School of Arts & Sciences Teaching Awards

Dr. Rebecca W. Bushnell, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences, and Dr. Dennis DeTurck, dean of the College, announce the following recipients of the School’s 2012 teaching awards, to be presented on Wednesday, April 25 at an awards reception that is open to the University community. The reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. in rm. 200, College Hall.

Ira H. Abrams Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching

This year’s recipients of SAS’s highest teaching honor are Dr. Mirjam Cvetic, the Fay R. and Eugene L. Langberg Professor of Physics, and Dr. Donald Ringe, the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Endowed Term Professor of Linguistics. Created in 1983, the Ira H. Abrams Award recognizes teaching that is intellectually challenging and exceptionally coherent and honors faculty who embody high standards of integrity and fairness, have a strong commitment to learning, and are open to new ideas.

Dr. Cvetic is also the recipient of a Lindback Award this year (Almanac April 10, 2012). She is perhaps best known for her teaching in the freshman physics sequence, for which she has, in the words of a colleague, “studied and perfected each aspect of the classroom experience.” Another faculty member writes that, “Her students profusely praise the passion she brings to physics and the amazing degree to which she is able to connect her own research interests to the freshman level.”

Dr. Ringe’s lectures on historical linguistics are, in the words of one student, “the kind of experience one does not readily forget.” A colleague observes that, “No one could take a class with Don and come away unaware of the richness and complexity of language and language history, nor of the importance of this unique human product.”

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School of Nursing Teaching Awards

Dean’s Award for Exemplary Citizenship

Claire M. Fagin Leadership Professor in Nursing, professor of sociology, and director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research, Dr. Linda Aiken was selected for the inaugural Dean’s Award for Exemplary Citizenship for her more than 25 years of service to Penn Nursing through her groundbreaking program of research with a global reach. Dr. Aiken is instrumental in fostering innovative educational programs such as the current Hillman Scholars Program and for being a voice for nursing and quality healthcare. “Perhaps the best aspect of Dr. Aiken’s mentorship is that she provides us with the resources and opportunities to work collaboratively within the School of Nursing and across the University,” a doctoral student wrote. “Each year, Dr. Aiken ensures that all doctoral students are able to attend the Academy Health Conference. Not only is this a vibrant and stimulating experience for budding researchers, but we are able to see how our research fits into the health services research agenda.”

Penn to Host Access to Entire USC Shoah Foundation Institute Archive of Holocaust Survivors

The University of Pennsylvania has become the first university in Pennsylvania with access to the USC Shoah Foundation Institute’s entire Visual History Archive (VHA) that contains nearly 52,000 video testimonies of survivors and other witnesses of the Holocaust in 32 languages and from 56 countries.

Penn President Amy Gutmann, who was moved by the Institute’s work, hosted a special event yesterday in the lobby of the Annenberg Center to officially launch access to the collection.

Penn’s partnership with the Shoah Foundation Institute is supported by the joint efforts of the Annenberg School for Communication, Penn Libraries and Penn’s Division of Information Systems and Computing.

“This partnership between the University of Pennsylvania and USC’S Shoah Foundation Institute provides an unparalleled resource for scholarly exploration across many disciplines, and I am proud we are able to offer the Philadelphia community access to the entire collection,” said President Gutmann. “I have seen and experienced first-hand the impact that these personal testimonies can have. They are a poignant reminder that we must stand together against hatred and intolerance of any kind.”

Dr. Gutmann’s father fled Nazi Germany in 1934, eventually emigrating to the United States, where she was born. “My father’s journey has been one of the most important influences in my life, and I feel a strong personal connection to the value of these educational opportunities made available by the Shoah Foundation Institute.”

“Survivors’ memories are the authoritative source for information on the Holocaust, and the value of audiovisual testimony to other areas of research has been demonstrated at universities around the world where the Institute’s Visual History Archive has enhanced 275 academic courses in a wide range of disciplines,” Dr. Stephen D. Smith, executive director of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute, said. “By partnering with the Institute to bring the Visual History Archive to Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated its commitment to scholarship guided by the highest humanitarian principles.”

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PENN TO OFFER ONLINE CLASSES VIA COURSERA

The University of Pennsylvania, along with Princeton University and the University of California Berkeley in partnership with Coursera, an online education platform, to make web-based courses available free and to improve teaching on campuses.

The Coursera education platform is the first to host content from multiple world-renowned universities at one online destination. These courses are free, and courses with interactive quizzes, mastery-building interactive assignments and collaborative online forums.

Penn faculty will provide courses in medicine, business, music, literature, mathematics and computer science, among others.

Penn will participate in this innovative collaboration that will make high-quality learning opportunities available to millions of people around the world,” Penn President Amy Gutmann said. “Expanding access to higher education both nationally and globally remains one of our most critical responsibilities. This initiative provides an invaluable opportunity for anyone who has the motivation and preparation to partake of a world-class education.”

With the capacity to reach millions of people at once, web-based courses are pioneering a new model for higher learning, one that potentially gives everyone in the world access to a top-level educational experience. With an innovative design inspired by educational research on effective learning, the Coursera platform creates an interactive learning experience for the participating universities’ course offerings. Recorded video lectures contain frequent quizzes that reinforce concept retention, as well as deeper assignments that test students’ understanding and build mastery of the material. The Coursera platform also offers community forums that encourage students to participate actively with classmates from around the world.

Coursera was founded in the fall of 2011 by Dr. Daphne Koller and Dr. Andrew Ng, Stanford computer science professors. It builds on the technology they helped develop which was used to host Stanford’s free online classes. These classes were an instant success, receiving more than 350,000 enrollments across 172 different countries. Seven courses from Stanford, and UC-Berkeley, have been running for several weeks, and additional courses will launch later this week and through late summer.

During the next few months, new online courses across a range of disciplines will continue to be added to the online platform, from current university partners as well as other top-tier educational institutions.

Twelve Penn faculty members are currently slated to offer courses that will be available beginning in June and some later in the summer. The topics range from health policy to calculus, poetry to pharmacology, music to mythology.

- Benjamin Stella, Cardiac Arrest
- Hypermnesia and Resuscitation Science
- Ezekiel Emanuel, Health Policy and the Affordable Care Act
- Robert Grish, Calculus: Single Variable
- Al Filreis, Modern and Contemporary American Poetry
- Roy Hamilton, Basic Behavioral Neurology
- John Hogenesch, Introduction to Genome Science
- Michael Kearns, Networked Life
- Emma Meagher, Fundamentals of Pharmacology
- Carol Morley, Listening to World Music
- Paul Offit, Vaccines
- Peter Struck, Greek and Roman Mythology
- Kevin Werbach, Gamification

Additional information and registration are available at courses.org
Death

Dr. Summers, Economics

Dr. Robert Summers, professor emeritus of economics in the School of Arts & Sciences, passed away April 17 at age 89.

Dr. Summers is best known for his path-breaking work with Penn professors Alan Heston and Irving B. Kravis in developing real product comparisons and estimating purchasing-power parties for numerous countries. Known as the Penn World Tables, this widely-used resource allowed economists to measure economic aggregates and prices across nations and over time.

Dr. Summers was a recipient of the Lindback Award in 1967. He was named a distinguished fellow of the American Economics Association in 1998 for his work on the International Comparison Project. He became a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in 2001.

Born in Gary, Indiana, Dr. Summers received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago in 1943 and a doctorate from Stanford University in 1956.

He taught at Yale University before joining Penn in 1960 as an associate professor. He was promoted to professor in 1967 at which time he also chaired the Graduate Group in Economics.

He retired in 1991.

Dr. Summers is survived by his wife, Dr. Anita Summers, professor emeritus of public policy, management, real estate and education in the Wharton School; sons, Lawrence, John and Richard, co-director of psychiatry training and clinical associate professor in the department of psychiatry in the Perelman School of Medicine; and seven grandchildren.

To Report A Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of alumni, faculty and staff members, students and other members of the University community. Call (215) 898-5274 or email almanac@upenn.edu.

However, notices of alumni deaths should be directed to the Alumni Records Office at Room 517, Franklin Building, (215) 898-8136 or email record@ben.dev.upenn.edu.

Commencement Invitation

To the Penn Community:

Penn’s Commencement is a wonderful opportunity to gather together in celebration of the impressive accomplishments of our students. On behalf of the Trustees, Officers, and Deans and their faculties, we would like to invite all members of the Penn community to attend the University’s 256th Commencement on Monday, May 14, 2012.

The Academic Procession steps forth from the Annenberg Center at 9 a.m., then pauses for approximately 45 minutes in front of College Hall to applaud the graduating students as they pass through our ranks. The procession then proceeds to Franklin Field where the ceremony begins at 10:15 a.m. If you wish to attend the festivities, please seek advance approval from your supervisor to assure that the business needs of your department will continue to be met. Whether you wish to join the festivities around Locust Walk and College Green, or come to the ceremony itself (tickets are not necessary), we very much hope that you will join us in this University-wide culmination of the academic year.

—Amy Gutmann, President
—Vincent Price, Provost

—Leslie Laird Kruhly, Vice President and University Secretary

Participation in Global Sustainability Debate Competition

The Office of the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives invites faculty, student, and alumni participation in a unique educational and media event. On October 5-6, 2012, Penn will host the first international debate competition for the finalists of the China Central Television English Talent Competition. The debate will feature 60 finalists from China and will pair them on teams with their US counterparts, primarily students from Penn and other Philadelphia-area schools. It will cover a wide range of topics pertaining to global environmental and economic sustainability, including urbanization, healthcare, international relations and law, green technology, and the roles of media, language, and culture in all of these areas. Awards will be given to the top Chinese-US student teams and to individual debaters from both countries.

This event will provide an ideal forum for the best and brightest young people from China, Penn, and the Greater Philadelphia area to meet each other and rigorously examine complex interdisciplinary issues that they will face as future global leaders. It will also present an opportunity for faculty, government officials, corporate leaders, and media professionals to meet and exchange ideas. During the two days prior to the debate, students and other members of the Chinese delegation will meet with Mayor Nutter and several CEOs, tour local clean-tech facilities such as the DOE-funded Greater Philadelphia Innovation Cluster at Navy Yard, and visit some of Philadelphia’s many historical sites. Funding from Penn has been provided by the Office of the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, the School of Arts & Sciences, and the Wharton Program for Social Impact.

Terry Cooke, director of the China Partnership of Greater Philadelphia and senior fellow at Penn’s T.C. Chan Center, and Yvette Bordeaux, director of the Penn Master of Environmental Studies Program, are coordinating faculty participation at Penn. All faculty who are interested in participating as judges and/or members of the event advisory group should contact Terry Cooke at cookemt@design.upenn.edu.

The Penn International Sustainability Association is organizing the student participation of Penn and other Philadelphia universities. All students who wish to participate as contestants or organizers should contact Xin Wan, president of the Penn International Sustainability Association, at wanx@ sas.upenn.edu.

Penn Parking & Transportation’s New Vehicle Ticketing System

After an extensive pilot phase, Penn Parking is ready to fully implement a University Parking & Transportation vehicle ticketing system (this is not a Police ticket), effective May 1, 2012. Starting on that date, vehicles that violate Penn Parking policies will be subject to tickets and fees but will no longer be towed for minor offenses or for first-time violations. The concept behind this new program is to help improve the parking experience at Penn and help educate the parking public on the rules and regulations for parking at Penn without the inconvenience and cost of immediate towing. Ticketing also allows for the identification of repeat offenders, so towing is limited to documented, routine violators. Permit holders who park in their assigned location and display their permit should not be subject to ticketing.

On May 1, the Parking Office will begin issuing tickets and assessing fees on vehicles not in compliance with the new policy. Examples of parking violations that will result in the issuance of a ticket and a $35 fee include:

- Not having a valid permit for the location in which a vehicle is parked, or if the permit is not properly displayed;
- Parking in a low emission vehicle space before 10 a.m. with an unqualified vehicle;
- Taking up two parking spaces; and
- Parking in an unauthorized parking spot.

Parking in a handicapped space without a handicapped tag will result in a $250 fee.

Visitors will be charged on the first violation. Parking patrons will receive warning tickets before the first fee is charged. Permit holders who park in lots 7, 37, 30 and 40 will not be ticketed for lacking a hanging tag as long as they are parked in their assigned locations. Hanging tags will be issued for other lots. Current student permit holders will be charged $35 for their first ticket. Permit holders can view ticketing rules online at www.upenn.edu/parking After three tickets, a vehicle will be subject to towing. Tickets can be appealed online and will be adjudicated by Penn Parking. If the appeal is denied, it will be referred to the Parking Violations Board for their ruling.

If you have questions or concerns about this new initiative, contact parking@exchange.upenn.edu

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Almanac Schedule: No Issue May 15

There will be no issue May 15 due to Commencement. The final issue of the semester comes out May 22 and includes the Summer AT PENN calendar as well as Commencement coverage. The schedule for the remainder of the academic year is online at www.upenn.edu/almanac/issues/vol58.shtml Submissions are due every Tuesday for the following Tuesday’s issue.

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Dean’s Award for Innovation in Teaching

This award, which recognizes exceptional creativity and innovation in instruction, is presented to Dr. John L. Jackson, Jr., the Richard Perry Rosinski, assistant professor of Communication and Anthropology. Faculty and students alike praise the unique way in which he blends theory with practical components and problem-solving, such as in the course Documentary, Ethnography and Research: Communicating Scholarship Through Film. A student concludes that, "Dr. Jackson always pushes the limits of academic practice.”

Dean’s Award for Mentorship of Undergraduate Research

This award recognizes faculty members who have excelled in nurturing undergraduate students’ desires and abilities to conduct meaningful research. This year SAS honors Dr. Paul Rozin, professor of psychology. A fellow faculty member writes that Rozin is “uniquely dedicated” to mentorship and “has an extraordinary ability to excite in students a passion for research, to inspire their curiosity and to give them a sense of confidence and independence.”

Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by an Assistant Professor

This award recognizes a member of the junior faculty who demonstrates unusual promise as an educator. The 2012 recipient is Dr. Eric Jarosinski, assistant professor of Germanic languages and literatures. An undergraduate writes that Jarosinski “has a truly magical way of making his students understand difficult concepts without directly telling them what to think,” resulting in what a faculty member describes as “a community of independent and empowered thinkers that [is] inspired to continue discussions outside of class.”

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Nursing Teaching Awards

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Dean’s Award for Undergraduate Scholarly Mentorship

Assistant Professor Matthew McHugh was selected for the Dean’s Award for Undergraduate Scholarly Mentorship. Dr. McHugh was selected for inspiring his students to strive for success, and for developing and facilitating meaningful research collaborations between undergraduate students and faculty. “From Dr. McHugh I learned not just tangible applications of class concepts but also how to strive for success,” wrote one student. “His work ethic, time management and commitment to being a leader in his field have captivated everyone he has worked with and studied under.”

Dean’s Award for Exemplary Professional Practice

Associate Professor William McCool was selected for the Dean’s Award for Exemplary Professional Practice for his devotion to ensuring that women across the globe have access to a safe delivery of a healthy infant. He continually is engaged in effecting policy to change practice related to women’s health care. “Dr. McCool’s educational leadership has sustained our Nurse Midwifery Program as among the best in the country, if not the best program in the country,” wrote a colleague. “Dr. McCool has led initiatives to strengthen the learning process for his students and engage all program faculty and many students in a global mission to improve women’s birth outcomes.”

Award for Teaching Excellence by Non-Standing Faculty

Advanced Senior Lecturer Dawn Durain was selected for this award by students and faculty for her creativity in communicating complex concepts, instilling confidence in her students while demanding the highest standards of care, and for passionately teaching that women’s health goes beyond the boundaries of the classroom. “One thing that midwifery students learn as soon as they get to Penn is that Dawn is a living barometer on the world of women’s health,” a student wrote. “She is an avid reader and through near-daily emails keeps us abreast of the most current women’s health research, political and media developments, and campus and community events.”

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American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellows: Five Penn Professors

Five professors from the University of Pennsylvania are among the 220 elected to the 2012 class of members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

One of the nation’s most prestigious honorary societies, the Academy is also a leading center for independent policy research. The current membership includes some of the world’s most accomplished leaders from academia, business, public affairs, the humanities, and the arts.

Joining the Academy this year will be:

Dr. Thomas Carran is professor of pathology and laboratory medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine, an investigator at the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute and deputy scientific director at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. His studies of the molecular basis of brain cell growth have informed new strategies to treat pediatric brain tumors. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and of the Royal Society.

Dr. Michael Kearns is professor and National Center Chair in Resource Management and Technology in the computer and information science department in the School of Engineering and Applied Science and is founding director of Penn’s new Market and Social Systems Engineering Program. Working on machine learning, algorithmic game theory, social networks, computational finance and artificial intelligence, he has contributed to technological applications related to finance, spoken dialogue systems and interactions in social networks. He also serves as an advisor to a number of technology companies.

Dr. Gary A. Koretzky is vice chair for research, chief scientific officer and Francis C. Wood Professor in the department of medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine. Through investigations of the regulation of blood cell formation and movement, he has made inroads into understanding the complexities of immune system function.

Dr. George J. Mailath is the Walter H. Annenberg Professor in the Social Sciences and a professor of economics in the School of Arts & Sciences. His research on game theory, cooperation and reputations has led to numerous publications, including a graduate textbook, Repeated Games and Reputations: Long Run Relationships. He is a fellow of the Econometric Society and has served as an editor for several journals.

Dr. Robert M. Seyfarth, professor of psychology in the School of Arts & Sciences, is a specialist in animal behavior and communication. His field studies of nonhuman primates, specifically a troop of baboons in Botswana, have illuminated how primate relationships may reflect the evolutionary origins of social relationships, intelligence and language in humans.

Shepherding Assets to Promote and Advance the Status of Penn Women

Whereas, an organization in support of women has operated since 1948 at the University of Pennsylvania, first as the Association for Women Faculty and Administrators and, since 2004, as the Penn Professional Women’s Network, And

Whereas, over the course of more than 50 years it used its resources to promote the presence and status of women at Penn through lectures, seminars, social networking, developmental opportunities, and awards that recognized the accomplishments of women faculty, staff and students, And

Whereas, following five years of inactivity, the organization was dissolved on February 6, 2012, by a unanimous vote of members present,

Therefore, the Penn Professional Women’s Network hereby transfers its remaining assets to the Trustees’ Council of Penn Women, an organization with a complementary mission. It is the unanimous desire of the Penn Professional Women’s Network that the Trustees’ Council of Penn Women use such assets in its discretion to provide grants to women faculty, staff and students of the University of Pennsylvania, applied as equally as is feasible across these three groups, for objectives consistent with one or more of the purpose and aims of the PPWN, which were:

• To encourage collegiality and the free interchange of ideas among professional women on the campus.
• To advocate policies and processes that support the advancement of women.
• To give recognition to the distinguished accomplishments of women in all fields of endeavor.
• To provide opportunities, through special invitation, for women students to meet accomplished women on campus.

Isabel Sampson-Mapp (left) past president of PPWN, associate director of the Netter Center and Dr. Sherri Adams, (right) former PPWN board member, professor and chair of biochemistry in the School of Dental Medicine, presented the (above) citation on April 13, at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Trustees’ Council of Penn Women, along with a check for nearly $17,000 from PPWN to TCPW.
American Brain Tumor Association: Dr. Brem

Dr. Steven Brem, professor of neurosurgery, chief of the division of neurosurgical oncology in the Perelman School of Medicine, has received the 2012 Joel A. Gingras, Jr. Award from the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA).

Dr. Brem was selected in recognition of his career-long effort to optimize outcomes for brain tumor patients worldwide. He has performed more than 3,600 brain tumor surgeries, participated in over 100 clinical trials and has conducted extensive research in discovery and translation of novel inhibitors of angiogenesis and glial fibrillary acidic protein.

The Award acknowledges exceptional organizations or individuals making a noteworthy impact on furthering the ABTA’s mission to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors. It is in memory of Joel A. Gingras, Jr., who was treated at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 after the diagnosis of a malignant brain tumor. Since 1989, the Gingras family has supported the ABTA through the Memorial Fund.

AIMBE Fellow: Dr. Burdick

Dr. Jason Burdick, associate professor of bioengineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, was one of 94 inducted as an American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) Fellow. The College of Fellows comprises the top two percent of medical and biological engineers in the country. Dr. Burdick was praised “for seminal contributions in understanding the formation and structure of biodegradable materials towards tissue regeneration therapies and drug delivery applications.”

Society for Critical Care Medicine: Dr. Deutschman

Dr. Clifford S. Deutschman, professor of anesthesiology and critical care and director of the Sepsis Research Program at the Perelman School of Medicine has been named president of the Society for Critical Care Medicine (SCCM).

The Society for Critical Care Medicine is the largest multiprofessional organization dedicated to ensuring excellence and consistency in the practice of critical care. With members in more than 100 countries, SCCM is the only organization that represents all professional components of the critical care team. In his role as SCCM president, Dr. Deutschman will serve as the Society’s primary spokesperson while helping the organization carry out its mission to secure the highest quality care for all critically ill and injured patients.

Penn-made President: Dr. Gles-Gee

Dr. Helen F. Giles-Gee, CW’72, GE’d ’73, Gr ’83, currently president of Keene State College in New Hampshire, was named president of the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. She will begin July 16, becoming the first president of color and the first woman to lead the 191-year-old institution. For additional Penn-made presidents, see www.upenn.edu/almanac/pennpres.html

Honorary Degree: Dr. Gutmann

Columbia University will confer an honorary doctor of laws degree to Penn President Amy Gutmann at their commencement exercises on May 16. Dr. Gutmann was noted as “a national leader in facilitating greater access to higher education. She developed a no-loan guarantee that has become a national model, significantly expanded opportunities for low-income students, and is a champion of civic engagement and the interdisciplinary spirit. She has published widely on the value of education and deliberation in democracy, on identity politics, and on the essential role of ethics in public affairs.”

AMA Grant Award: Dr. Jain

Dr. Rajan Jain, cardiovascular fellow at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, has been honored with an American Medical Association (AMA) 2012 Seed Grant Research Program Award for his promising research into congenital heart disease.

Dr. Jain, working under the guidance of Dr. Jonathan A. Epstein, scientific director of the Penn Cardiovascular Institute and chair of the department of cell and developmental biology, William Wikoff Smith Professor of Cardiovascular Research, Perelman School of Medicine, is interested specifically in how the aortic valve and aorta are formed and how this process goes wrong in patients with congenital heart disease.

Dr. Jain is one of 43 junior investigators nationwide awarded a grant by this initiative for basic science or clinical research projects in the areas of cardiovascular/pulmonary diseases, HIV/AIDS, neoplastic diseases and pancreatic cancer.

Best Paper: Dr. Lazar

Authorized by Dr. Mitchell Lazar, the paper, “Diet-induced Lethality Due to Deletion of the Hdac3 Gene in Heart and Skeletal Muscle,” has been designated as one of the best papers published by the Journal of Biological Chemistry in 2011. The journal’s editors selected only 20 papers—out of the more than 4,000 that were published last year—to receive this special designation. One paper was chosen for each of their affinity groups, and this paper represents the metabolism affinity group. Dr. Lazar is the Sylvan Eisman Professor of Medicine and director of the Institute for Diabeties, Obesity, and Metabolism at the Perelman School of Medicine.

Women of the Year: Ms. McManus

The Legal Intelligencer has named Elizabeth McManus, associate director for professional development of career planning and professionalism at Penn Law, among its list for “Women of the Year,” which highlights the achievements of top female attorneys across the state of Pennsylvania who have made positive contributions to the legal community.

Ms. McManus, L’04, also teaches a seminar with Dean Frattone entitled Client Leverage and Law Firm Management, which introduces students to the skills needed to successfully navigate their careers in law firms. She is a volunteer with Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly.

Army Veterinary Corps. Honor: Dr. Otto

Cynthia Otto, associate professor of critical care in the School of Veterinary Medicine and director of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center, was honored by the US Army Veterinary Corps, with an American flag and a certificate, recognizing her and her colleagues for their dedication “to medicine, research and promotion of the health of working dogs.” The declaration noted that the flag had been “proudly” flown in Afghanistan on January 1, 2012, by US troops “in support of missions utilizing military working dogs, in honor of you and your colleagues.”

Dr. Otto served at Ground Zero, providing veterinary care for the dogs enlisted to search for human remains.

The Working Dog Center studies health, behavior and genetics in an effort to discover what makes certain dogs more suited to working tasks than others. Dr. Otto plans to display the flag in the center, which will have offices opening soon.

Educator Prize: Dr. Shuda

Dr. Jamie Shuda, director of life science outreach at the University of Pennsylvania’s Institute for Regenerative Medicine (IRM) and co-director of life science education at Penn’s Netter Center for Community Partnerships, along with Dr. Steve Farber, Carnegie Institute for Science, have been awarded the Hamburger Outstanding Educator Prize from the society for Developmental Biology.

Dr. Shuda and Dr. Farber run Project BioEYES, an 100-12 science education program that provides classroom-based, hands-on learning using five zebrafish to teach about how cells and animals develop. The program is located within the Perelman School of Medicine; the Carnegie Institution; Notre Dame; and Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, among others, and reaches over 9,000 students per year.

Exhibition Award: Penn Libraries

The Association of College and Research Libraries Rare Books and Manuscripts Section selected Rare Book and Manuscript Library for their brochure entitled “Wharton Esherick and the Birth of the American Modern” as one of five winners for the 2012 Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab American Book Prices Current Exhibition Awards. They won in the brochure category.

The awards recognize outstanding exhibition catalogs issued by American or Canadian institutions in conjunction with library exhibitions, as well as electronic exhibition catalogs of outstanding merit issued within the digital/web environment. Certificates will be presented to each winner in June at the American Library Association conference.

Penn Recognized for Social Media Use

According to Mashable.com, Penn ranks second on the list of the 25 highest-ranked universities in both the US and UK at using social media such as Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. The results are determined by how each school attracted attention to its social media pages based on site traffic, followers, comments, etc. Penn was the second Ivy School on the list, along with Harvard University, which ranked first.

To follow related University social media accounts, see www.upenn.edu/about/social-media/ (continued on page 7)
Preservation Award: Weiss Pavilion

The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia has selected George A. Weiss Pavilion at Franklin Field as one of the recipients of the Grand Jury Award. The awards recognize individuals, organizations, businesses and projects that exemplify outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation throughout the region. Dedicated in 2010, the Weiss Pavilion contains the Robert A. Fox Fitness Center (Almanac November 9, 2010) and the recently opened Education Commons (Almanac April 3, 2012).

100 Top Hospitals: Penn Presbyterian Medical Center

Penn Presbyterian Medical Center has ranked among the nation’s top 100 hospitals, according to the annual study by Thompson Reuters. The study evaluates performance in 10 areas: mortality, medical complications; patient safety; average patient stay; expenses; profitability; patient satisfaction; adherence to clinical standards of care; post-discharge mortality; and readmission rates for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia.

“This is an incredible honor for the faculty, staff and administration at Penn Presbyterian,” said Michele Volpe, executive director and CEO, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. “This recognition is further acknowledgment of the culture of excellence that we are committed to delivering every day. I am so proud of all the extraordinary people in the Presbyterian family who strive to provide the best in patient care, education and research.”

As a 100 Top Hospitals winner, Penn Presbyterian’s overall composite score represents the positive impact that the organization provides to the community. According to the announcement by Thompson Reuters, winners are identified from nearly 3,000 US hospitals, and demonstrate that high-quality patient outcomes can be achieved while improving efficiency.

Inaugural Lipman Family Prize: iDE

The Wharton School announced the winner of its inaugural Barry & Marie Lipman Family Prize—iDE, a social enterprise that has pioneered innovative, market-based approaches to safe water and sanitation access. Chosen from hundreds of organizations worldwide devoted to social impact and building sustainable solutions for social and economic challenges, iDE received $100,000 and bragging rights at a gala marking the event’s culmination earlier this month. iDE and the other finalists, KOMAZA, a pioneering forestry social enterprise, and MedShare, a distributor of surplus medical supplies, will all profit from unprecedented, synergetic opportunities with Penn and Wharton.

iDE is an international nonprofit organization helping rural households in the developing world to access the tools and knowledge they need to increase their income. iDE’s productive water solutions create and increase both food production and incomes, and with innovative drinking water and sanitation technologies, iDE gives rural households the basis for healthier and more dignified livelihoods.

ECAC Champions: Penn Gymnastics

The Penn Gymnastics team won the ECAC (Eastern College Athletic Conference) Championship by 25-thousandths of a point with a score of 194.400. This is the highest ECAC and highest home score in program history. Other notable achievements from the meet include breaking their floor season record by nearly four-tenths and having the highest vault score in program history. Twelve gymnasts also set or tied career highs.

Penn Athletics Hall of Fame Class VIII

The University of Pennsylvania’s Director of Athletics, Steven J. Bilsky, has announced the men and women who will represent Class VIII in the Penn Athletics Hall of Fame. The class will be inducted on May 5 at the Inn at Penn.

If you would like to attend this special black-tie occasion, please contact Athletics Development coordinator Molly Rand at (215) 746-5125 or randm@upenn.edu

Class VIII features 12 recipients—nine men, three women—who will join 168 former Penn athletes and coaches in immortality. The class features 10 athletes, a former coach, and one special award.

Plaques honoring all members of the Hall of Fame are located in the Donaldson Room, which is in Weightman Hall.

The inductees are:

- Diana M. Caramanico, W’01, LPS’11—women’s basketball
- Debra Censis Donnally, N’81, GNu’83—field hockey/women’s lacrosse
- Timothy D. Chambers, C’85—football
- Willis N. Cummings, D’19—men’s cross country/track (1894-1900)
- Melissa D. Ingalls, C’90—women’s volleyball
- Bruce A. Lefkowitz, C’87—men’s basketball
- Robert P. Levy, C’52—special award
- Joseph D. Orman, C’01—sprint football/wrestling
- Joseph B. Sturgis, Sr., C’56, L’59—men’s basketball
- Paul A. Toomey, C’77—men’s soccer
- John J. Tori, C’54—men’s fencing
- Robert Weinhauser—former men’s basketball coach
Antiquing to Save Lives

A tradition dating back to 1962, The Philadelphia Antiques Show is the premier show for Americans, offering patrons the chance to purchase the finest of unique and timeless treasures. This year the show moves to the Pennsylvania Convention Center. It will be held on April 28 through May 1 with a preview party on April 27.

The Philadelphia Antiques Show has grown to be one of the most prominent shows in the United States, famed for its wide array of decorative pieces and furnishings. The show selects dealers and art galleries that offer the finest quality antiques to add a touch of history to today’s American home. Proceeds from the show benefit Penn Medicine. The 2012 show marks its 51st year as the major fundraiser for Penn Medicine to support innovative programs with direct impact on patient care.

Beneficiary: Lung Transplant Program

Proceeds from the 2012 Philadelphia Antiques Show will continue to raise funds for the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Since 1962, the show has raised over $18 million for the advancement of patient care. This year, the show will help establish the Penn Lung Transplant Ex Vivo Perfusion Program. The new addition of this Program to Penn Medicine’s Lung Transplant Program is a major initiative to promote innovative donor recovery practices, as well as extend treatment to more patients suffering from chronic lung disease.

Lung transplantation is a therapeutic option for patients with end stage lung disease who otherwise have no effective alternatives. A major limitation of this therapy is the limited availability of donors. More than 200 times as many people die of chronic lung disease each year in the US than are transplanted. Ex Vivo lung perfusion is a novel donor adjunct used to rehabilitate marginal high-risk organs for patients who would otherwise die waiting for transplant. This program will facilitate the rehabilitation of organs normally unsuitable for transplantation throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. As a leader in innovation surgical practices, this Program will use its resources to expand the number of transplants performed within the Health System and revolutionize the practice of lung transplantation throughout the US. The overall goal of the Program is to make the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania the safest place to receive a lung transplant by virtue of eliminating waitlist mortality. The Penn Lung Transplant Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion Program will also leverage the existing state-of-the-art clinical and basic science research enterprise to discover and implement therapeutics to treat chronic lung diseases and improve the lives of patients.

The Loan Exhibit: Pennsylvania Hospital

As the Philadelphia Antiques Show celebrates its first ever show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the 2012 Loan Exhibition also highlights a Philadelphia first—the Pennsylvania Hospital, the nation’s first chartered hospital. Where History Meets Medicine: Antiques from the Nation’s First Hospital will be on display. A tradition dating back to the show’s founding, a museum-quality loan exhibit is chosen every year to offer visitors a glimpse into a particular genre of antiques. Consisting of rare books and manuscripts, fine art by notable artists of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, as well as antique furniture and artifacts, the loan exhibit will highlight Pennsylvania Hospital’s collection. The portraits that grace the walls of the old Pine Building reflect the best of Philadelphia: wealthy businessmen acting as managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital as well as illustrious physicians who changed the state of health care not just in Philadelphia, but across the nation. Interesting items such as their pump fire engine (below) and Staffordshire Blue and White Pottery Platter tell an interesting tale of early America. Along with rare books, antique furniture and fine art, the Exhibition Show will delight visitors by peering into the early life of a Philadelphia first, the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The curator of the 2012 Loan Exhibition is Stacey C. Peeples, Pennsylvania Hospital Curator-Lead Archivist. Ms. Peeples has been in her role at the Pennsylvania Hospital Historic Collections for nearly 11 years. The collection itself has been amassed over the past 260 years.

The 2012 Philadelphia Antiques Show will house 58 antiques dealers in Hall F of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, making for the show’s largest selection of antiques and fine art yet. With 56 booths to showcase the dealers and galleries, the show will offer visitors the most exquisite selection of antiques, including furniture, paintings, works on paper, porcelain, folk art, jewelry, textiles, and more. Each dealer’s booth creatively displays antiques of exceptional quality that will renew passion in the seasoned collector, as well as excite new patrons to begin collections of their own.

2012 show chairwoman Gretchen Riley said, “We are overjoyed to welcome wonderful show accommodations, including a café and dining room, a lecture room to feature our superb lecture series, and a brand new addition of three interior designer rooms that will showcase timeless American antiques in today’s modern American homes.” Sponsored by James Mudie, curator of the world’s largest online marketplace for quality antiques and vintage design, the three rooms will feature antiques selected from the 2012 Philadelphia Antiques Show’s dealers in three modern settings.

Special Lectures

To further educate patrons about antiques, a line-up of lectures has returned to the show, and will be available daily to enlighten current and new antiques collectors. The lectures will range from a variety of viewpoints, to include: Stacey C. Peeples, curator-lead archivist at the Pennsylvania Hospital Historical Collection; Tim Hill, co-director of the acclaimed Hill Gallery; Morrison H. Heckscher, the Lawrence A. Fleischman Chairman of the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Arthur Liverant, a third generation antiques dealer and veteran of booth talks and museum presentations; Leslie Anne Miller, a collector of American antiques; Thomas Jayne, decorator and scholar of American design; Set C. Momjian, a premier collector of White House presidential china; and Christopher Rebollo, a renowned antiques dealer with a passion for restoring furniture. The lectures are free to all show attendees.

An exquisite flower exhibit pairs accomplished Philadelphia-area floral designers with 2012 show dealers. Their collaborative efforts result in dynamic displays of Americana, from American folk art and furniture, to antique samplers and jewelry. A picturesque timeline comprised of intricate designs convey a piece’s journey through captivating composition.

Tours

Private daily tours of the show will be offered every morning before the Show opens to the public. Philadelphia Museum of Art Fairmount Park House guides will share their knowledge as they escort small groups through the Show highlighting notable objects offered by the outstanding exhibitors and taking a closer look at the Loan Exhibit.

Tours are $25 per person and include general admission to the show. To purchase tickets or for more information about the 2012 Philadelphia Antiques Show, visit www.philaantiques.com or call (610) 902-2109.
The Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts presents the 28th Philadelphia International Children’s Festival from Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5, 2012. It provides three days of family-friendly music, theatre and dance performances and a host of fun, interactive activities. Performance highlights include Space Panorama, John Hadfield’s Monkeys in the House, John Tartaglia’s ImaginOcean, Circo Comedia and PASTA! A Pop Ups Puppet Musical. The outdoor Fun Zone features crafts, dancers, musicians and more, plus a special appearance by the Phillie Phanatic.

The Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, now celebrating its 40th anniversary, continues its legacy of providing affordable performing arts to Philadelphia’s youngest audiences with its 28th annual Philadelphia International Children’s Festival. Families can enjoy performances perfect for the young (and young at heart). In addition, families can take part in a variety of fun and interactive activities such as crafts, face painting, jugglers and more in the Children’s Festival Fun Zone on the Annenberg Center Outdoor Plaza. Tickets are only $10 and include access to the Fun Zone. Families attending performances on Saturday, May 5 can save by purchasing a Children’s Festival Fun Pass and enjoy three shows, access to the Children’s Festival Fun Zone and a lunch for only $25. For more information visit AnnenbergCenter.org

Founded in 1985 by Catherine Marshall, the Philadelphia International Children’s Festival was the first of its kind in the country, aiming to provide Philadelphia area families with an easy and affordable way to experience the artistry of international performance and visual arts. Attracting more than 15,000 children and their families each year, the eagerly anticipated springtime tradition also aims to build the arts and culture audiences of the future.

In partnership with WXPN, the Annenberg Center’s Zellerbach Theatre stage will be transformed into the WXPN Kids Corner Stage. WXPN performances include John Hadfield’s Monkeys in the House and PASTA! A Pop Ups Puppet Musical.

$5 tickets are available to West Philadelphia residents as a part of the PNC West Philly Rush Hour, starting two hours before the each performance begins and running for one hour. Proof of residency required. For more details visit AnnenbergCenter.org/pncrushour

2012 International Children’s Festival Performances

Space Panorama: A sparkling re-creation of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Space Panorama features British actor Andrew Dawson defying theater norms in a one-man journey from Houston to the moon and back. Armed with nothing more than a black-cladted cloth and music from Shostakovich’s Symphony No. 10, Dawson explores this momentous event using only his hands, arms and upper torso to create an enthrancing documentary of the entire mission. “Rocket science has never been so lyrical!” (Time Out London). Recommended for ages 7+

John Hadfield’s Monkeys in the House: Flap your arms, tap your feet and let out your inner monkey! John Hadfield’s unique show, Monkeys in the House, combines original funny songs, whoopee cushion percussion, a robot bird, juggling, magic, plate spinning, an imaginary friend who comes to life and even an adorable screaming robot monkey head named Hilton. Whew! Often featured on WXPN’s radio show Kids Corner, Mr. Hadfield is an award-winning singer-songwriter and former circus performer who has traveled the world as a clown and juggler. Recommended for ages 4-10.

John Tartaglia’s ImaginOcean: Take a magical underwater adventure through John Tartaglia’s glow-in-the-dark musical puppet show, ImaginOcean. Watch fish friends, Tank, Bubbles and Dorsel as they set out on a remarkable journey of discovery and friendship, jam-packed with glowing bubbles, lovable characters and showstopping music. John Tartaglia’s (Avenue Q, Broadway’s Shrek: The Musical and Disney’s Beauty and the Beast) ImaginOcean is a blast for kids of all ages from the first big splash to the last wave goodbye. Recommended for ages 2-10.

Circo Comedia: Unpredictable thrills, side-splitting comedy and daredevil stunts are the signature style of Circo Comedia, starring the fantastic duo Jean Saucier and Patrick Côté from Montréal. Featuring their distinctive flair for humor, acrobatic tricks and daring feats, these bad-boy clowns will entertain with their wacky showmanship and dazzle with their frenzied magic and eccentricity. Bolstered by 20-year backgrounds in the circus world, including previous stints with Cirque du Soleil, these deviously comical and irreverent showmen take circus clowning to a whole new level of fun. Recommended for all ages.

PASTA! A Pop Ups Puppet Musical: Join the Pop Ups, a Brooklyn-based indie kid-rock band, in their energetic live show that is as parent-pleasing as it is kid-centric. With cleverly crafted lyrics over catchy tunes, life-size puppets from the people behind The Muppet Show and rocking interactive dance numbers, PASTA! takes kids on a whimsical adventure through the Brooklyn borough, in search of ingredients to make the best locally-sourced tomato sauce ever. “Aside from marinara, what exactly is this band cooking up? Simply put: They’ve got the recipe for one of the most entertaining new kids’ acts in the city” (Time Out New York Kids). Featuring hits from the band’s Outside Voices album—a record called “the kids music debut of the year,” by NPR—PASTA! will catapult kids out of their seats in a delighted frenzy. Recommended for ages 2+.

Tomorrow’s Music Stars...Today!: Meet the musicians and the instruments; join students from the Curtis Institute of Music, the country’s premiere institution for training gifted, young musicians, and get an up close and personal glimpse into the thrilling world of classical music! The program features Curtis’ emerging stars demonstrating and interacting with the audience’s youngest members in an intimate and exploratory setting. Learn how each instrument makes its signature sound, how the musicians approach their technique and how all of the musicians work together to create remarkable music. Recommended for ages 5-12.

Children’s Festival Fun Zone: Free for all ticket holders, the Children’s Festival Fun Zone located on the Annenberg Center’s Outdoor Plaza features a host of engaging and hands-on activities for the whole family including crafts, face painting, jugglers, musicians and more. The Phillie Phanatic makes a special appearance on Saturday, May 5 at noon, just in time to celebrate the opening of baseball season. The Fun Zone will open daily at 10 a.m. Outdoor performance highlights include: Brian Sanders & JUNK (physical theatre), Joe Tayoun & Friends (Middle Eastern drummers), the Give & Take Jugglers, the Cat’s Pajamas (rockin’ music), and Wondeurgy and The Plants (imaginative and eclectic band).
Recognized Holidays for Fiscal Year 2013

The following holidays will be observed by the University in the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) on the dates listed below:

Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4, 2012
Labor Day: Monday, September 3, 2012
Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, 2012
Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25, 2012
New Year’s Day: Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 21, 2013
Memorial Day: Monday, May 27, 2013

Extension of 2012 Special Winter Vacation to Include Monday, December 24, 2012

To the University Community:

After examining the University’s potential business needs—and to give our employees an additional day of well-deserved rest and replenishment—the University will extend the Special Winter Vacation for 2012 to include Monday, December 24, 2012. The Special Winter Vacation for faculty and staff will be December 24, 26, 27, 28, and 31, 2012. If an employee is required to work to continue departmental operations for part or all of this period, the special winter vacation can be scheduled for another time.

Staff members who are absent from work either the work day before a holiday, the work day after a holiday, or both days, will receive holiday pay if that absence is charged to preapproved paid time off or to sick days substantiated by a written note from the staff member’s health care provider.

Vacations and holidays for hospital employees or those staff members in areas covered by collective bargaining agreements are governed by the terms of hospital policies or their respective collective bargaining agreements.

Open Enrollment Has Ended

Benefits Open Enrollment—you annual opportunity to make changes to your benefit elections—is now over.

Any changes made during the 2012–2013 Benefits Open Enrollment period will be effective as of July 1, 2012. Outside of Open Enrollment, you can only modify your elections when you experience a life event change, such as marriage or the birth of a child.

For more information, visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/benefits/enrollment.aspx or contact the Penn Benefits Center at 1-888-PENN-BEN (1-888-736-6236).

“Did You Know?” is a monthly series that includes valuable tips to help you get the most out of the benefits and services offered by the Division of Human Resources.

Did You Know?

Plan for Your Future with Long-Term Care

More than 40% of people over age 65 will need care in a nursing home, and four out of 10 people receiving long-term care are between 18 and 64 years old. What’s more—the cost of long-term care has been on the rise since 2006. So how do you prepare if a chronic disease or disability strikes you or a loved one? Long-term care insurance can help.

Whether you need help dressing, bathing or using the bathroom, long-term care insurance can help cover the costs of services received in a nursing home, in the community or at your own home. Not only can it give you financial stability if the unexpected strikes, you also pay a lower premium the younger you are when you apply. Plus, health insurance and Medicare don’t usually cover the cost of nursing homes, assisted living facilities or in-home care. Long-term care insurance can help defray some of those costs so you don’t have to worry about the out-of-pocket expense.

Ready to kick your long-term care plan into high gear? If you’re a full-time employee, see how Penn’s long-term care benefit can help you. *Source: Genworth Financial and Medicare.

Extension of Long-Term Care Insurance Enrollment

If you missed the opportunity to enroll for long-term care insurance with Penn’s new vendor—Genworth Financial—don’t worry! We’re extending the special enrollment period for long-term care coverage.

Full-time faculty and staff have until May 11, 2012 to enroll without having to show proof of good health.

The guaranteed acceptance period is a one-time offering and won’t be available each year with the same terms. You can still apply for long-term care insurance outside of this initial enrollment period, but you’ll be subject to medical underwriting. Keep in mind that your eligible family members must provide proof of good health even during this special enrollment period.

For more information and to apply, visit www.genworth.com/groupltc (Group ID: UPenn; Access Code: groupltc). Or call 800-416-3624 and speak to a Genworth customer service representative.

If you already have an existing long-term care contract with our previous vendor—John Hancock—you’ll retain your coverage, but will have the opportunity to enroll with Genworth later this year.

—Division of Human Resources

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy

Another tip in a series provided by the Offices of Information Systems & Computing and Audit, Compliance & Privacy.

Not all Wireless is Created Equal

Wireless networking has become nearly ubiquitous to the point that, even in the great outdoors, there are fewer and fewer spots where wireless users can’t get “bars.” In addition to laptops, the list of devices that can make use of wireless networks now includes smartphones, tablet devices like iPads, printers, thermostats—even home DVD players can now deliver content and updates via wireless!

With so many networks available, how can you know which are safe to use? In many cases, actually, you can’t. Penn’s main wireless network, AirPennNet, is a very robust, high-bandwidth medium featuring state-of-the-art encryption and security which protects PennKey-authenticated users. An alternative network, AirPennNet Guest, which provides lower bandwidth and no encryption in transit is available to users whose time at Penn is brief or limited, and whose needs are not the demanding.

But what about the coffee shop on the corner, or the hotel you just checked into? Even major, reputable businesses sometimes offer free wireless networks that do not require authentication and/or encryption, and it’s a good idea in general to avoid open, unencrypted wireless networks on which other “freeloaders” may even be intercepting (“sniffing”) and capturing traffic on the network, including yours.

At home, make your wireless network as secure as possible by using the strongest encryption your access point(s) provide (usually WPA-2, making sure the password needed for access is strong, and change all default administration passwords.

For more information on Penn’s wireless networks, visit www.upenn.edu/computing/wireless

For additional tips, see the One Step Ahead link on the Information Security website: www.upenn.edu/computing/security/
Penn Tree Program Commemorating 2012 Graduates

On April 25, Morris Arboretum Executive Director Paul Meyer will join the Class of 2012 at Penn’s College Green to plant a tree and dedicate it as part of the Penn Tree program, a program linking Penn students to their own Morris Arboretum. The Class of 2012 planting ceremony marks the third commemoration of this new Penn tradition, where a tree is planted and dedicated on campus in honor of each Penn class.

Bill Hohns, ’74, who sponsors the Penn Tree Program, thinks that “the program is simple, both in its concept and execution; without significant staff cost to the University or Arboretum; and through the placement of distinctive trees over time, can dramatically influence the appearance of the campus while building pride for each class.”

Every year, the Arboretum, in consultation with the University Landscape Architect, provides students with a selection of three specimen trees. These are chosen by the Class and their favorite becomes their Penn Tree. By engaging the expertise of Morris Arboretum staff for the tree choices, the Class is assured that the urban and other requirements of the Penn campus are carefully considered. Morris Arboretum also works closely with the Penn Traditions program to facilitate the voting process and encourage student participation.

17th District Report

Below are all Crimes Against Persons from the 17th District: 7 incidents with 1 arrest (4 robberies and 3 aggravated assaults) were reported between April 9-15, 2012 by the 17th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

- 10:18 AM 1200 S 47th St Aggravated Assault
- 6:36 PM 4837 Woodland Ave Robbery
- 2:30 AM 4020 Walnut St Robbery
- 1:50 PM 4200 Spruce St Robbery
- 7:30 PM 3911 Pine St Aggravated Assault
- 4:30 PM 315 S 45 St Robbery
- 8:45 AM 4600 Market St Robbery

Recipes Made With Local Ingredients

The Taste of Penn will offer University of Pennsylvania students the opportunity to sample and rate a variety of healthy dishes made with locally sourced ingredients from 12 area vendors from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 24 in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall.

Based on an Olympic theme in honor of Penn’s Year of Games, the event will feature recipes using My Plate, the federal government’s new dietary guide that replaces the food pyramid. Students will be given gold, silver and bronze coins to use to vote for their favorite recipes.

The featured recipes will include: Yogurt Parfait Panna Cotta, an alternative breakfast entree; Blackened Tofu and Roasted Red Pepper Sauce on a Bed of Cucumber and Tomato Slaw; Creole Beef Grillades and Cheese Grits; Brown Rice Balls Stuffed with Roasted Eggplant Tomato Filling; and Pear-Ginger Salsa Tostadas.

Chefs with Penn Pride will each feature a dish using a local product supplied by area growers and one of the main categories of the plate—dairy, protein, grain, fruit or vegetable, so that students can try new recipes for next year.

Survey for Parents at Penn

The New Parents at Penn and the Working Parents Association (two staff/student run groups) have collaborated with the Penn Women’s Center to craft a short survey to identify some of the evolving needs of members of the Penn community who are also parents. Whether you are a student, staff member, faculty member or post doc please take a minute to let us know your needs and interests as a parent. The results of this survey will help the two parent groups and the Penn Women’s Center gather support and resources on campus.

Survey www.surveymonkey.com/s/WX3JJYF

Pennsylvania Women’s Political Action Survey for Parents at Penn

The Pennsylvania Women’s Political Action Survey for Parents at Penn is a survey for parents at Penn that identifies and addresses gaps in support for working parents. The survey is being sent out to parents enrolled at Penn. The survey can be found at www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v58/2012_Special_Surveys.html.

Almanac On-the-Go: RSS Feeds

Almanac provides links to select stories each week there is an issue. Visit Almanac’s website, www.upenn.edu/almanac for instructions on how to subscribe to the Almanac RSS Feed.

Taste of Penn: Millennial Plates and Penn's Future

To celebrate the Class of 2012, the Penn Student Affairs Team is sponsoring a local food festival for students, faculty, and staff. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bodek Lounge. The festival will feature dishes from 12 local vendors and each dish will be made with locally sourced ingredients.

The event is part of the University of Pennsylvania’s Year of Games, which is celebrating the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. The festival is open to the public and is free to attend. In addition to the food, there will be music and activities for all ages.

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The University of Pennsylvania Police Department

Community Crime Report

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department (UPD) is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all members of the University community. UPD is responsible for the protection of lives, property, and the maintenance of order on the University’s campus.

The UPD annually reports incidents to the Federal government as required under the Clery Act. The purpose of this report is to provide the University community with a summary of the crime statistics for the University’s campus for the past year. The report includes crimes that occurred on or near the University’s campus, as well as crimes that were reported to UPD.

The report also provides information on crime prevention, including tips for personal safety and security. UPD is committed to working with the University community to prevent crime and create a safe and secure environment.

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University of Pennsylvania Commencement Events 2012

School Ceremonies and Speakers

Annenberg School for Communication
Bachelor of Arts Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m., Zellerbach Theater, Annenberg Center
Reception: Agora, Annenberg Public Policy Center, 202 S. 36th Street, following the ceremony
Speaker: Rebecca Kaplan, C’10, writer for National Journal
PhD Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 1:30 p.m., Room 110, Annenberg School
Reception: Agora, Annenberg Public Policy Center, 202 S. 36th Street, noon–1:30 p.m.

School of Arts & Sciences
College of Arts & Sciences:
Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Field
Speaker: Paul Hendrickson, author and senior lecturer, department of English
Graduate Division, SAS:
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 1 p.m., Hill Field, 33rd and Walnut Street
Speaker: Susan Lindee, associate dean for the social sciences; chair of history & sociology of science
Reception: Hill Field, immediately following the ceremony
College of Liberal and Professional Studies:
Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 4 p.m., Hill Field, 33rd and Walnut Street
Speaker: Ardi Endo, Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Reception: Hill Field, immediately following the ceremony
Fels Institute of Government:
Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m., Fels Institute of Government, 3814 Walnut Street
Speaker: The Honorable Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Member of Congress
School of Dental Medicine
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 1 p.m., Irvine Auditorium
Speaker: Arthur Caplan, Emmanuel & Robert Hart Director of the Center for Bioethics and Sidney Caplan Professor of Bioethics at Penn
Reception: School of Dental Medicine, Robert Schattner Center, 240 S. 40th Street; immediately following the ceremony

School of Design
Luncheon: Monday, May 14, noon, Meyerson Hall Terrace
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 1:30 p.m., Furness Plaza, 34th Street and Locust Walk
Speaker: Ken Greenberg, architect, Urban Designer Principal, Greenberg Consultants, Inc.

Graduate School of Education
Ceremony: Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m., Franklin Field
Speaker: Robert Slavin, director of the Center for Research and Reform in Education, Johns Hopkins; director of the Institute for Effective Education, University of York

School of Engineering & Applied Science
Undergraduate Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 2:30 p.m., Franklin Field
Speaker: Garrett Reisman (EAS’90, W’90), American engineer and former NASA astronaut
Luncheon: Monday, May 14, immediately following University Commencement ceremony
PhD and Master’s Ceremony: Saturday, May 12, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Franklin Field

Speaker: Ruzena Bajcsy, Penn Professor Emerita, Computer Science and Engineering

Law School
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 3 p.m., Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Streets
Speaker: Rudolph Giuliani, former Mayor of New York City
Reception: Sunday, May 13, 2–4 p.m., Law School

Perelman School of Medicine
Perelman School of Medicine:
Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 9 a.m., Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Broad and Spruce Streets
Speaker: Peter Agre, 2003 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry; President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
Reception: Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, immediately following the ceremony

Biomedical Graduate Studies:
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 10 a.m., Harrison Auditorium, Penn Museum, 1:30–2:30 p.m
Reception: Warden Garden, Penn Museum, Monday, May 14, 12:30–1:30 p.m
Speaker: J. Larry Jameson, Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania for the Health System; Dean, Perelman School of Medicine

School of Nursing
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 1 p.m., Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center, Broad and Spruce Streets
Speaker: Karen Dale, president of the American Nurses Association
Reception: Monday, May 14, noon–2 p.m., Carol M. Ware Lobby, Claire M. Fagin Hall

School of Social Policy & Practice
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m., Irvine Auditorium (tickets required)
Speaker: Patrick J. Kennedy, US Representative for Rhode Island, 1995-2011
Reception: Houston Hall, immediately following the ceremony

School of Veterinary Medicine
Ceremony: Monday, May 14, 2:30 p.m., Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center
Speaker: Dr. Gregg BeVier, senior program officer, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Reception: Annenberg Center Courtyard, immediately following the ceremony

Wharton
Wharton Undergraduate Division
Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 9 a.m., Palestra
Class of 2012 Speaker: Samuel W. Rowland
Faculty Speaker: Peter S. Fader, Frances and Pei-Yuan Chia Professor, Professor of Marketing, co-director, Wharton Customer Analytics Initiative

Wharton Graduate Division
Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 1–3:30 p.m., Palestra
Speaker: Dr. Oz (M’86, WG’86), talk show host; director of Cardiovascular Institute and Commentary Medicine Program at New York Presbyterian Hospital

Wharton Doctoral Division
Ceremony: Sunday, May 13, 5 p.m., Jon M. Huntsman Hall, 8th Floor, Colloquium Hall