

## SCS TODAY: March 30, 2020

[A late-day update from the SCS Dean's Office]

### TODAY'S TOPICS

- Undergraduate first-year students have selected their majors: we welcome six to Computational Biology, 43 to AI and 168 to Computer Science. In addition, 35 second- and third-year students have transferred into SCS from other schools/colleges within the university.
- If you/your graduate students still have excess personal protective equipment (PPE) in your lab, [consider donating it](#) to the Allegheny Health Department. If you can help, send email to [ovpr@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:ovpr@andrew.cmu.edu) by Wednesday, April 1.
- PhD program chairs have been considering potential adjustments to Spring 2020 semi-annual PhD student evaluations (“Black Fridays”). In this process, we considered recommendations provided by the SCS PhD Student Advisory Committee. There was consensus that we should not postpone our evaluation dates. Individual PhD programs will be implementing a variety of adjustments to make sure no student is penalized by recent disruptions and will communicate those adjustments to students and advisors soon.
- CMU's Finance Division is eliminating the option of a paper paycheck. Employees must elect to receive their pay via direct deposit or a Wisely Pay Paycard by Thursday, April 2. For more information about changes to payroll and other financial workflows, visit the [finance division website](#). For questions, contact the HR Service Center at [hr-help@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:hr-help@andrew.cmu.edu).
- Last Thursday, CMU implemented an adjusted approval process for hiring. Hiring managers: please review the [temporary staff hiring approval workflow](#) and connect with your HR recruiter.

### OF NOTE

- Congratulations to SCS junior Jessica Lee -- selected and honored as a 2020 Goldwater Scholar along with three other CMU students. Jessica also serves on the SCS Dean's Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee.

### TO KNOW

*Learn more about our ongoing work that may benefit our community and the global community...*

- Zoom gathering: [COVID-19: The Social Media Discussion](#) with Kathleen Carley of ISR, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, March 31.

Until tomorrow,  
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### SHARE YOUR STORY

- Do you have a story to share about teaching, learning or working from your off-campus location? Are you overcoming new challenges that didn't exist for you before spring break...or discovering some good news about yourself, your classmates or colleagues while all of us find ourselves operating in a new paradigm? Help everyone feel more connected by sharing your stories, [share-your-story@cs.cmu.edu](mailto:share-your-story@cs.cmu.edu)

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