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NEW UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES

- Pitt released the long-range **Draft Master Plan**. The draft plan focuses on supporting a better student experience, excellence in research and innovation, and strong community partnerships. Learn more: campusplan.pitt.edu.
- Pitt launched the **Panthers Forward** program, which embraces a pay-it-forward philosophy and the power of community to propel students toward even greater financial freedom and lifelong success. The program is open to seniors graduating in spring 2019. Learn more: panthersforward.pitt.edu.
- Pitt also introduced **Pitt Commons**, a digital hub for mentoring and networking open to students, alumni, faculty and staff. Learn more: commons.pitt.edu.
- The **Year of PittGlobal** kicked off with numerous events in September and programming continues throughout the year. Learn more: yearofpittglobal.pitt.edu.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- As part of our **Be A Good Neighbor** program, **Community and Governmental Relations** department hosted **block parties** attended by students, residents, staff, Pittsburgh Police, elected officials and community organizations.
- On Oct. 18, Community and Government Relations will host the opening of **our very first Community Engagement Center in Homewood**.

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION MILESTONES

- The **School of Computing and Information (SCI)** received approval as a **first-year-admitting school** and will begin admitting first-year students in the fall 2019 semester.
- **SCI** welcomed its inaugural class of **Army War College (AWC) Fellows: Lt. Colonels LeRoy Carr III and Anthony Newton**. This program provides senior officers with unique learning and engagement experiences through formal and informal educational opportunities.
- **SCI** received approval for a **redesign of the Master of Library Information Science program**, which will enable us to better educate library information professionals to work at the confluence of people, information, technology and data.

ATHLETIC MILESTONES

- On Sept. 7, **Athletics** inducted the inaugural 16-member class of the **Pitt Athletics Hall of Fame**.
- On Oct. 4, the new **Pitt Studios** was unveiled. Pitt Athletics and our **Film and Media Studies Program** are working together to fund a faculty position and create a broadcast curriculum.

SUSTAINABILITY MILESTONES

- On Sept. 20, the **Green Building Alliance** recognized Pitt at their 25th Anniversary Emerald Evening Celebration. **McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine** garnered praise as a project that significantly advanced the region's green building movement.
- From Oct. 2 to 5, Pitt served as a major Host Institution for the **Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education** conference.

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- This past week, our **Pitt Alumni Association** hosted **Homecoming Week**. This long-standing tradition featured daily activities and special events to welcome back thousands of Pitt alumni.
- **Pitt-Bradford** earned recognition as a **College of Distinction** for the fourth time by the **Colleges of Distinction** website and e-guidebook.

- The **Office of Human Resources' Career Transition Project** has earned the **2018 University Prize for Strategic, Inclusive, and Diverse Excellence (UPSIDE) Award**. This award honors programs that increase access to and full participation in all aspects of the University by minorities, women and other protected classes.
- Three centers housed in the **University Center for International Studies**—the Asian Studies Center; the European Studies Center; and the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies—have been tapped to receive **six awards** from the **U.S. Department of Education**, representing **more than \$5.1 million** in funding over four years.
- Neuroscientists at the **Brain Institute** earned a three-year, **\$5 million grant** from the **DSF Charitable Foundation** to study neural networks throughout the brain.

FACULTY MILESTONES

- Professor Emerita **Toni Carbo [SCI]** received the **Association for Information Science and Technology Award of Merit**, the highest honor from the association.
- **Nancy Condee [Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences]** has been selected by the **Kennan Institute** to present research at a forum of top Kennan scholars from seven countries in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **Emily Elliott [Dietrich School]** is the recipient of the **American Geophysical Union's 2018 Sulzman Award for Excellence in Education and Mentoring**. The award is given annually to one mid-career female scientist who excels at mentoring future biogeoscientists.
- The **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** authorized a three-year grant for **\$582,852** to **Thomas Hales [Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences]** to develop software and services that transform math results appearing in journal articles into data that machines can read and learn from.
- **Dean Valerie Kinloch, [School of Education]** earned the **2018 Advancement of People of Color Leadership Award** from the **National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)**. This award honors a person of color who has made a significant contribution to NCTE and their professional community.
- **Alison Langmead [Dietrich School]** was awarded **\$223,000** from the **Getty Foundation** to conduct **Digital Humanities workshops**. This is the first gift that the University has received from Getty.
- **Donna Naples [Dietrich School]** has been elected as a **Fellow** by the **American Physical Society (APS)**. The number of APS Fellows elected each year is limited to no more than one-half of 1 percent of the membership.
- **Maureen Porter [School of Education]** is a recipient of the **David Portlock Outstanding International Educator Award**, the highest mid-career scholarly award given by the Pennsylvania Council for International Education.
- **Jeannette South-Paul [School of Medicine]** has earned the **America-Japan Society's** second annual **Kentaro Kaneko Award** honoring individuals who have promoted grassroots, people-to-people exchanges between Japan and the United States. South-Paul has led UPMC's collaboration with Aso Iizuka Hospital in Iizuka, Japan, since 2006.
- **Ann Thompson [School of Medicine]** earned the **2018 Leadership Award for an Individual** from the **Group on Women in Medicine and Science**. This award honors people and groups that have "a significant impact for the advancement of women's roles in academic medicine and science."
- **John Wallace [School of Social Work]** has been named a **Fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare**, an honorific society of distinguished scholars and practitioners dedicated to achieving excellence in the field of social work and social welfare.

STUDENT MILESTONES

- The **Robotics & Automation Society** won **three of six awards**, including **Highest Overall Score**, at the **American Venue of AUVSI Foundation's International Aerial Robotics Competition**.
- **Catalina Pineda Molina**, a postdoctoral associate in **Bioengineering**, earned the **2018 Mary Ann Liebert Outstanding Student Award** at the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society World Congress. This award recognizes research performed by Pineda Molina in the lab of **Stephen Badylak** at our McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine.