is now part of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The reorganization will allow DRS to better coordinate university-wide disability services for faculty, staff, and students.
- Provost Ann Cudd accompanied a group of Pittsburgh leaders to speak at a forum during the 74th United Nations General Assembly. The group's mission was to advance sustainable development goals for a more peaceful, prosperous planet.
- The "Lest We Forget" art exhibit by Luigi Toscano and sponsored by the University and the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, opens on the Cathedral lawn October 16. The exhibit will be available for viewing until November 15.
- The University celebrates Homecoming 2019 October 23- October 27. A full list of events can be found at homecoming.pitt.edu.
- Pitt's 2019 United Way campaign has begun, with Rob Rutenbar as campaign chair and Kelly Gilliam as campaign manager. The goals this year are to increase the number of university donors and reach \$750,000 in contributions. Details can be found at www.unitedway.pitt.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- The University has announced the launch of the Center for Governance and Markets, a research center that will examine how political institutions, markets, and technology impact human well-being around the world. The center will reside in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. It was made possible with a \$4.2 million grant from the Charles Koch Foundation.
- The University has received the 2019 INSIGHT into Diversity Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award for the third year in a row.
- *Times Higher Education* ranks Pitt No. 9 among U.S. publics; a rise from No. 13 last year. Among AAUs, Pitt ranks No. 9.
- *Poets & Quants* recently ranked the University of Pittsburgh Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business One-Year MBA program No. 11 among all U.S. schools and No. 1 among U.S. publics.
- Pitt's Community Engagement Center in Homewood celebrates its 1-year anniversary on October 16. The center is a key part of Pitt's Neighborhood Commitments plan, which includes investment, infrastructure, programming, and dedicated staff in underserved neighborhoods.
- The 2019 Pitt Innovation Challenge awarded \$460,000 to a variety of Pitt Innovation teams. Teams entered the challenge by submitting a two-minute video explaining their idea to improve human performance. A complete list of winners can be found at www.ctsi.pitt.edu.

- The Dietrich School of the Arts was awarded \$1.5 million from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant will support ongoing discipline-based and cross-disciplinary curricular change, a regional fellowship program, a new position of director of graduate advising and engagement, and enhanced alumni engagement.

STUDENT MILESTONES

- Panthers *Forward* applications have been submitted for the class of 2020. Awardees will be notified of their acceptance into the program by the end of the month.
- **Kathy Monangal, Doctor of Pharmacy candidate, (School of Pharmacy)** was elected vice president of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association. Previously, she served as the president of the Pitt chapter.

FACULTY AND STAFF MILESTONES

- **Maureen Porter, (School of Education)** has received the David Portlock Outstanding International Educator award for her international education projects. Her work centers around creating research-practice partnerships that are culturally inclusive.
- **Sharon Alvarez, Thomas W. Olofson Chair in Entrepreneurship, (Katz Graduate School of Business)** received the Academy of Management’s Foundational Paper Award for “Discovery and Creation: Alternative Theories of Entrepreneurial Action.”
- **Ron Brand, Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg professor (School of Law),** was awarded the Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement by the University Center for International Studies.
- **A multidisciplinary Pitt research team comprised of members from the School of Education, Swanson School of Engineering, School of Computing and Information, Center for Urban Education, and the School of Medicine** has received a \$10 million Alliance grant to accredit pre-college STEM programs and boost college enrollment for underrepresented students.
- **Bruce Childers, (School of Computing and Information)** will now serve as special assistant to the provost for data science, in the Office of the Provost.
- **Pitt researchers from the School of Medicine** have received over \$32 million in NIH grant funding to improve prevention and treatment strategies for opioid misuse and addiction and to enhance pain management.