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## UNIVERSITY-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pitt Day in Harrisburg** will take place on March 26, 2019. Alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of Pitt are invited to travel to Harrisburg, meet with elected officials and advocate on behalf of the University. Lunch and transportation to and from the Oakland campus will be provided. Find more details at [with.pitt.edu/pitt-day-harrisburg](http://with.pitt.edu/pitt-day-harrisburg).

## INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- Pitt earned a spot on **The Princeton Review's top 200 list of Best Value Colleges**.
- The Greensburg campus received a **\$1.5 million grant** from the **Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation Inc.** in support of the school's nursing program.
- **Orland Bethel** made a **\$2 million pledge** to support the position of **clinical director of the Ferguson Laboratory for Orthopaedic and Spine Research** and establish the **Orland Bethel Professorship in Spine Surgery**.
- The **Earl and Anna Broady Foundation** established an endowment of **\$500,000** with the plan to add an additional \$500,000 to grow the **Anna Hall Broady Endowed Scholarship** in the **School of Education**.
- The **University Library System** has received a one-year, **\$180,000 grant** from the Henry Luce Foundation to support the creation of a feature-length documentary titled "Unreconciled Memories: Reflections on China's Cultural Revolution."

## OPERATIONS MILESTONES

- Pitt is a finalist in the Public Defined Contribution category for the **2019 Plan Sponsors of the Year awards**. PLANSPONSOR is a professional organization and magazine that serves as a resource for America's retirement benefits decision-makers.
- Because of enhancements to the University's safety management programs and employee training, Pitt's Occupational Safety and Health Administration Recordable Injury Rate decreased from 1.04 in 2017 to 0.94 in 2018, surpassing last year's record low.

## STUDENT MILESTONES

- Seniors **Nate Carnovale** and **Shamus (James) O'Haire** [Swanson School of Engineering] earned the 2018-19 **IEEE PES Scholarship Plus award** from the **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Power and Energy Society**. Pitt is one of only 16 universities that have had at least one recipient of this award every year since 2011.
- A team of six undergraduate students earned the **silver medal** at the **2018 International Genetically Engineered Machine** competition for its prototyped "video" recording device "CUTSCENE." The device aims to show a "video" of cellular activity by recording events in the cell using modified CRISPR/Cas9 technology.
- Pitt placed **15 student-athletes** on the volleyball, football, men's soccer and cross country **All-ACC Academic Teams**.

## FACULTY AND STAFF MILESTONES

- **Carolyn Carson** [Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences] earned the **2019 Ampco-Pittsburgh Prize for Excellence in Advising**. The \$4,000 cash award honors excellence in undergraduate academic advising.
- **Dio Kavalieratos** [School of Medicine] became the first Ph.D. to earn the **Early Career Investigator Award** from the **American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine**.
- **Haitao Liu** [Dietrich School] earned the **2019 Early-Career Award in Experimental Physical Chemistry** from the **American Chemical Society Physical Chemistry Division**.
- **Dawn Lundy Martin** and **Terrance Hayes** [Dietrich School], co-founders of the **Center for African American Poetry and Poetics**, are finalists for the **2019 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award**.
- The New Pittsburgh Courier will honor **William Mitchell**, director of facility services, at the newspaper's "**Men of Excellence**" event. The award recognizes a "local African American man who inspires others through their vision, leadership and dedication to the community."
- **Hrvoje Petek** [Dietrich School] earned the **Ahmed Zewail Award in Ultrafast Science and Technology** from the **American Chemical Society**.

## ALUMNI MILESTONES

- **Patricia DeMarco** (A&S '68, '71G) earned the **Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light Visionary Award** after publishing "Pathways to Our Sustainable Future: A Global Perspective from Pittsburgh" with the University of Pittsburgh Press.
- **Rachael Lippincott** (A&S '17) became a **New York Times best-selling author** with her young adult novel "Five Feet Apart," which is based on a screenplay by the same name.