Penn President Amy Gutmann and Provost Vincent Price announced that John L. Jackson, Jr., the Richard Perry University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Senior Advisor for Diversity in the Office of the Provost, has been named dean of Penn’s School of Social Policy & Practice. His new position will become effective July 1.

Dr. Jackson, who has primary appointments in the Annenberg School for Communication and the School of Arts & Sciences, as well as a secondary appointment in the School of Social Policy & Practice, is a noted cultural anthropologist who has written and taught about the impact of mass media on urban life, globalization and the remaking of ethnic and racial diasporas, and racialization and media technology.

“John is a distinguished teacher, a renowned scholar and a visionary leader whose work crosses traditional academic boundaries and involves community partners in understanding and confronting societal challenges around the nation and the world,” President Gutmann said.

“He is the best person to advance the School of Social Policy & Practice toward its goal of becoming the leading center for interdisciplin ary teaching and research on social innovation, impact and justice.”

Dr. Jackson joined Penn in 2006 as its first Penn Integrates Knowledge (PIK) University Professor, a program developed to recruit preeminent faculty who have appointment in two Penn schools and who harness tools from different disciplines and professional perspectives to address compelling societal challenges (Almanac May 2, 2006). He has conducted fieldwork in Harlem to understand cultural and economic diversity in contemporary New York, analyzed the impact of language on race relations and explored the use of technology by African American religious and spiritual communities. His scholarly work... (continued on page 3)

Jill and Alan Miller Associate Professorship in Breast Cancer Excellence: Angela M. DeMichele

Dr. Angela M. DeMichele is the inaugural chair-holder of the Jill and Alan Miller Associate Professorship in Breast Cancer Excellence at Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center. Dr. DeMichele also serves as Senior Scholar in the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. At the Abramson Cancer Center, she co-leads both the Breast Cancer Research Program and the 2-PRE VENT Translational Center of Excellence, which was launched to address the high rate of relapse and late treatment effects among breast cancer survivors.

The lead donors for the chair are Jill and Alan Miller, who made the naming gift to celebrate Jill’s 20th anniversary as a breast cancer survivor. Other donors to the professorship include Steven and Courtney Kapp and Ronald Kresge.

“I am tremendously gratified that the Millers have chosen to honor Dr. DeMichele in such a personally meaningful way,” said Dr. Chi V. Dang, the John H. Glick, MD Abramson Cancer Center Director’s Professor and Director of the Abramson Cancer Center. “Endowed professorships are vital to our mission to stay at the forefront of cancer research, and I look forward to the life-saving advances the Miller chair will now make possible.”

Dr. DeMichele was a Four Schools Physician/Scientist Scholar at the Washington University School of Medicine and earned a master’s degree in clinical epidemiology from Penn. She also received her clinical training in internal medicine and hematology/oncology at Penn and joined the faculty in 2000 as a breast cancer oncologist and molecular epidemiologist.

She is a past recipient of a Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a Clinical Research Training Grant from the American Cancer Society and a Patient-Oriented Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. DeMichele has served on the Medical Oncology Subspecialty Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Editorial Board of the Journal of Clinical Oncology and is currently chair of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Expedition Inspiration Fund for Breast Cancer Research.

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Chair's Report: Faculty Senate Chair Dwight Jaggard reported that there will be an Open Forum for faculty members with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education visiting team on Tuesday, March 25 and he encouraged SEC members to participate. He also announced that the Senate Committee met on March 18. The ballot generated at that meeting will be sent via email to SEC members for a vote.

Tribute to Ellis Golub: Gary Cohen, professor of microbiology in the Dental School, spoke in remembrance of Ellis Golub, former professor of biochemistry in the Dental School, who passed away on January 22, 2014. Dr. Cohen praised Dr. Golub as an exceptional researcher, University citizen and friend.

Update on the Office of the Provost: Provost Vincent Price spoke to SEC members on recent developments in the areas under his purview. He encouraged SEC members to visit the renovated ARCH building, which houses the University’s cultural centers, the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships and a new restaurant. Construction has begun on the new college house in Hill Field, which is slated to open in 2016. The Task Force on Student Psychological Health and Welfare has launched an investigation of University policies and practices concerning students’ mental health. The Commission on Student Safety, Alcohol and Campus Life issued its report last month and as a result of the commission’s recommendations, a new educational outreach position has been funded to address issues of hazing violence and sexual assault. The dean of the graduate schools and Vice Provost for Education Andy Binns will convene a University-wide council to review master’s degree programs. The AAU Undergraduate STEM Initiative is underway to incorporate Structured Active In-Class Learning (SAIL) in various STEM courses. The Middle States Accreditation process continues and the external review team will visit the University next week. The Penn Center for Innovation will launch soon, offering expanded services for faculty research, as well as the new Pennovation Center that will provide space for collaboration and innovation on the South Bank. Construction will begin on the Perry World House, which will provide dormitory and office space for global projects. Work continues on the Penn Wharton China Center in Beijing, which will offer a base of operations for faculty working in China. The results of three of the four dean searches have been announced: Geoffrey Garrett will be dean of the Wharton School, John L. Jackson, Jr. dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice and Antonia Villarreal dean of the School of Nursing. The search for a dean of the Graduate School of Education is proceeding smoothly, as is the search for Director of Collegiate Athletics.

SEC members and the Provost then discussed the timeframe for the Graduate School of Education dean search, the future location of Counseling and Psychological Services, the position of Director of Perry World House, the shortage of classrooms appropriate for SAIL methods, repurposing of satellite libraries, open access to research publications and problems with the current economic model of research publishing.

Update from the Vice Provost for Faculty: Vice Provost for Faculty Anita Allen updated SEC members on the Progress Report on Minority Equity and the Progress Report on Penn’s Action Plan for Faculty Diversity and Excellence. She noted that the 2011 Action Plan had made specific commitments and the University was on target to fulfill these commitments in its recent progress report. Underrepresented minority hiring has increased and departures have decreased. She noted that gains in hiring for women have not increased to the same extent. Because growth of the faculty across the University is limited, the only way to increase the numbers of women and minorities is to hire a larger percentage each year. The University would like to increase the number of underrepresented faculty members by 13% by 2024, 15% of faculty hired each year must be minority. Penn is not doing as well as our peers in hiring women and minorities. Although the percentage of faculty that are underrepresented minorities is slowly increasing, the percentage of hikes that are underrepresented minorities is increasing. The role of the Diversity Search Advisors in the schools is crucial, but some areas of the University have been resistant to incorporating diversity initiatives. Instead, the climate for underrepresented minorities, LGBT and women faculty is also important, since the most recent faculty climate survey indicates these groups don’t have as positive an image of the University as others. In the future, Vice Provost for Faculty Anita Allen would like to combine these two reports into one report on diversity and inclusion, in order to streamline the process and cover the full range of activities on campus.

SEC members and the Vice Provost for Faculty then discussed surveying faculty members who choose to leave or candidates who choose not to come to Penn, changing the culture of departments and schools, the designation of a minority group as underrepresented and Penn’s initiatives to increase the pipeline for minority students.

Discussion on Information Security and Institutional Risk Management: Chief Information Security Officer Joshua Beeman told SEC members that Information Security had been identified by the Institutional Risk Management Committee as one of the top areas for potential risk to the University. As a result, information security processes are being reviewed at the University, including seeking out best practices and recommendations, identifying and clarifying where and how functions are performed, assessing staff levels and competencies and establishing timetables and accountability moving forward. The project is in its initial phase, but expects to complete the process by September 2014. Mr. Beeman emphasized that although information security is often thought of as an IT problem, every user plays a role in preventing breaches by keeping credentials and privileged data secure. The project will allow the University to better assess its priorities in information security and use regular benchmarking of progress and comparison to peers.

SEC members and the group then discussed the motivations behind data breaches, standardizing information security policies and implementation across departments and schools and improving data governance.
has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the Lilly Endowment.

"John has the vision, energy and skills to continue to strengthen the School of Social Policy & Practice, to help deepen its relationships and partnerships across the University and with communities locally and globally and to further position it as a critical contributor to our vision of Penn as the model of an inclusive, integrative and impactful university," Provst Prov Price said. An accomplished filmmaker, Dr. Jackson has produced a feature-length fiction film, documentaries and shorts that have screened at film festivals internationally. With colleagues from the Annenberg School and Penn's Graduate School of Education, and working closely alongside community members, he also helped create CAMRA (Collaborative Advancements in Multimodal Research Activities), an interdisciplinary group of researchers and educators committed to participatory, experimental media making which grew out of an interdisciplinary year-long GSE course, Documentary, Ethnography and Research Communicating Scholarship Through Film co-taught by Stanton Worthing, GSE, Amit Das, GSE Films and Dr. Jackson.

The Penn Mental Health AIDS Research Center (PMHARC) Developmental Awards Program—Call for Pilot Project Applications: May 1

The PMHARC seeks applications for its pilot research program. This competitive program will select up to six projects with clear potential to lead to larger, funded research initiatives. All applications will be evaluated for scientific merit, programmatic relevance, utilization of PMHARC Core services and feasibility for completion within one year. The PMHARC will support a broad range of research topics related to the treatment of individuals with serious mental illness and HIV infection. Projects may be given to applications that are responsive to the research priorities of the PMHARC*. Special consideration will be given to applications that include both established investigators and early career investigators. Research strategies may include small feasibility trials and secondary analysis of large data sets.

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PMHARC Core services are strongly encouraged and will be viewed as responsive to this announcement.

PMHARC Core Assessments and Repository: All studies involving human subjects will be expected to use a core battery of clinical and lab assessments which, for most projects, will be completed by the Clinical Assessment Core and the Laboratory Biomarkers Core. Participants will be registered in the PMHARC data and specimen repository.

Applications: Forms and application details can be found at: www.med.upenn.edu/pmharc

Eligibility: All projects must be led by a member of the Penn Faculty, including Instructors, Post Docs and Senior Fellows at Penn who are also eligible with a faculty sponsor.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2014

Approximate start date: July 1, 2014

Application Submission: Applications, cover letter and budget page should be submitted as a single PDF file via email to Jamie Good at jgood@ mail.med.upenn.edu no later than 5 p.m. on May 1, 2014.

*An overview and a list of the research priorities of the PMHARC and cover and budget page instructions can be found at: www.med.upenn.edu/pmharc

For further information, please contact Dave Metzger, director of Developmental Core at dsm@mail.med.upenn.edu


Dr. Jackson succeeds Richard Gelles, who has served with distinction as dean since 2001. "We are confident that John will build on Rich Gelles’ strong legacy as dean and be an outstanding and supportive leader and partner to the School’s faculty, students, staff and alumni in the years ahead,” President Gutmann said.

Founding Director, Penn Institute for Biomedical Informatics The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania invites applications for the position of Founding Director of the newly established Penn Institute for Biomedical Informatics (IBI), enabled by a recent philanthropic gift. The Institute (Almanac March 26, 2013) is focused on the science of biomedical informatics and will integrate informatics disciplines from bioinformatics to translational, clinical and public health informatics. The Founding Director will lead and develop the Institute, bring together current faculty and other experts in the broader Penn community and in partnership with our Department Chairs, recruit new faculty to the Institute and the Perelman School of Medicine.

The IBI, in partnership with the Schools of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine, as well as the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, will tackle challenges directly relevant to patient care, as well as improve basic research that leads to more personalized care. The Institute will also focus on educating the next generation of biomedical informaticians by incorporating a new Masters in Biomedical Informatics degree program with the existing Ph.D program in Genomics and Computational Biology and by creating additional graduate and medical training programs as the field evolves.

A full position description for the Founding Director can be found at http://www.med.upenn.edu/apps/faculty_ad/index.php?id=5347.

All interested applicants are invited to send their curriculum vitae and letter of interest to Dr. Chi Van Dang, chair, IBI Director Search Committee, c/o Marga Ret M. Lizotte, Search Committee Liaison, lizotte@exchange.upenn.edu

Baccalaureate Speaker: Kirbyjon Caldwell (continued from page 1)

a BA in economics from Carleton College; an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1977; a master’s degree in theology from Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology; and two honorary doctor of law degrees, one from Huston-Tillotson College and another from Carleton College. He is the author of the best seller The Gospel of Good Success and co-author of Entrepreneurial Faith.
**Art History Honors: Dr. Davis**

Dr. Julie Davis, associate professor in the SAS department of the history of art, has been elected president of the Japan Art History Forum, an international organization for professionals engaged in the study of Japanese arts and cultures. She will assume this role at the Association for Asian Studies meetings on March 28 and will serve a three-year term. Dr. Davis has been a member since its founding in 1996, when she was part of its steering committee and served as the graduate student representative.

Dr. Davis has also been nominated to serve on the board of directors for the International Ukiyo-e Society, headquartered in Tokyo, which signifies her important contribution to the field.

Her primary research concerns Ukiyo-e, the “images of the floating world,” and the arts of the Tokugawa period (1615-1868).

**Biological Research Award: Dr. Hajishengallis**

The research of Penn Dental Medicine’s Dr. George Hajishengallis, professor in the department of microbiology, has been recognized by the International and American Associations for Dental Research (IADR/AADR) through their annual IADR/AADR William J. Gies Awards for Biomedical Research.

Dr. Hajishengallis along with collaborators Drs. Richard P. Darveau and Michael A. Curtis from University of Washington and Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, respectively, have been selected to receive the 2014 IADR/AADR William J. Gies Award in the category of biological research for the paper, “Porphyromonas gingivalis as a Potential Community Activist for Disease.” The award for biomedical research was presented last week.

**Lehigh’s Business Dean: Professor Phillips**

Georgette Chapman Phillips, David B. Ford Professor of Real Estate; professor of legal studies and law in Wharton and the Law School, was named dean of Lehigh University’s College of Business and Economics. She will begin her tenure on July 1. Professor Phillips is also vice dean, technology enhanced learning in Wharton.

**ACM Fellows**

Two professors in the SEAS department of computer and information science were named Fellows of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

Dr. Sampath K. Kannan, Henry Salvatori Professor and chair of the department, was honored for his contributions to algorithmic approaches to program reliability, bioinformatics and for his service to the computer science research community. In his work on massive data set algorithms, Dr. Kannan explores what can be computed efficiently and what is not computable.

Dr. Val Tannen, professor of computer and information science, was honored for his contributions to query languages, query optimization and database management. His work is centered around data management technologies and their applications in life sciences.

**Ivy Champs: Women’s Basketball**

The Quaker women’s basketball team defeated Princeton University, 80-64, winning the Ivy League title and earning the program’s first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 2003-2004. This is their third Ivy League title and their first in 10 years. The Quakers (22-6, 12-2 Ivy) tied a school record for wins in a season and their 12 league wins are second-most in program history.

**Pennsylvania Hospital, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center and Chester County Hospital Receive Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Awards**

Pennsylvania Hospital, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center and Chester County Hospital received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes these Penn Medicine hospitals’ commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of stroke care by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted standards and recommendations.

“This award is a testament to all the hard work that our staff at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center has done toward caring for our patients with cerebrovascular disease,” said Dr. Claude Nguyen, assistant professor of neurology and director of stroke services at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. “Along with our telemedicine program and upcoming involvement with clinical trials, Penn Presbyterian continues our commitment to provide the best care possible for our community.”

To receive the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award, these three Penn Medicine hospitals achieved at least 12 consecutive months of 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality Achievement indicators and achieved at least 75 percent or higher compliance with six of 10 Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality Measures during that same period of time, which are reporting initiatives to measure quality of care. The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania received the Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award in October 2013, for achieving 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality Achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month intervals and 75 percent or higher compliance with six of 10 Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality Measures.

These measures include aggressive use of medications, such as antithrombetics, anticoagulation therapy, DVT prophylaxis, cholesterol reducing drugs and smoking cessation, all aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients.

“Management of stroke at Pennsylvania Hospital has improved tremendously since we were designated a primary stroke center in 2012,” said Dr. Howard Hurtig, Elliott Professor of Neurology and chair of the neurology department at Pennsylvania Hospital. “Every member of the team of nurses, residents, physicians and other staff of the hospital plays a vital role in making the program so well-coordinated and successful.

“With a stroke, time lost is brain lost, and the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award demonstrates that our staff is committed to providing care that has been shown in the scientific literature to quickly and efficiently treat stroke patients with evidence-based protocols,” said Sandra Garrison, director of cardiovascular disease management at Chester County Hospital.

Last year, the four Penn Medicine hospitals saw a combined total of 1,372 stroke patients. In addition to the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke awards, both the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Chester County Hospital have been recognized as recipients of the American Stroke Association’s Target: Stroke Honor Roll, for improving stroke care. Over the past quarter, at least 50 percent of the hospitals’ eligible ischemic stroke patients have received tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, within 60 minutes of arriving at the hospital (known as ‘door-to-needle’ time). A thrombolytic, or clot-busting agent, tPA is the only drug approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for the urgent treatment of ischemic stroke. If given intravenously in the first three hours after the start of stroke symptoms, tPA has been shown to significantly reverse the effects of stroke and reduce permanent disability.

“Penn Medicine is to be commended for its commitment to implementing standards of care and protocols for treating stroke patients across all hospitals,” said Dr. Lee H. Schwamm, chair of the Get With The Guidelines National Steering Committee and director of the TeleStroke and Acute Stroke Services at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. “The full implementation of acute care and secondary prevention recommendations and guidelines is a critical step in saving the lives and improving outcomes of stroke patients.”
Benefits Open Enrollment: April 14—April 25

New Rule: $500 Rollover for Health Care FSA

If you’re a Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) participant, we have good news for you! Effective with the current plan year, you can roll over up to $500 of unused funds in your account to the following plan year.

Thanks to recent guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Penn is allowed to relax the normal “use it or lose it” rule. Now, instead of forfeiting all unspent money in your Health Care FSA at the end of the plan year, you’re able to protect up to $500 by rolling it over to the following year.

The $500 rollover rule is effective with the current plan year. That means if you’re currently enrolled in the Health Care FSA (for the plan year ending June 30, 2014), up to $500 of unused expenses will automatically roll over to the 2014-2015 plan year.

Here’s an example of how it will work: Let’s say you contribute $2,500 to your Health Care FSA in the 2013-2014 plan year. But you only incur $1,900 in qualified medical expenses by June 30, 2014. At the end of the plan year, you have $600 left in your account. Rather than losing the entire $600, you’ll only forfeit $100. The remaining $500 will automatically roll over to the 2014-2015 plan year.

Keep in mind that this new rollover rule only applies to the Health Care FSA. Participants in the Dependent FSA cannot roll over any unused funds.

To find out more about how this will work for you, visit http://hr.upenn.edu/myhr/benefits/health/open-enrollment for more details.

What’s Changing as of July 1, 2014

Please take note of the following changes for the 2014–2015 plan year:

Health Care Flexible Spending Account Rollover

Effective with the current plan year, you are able to roll over up to $500 of the money in your Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) if you don’t spend it all within the plan year.

As part of the Affordable Care Act, the IRS has relaxed the normal “use it or lose it” rule. Now, instead of losing all unspent money in your Health Care FSA at the end of the plan year, you’re able to protect up to $500 by rolling it over to the following year. Note that rolling over funds does not impact your maximum election for the following plan year.

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Prescription Drug Formulary Changes

As of July 1, 2014, some prescription drugs will no longer be covered on Penn’s approved formulary. Express Scripts, Penn’s prescription benefit manager, constantly reviews and compares medications to provide participants with access to a range of proven drugs for every health condition. An independent panel of doctors and pharmacists maintains a list—called a formulary—to ensure that the drugs included are the most clinically appropriate and cost-effective possible. Some medications may be removed from the formulary when other safe and effective alternatives are available.

If any of the medications you and/or your dependents currently take will no longer be covered, you will receive a direct communication from Express Scripts letting you know how this will affect you and what actions you should take. While Penn’s prescription drug benefit will no longer cover the cost for those medications, clinical alternatives will be included on the revised formulary. For more information, please call Express Scripts at 1-877-621-8798 or visit http://Express-Scripts.com.

Updates for Independence Blue Cross Participants

Independence Blue Cross is upgrading to a new business platform that will provide a better member experience. The member website will be easier to use, with enhanced health and wellness tools and information.

Participants currently enrolled in the PennCare/Personal Choice PPO plan or the Keystone Health Plan East HMO plan will receive a new ID card and a new member number. Look for your new card in mid-June. To ensure that your claims are processed correctly, it’s very important that you present this new card and ID number to all your medical providers. Please be sure to destroy your old card as soon as you receive the new one.

Participants currently enrolled in the PennCare/Personal Choice PPO plan will see a redesigned Explanation of Benefits (EOB) when you have a claim and payment is due. The new EOB will provide the same information you currently receive, but in a more user-friendly format. You will have the option to receive your EOB either electronically (via the member portal or email) or through the mail.

Name Change for Penn Faculty Practice Dental Plan

The Penn Faculty Practice dental plan is changing its name to the Penn Dental Plan. The office locations will remain the same but the names will change slightly:

Penn Dental Locust Walk (at the Robert Schattner Center), 240 S. 40th Street
Penn Dental University City, 3401 Market Street
Penn Dental Bryn Mawr, 711 Lancaster Avenue

Please note that there will be no changes to the dental benefits.

New Benefits Enrollment System

You may notice that the benefits enrollment system looks different from the last time you used it. That’s because it’s been upgraded to make it more efficient and easier to navigate. While the look has changed, the functionality is still the same—you always have year-round access to review and update your benefit elections.

Open Enrollment Presentations

Starting March 27, we’re offering presentations on campus so you can ask questions and get more information about your options for the 2014-2015 plan year. Presentations will begin at the times and locations listed below; they’ll run for 45 minutes followed by a Q&A session. Join us to learn more about this year’s Open Enrollment period!

—Division of Human Resources

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Open Enrollment Fairs

Get more information about the 2014–2015 Open Enrollment period at this year’s Open Enrollment fairs. Representatives from Penn’s healthcare providers and administrators will be on site to share information and answer questions. Learn about medical plans, prescription drug coverage, dental plans, vision coverage, flexible spending accounts and the Penn Benefits Center. At the Open Enrollment and Health Fair at Houston Hall on Wednesday, April 23, you can also take advantage of free health screenings and wellness information on several topics.

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Penn’s Legacy Phone Voice Mail (8-6423; V-OICE) is Going Away Soon!
Penn’s traditional phone voice mail service will be discontinued in June 2014. If you dial 8-6423; V-OICE, to access your voice mail, please be aware that your voice mail equipment is no longer supported by the vendor and is being retired. To avoid disruptions in voice mail service, please contact the ISC Service Desk as soon as possible, (215) 746-6000 or telephone@isc.upenn.edu
If your traditional voice mail service includes any advanced features, such as Caller’s Menus (press 1 for … press 2 for … etc.), transfer mailboxes, listen only message mailboxes, etc., the ISC Service Desk will work with you to provide alternative applications.

ISC is Here to Help!

To start the process of switching from traditional phone voice mail service, contact the ISC Service Desk at (215) 746-600 or telephone@isc.upenn.edu We will review your existing voice mail with you and provide alternative solutions. If you are unsure which voice mail system you are currently using, please contact us and we can check for you.

For additional information see www.upenn.edu/computing/voice/phone/order-switchnow.html

—Mike Palladino, Associate Vice President, ISC Networking & Telecommunications

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Penn Community,

Thank you for your spirit of volunteerism. Your continued support of the many volunteer opportunities offered at the University is unprecedented. Many benefits from your willingness to share. We receive many expressions of gratitude from community members and agencies we have partnered with. The University community continues to work towards being good neighbors in our shared community. We thank you for your overwhelming support and for your generosity.

Contact Isabel Mapp at sammapp@pobox.upenn.edu for additional information or to volunteer.

—Isabel Mapp, Associate Director, Netter Center for Community Partnerships

Penn VIPS Annual Change Drive to Benefit March of Dimes: Now through April 4

Every year in the United States, nearly half a million babies are born too soon, 16,250 of them right here in Pennsylvania. With your help, March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies and support families if something does go wrong. See: www.marchofdimes.com/pennsylvania

Please note the convenient locations listed below where you can collect a cup and/or make a donation:

- President’s Office 100 College Hall Brenda Gonzalez (215) 898-0447
- Provost Office 353B 3401 Walnut St. Susan Curran (215) 898-6841
- Museum Reception Desk Near Kress Gallery Bonnie Crossfield (215) 898-4001
- Al-Am Resources Center 353S 5th St. Robb Gatter (215) 898-0104
- Human Resources 538A 3401 Walnut St. Syreeta Gary (215) 898-6018

Volunteer for the March of Dime Run —April 27: Participate in the March of Dimes 5K & 10K event on Sunday, April 27 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 9:30 a.m. A 5K and 10K run starts at 8 a.m. with registration beginning at 7 a.m. Register: www.runfordimes.com

Join the Penn VIPS/Business Services Scholarship Committee: Each year, a small group of volunteers provide non-tuition scholarships to offset college cost to graduating, college bound high school students with a history of service. The committee solicits and reviews applications, selects the award winners and plans the reception where the winners are recognized. The committee meets March–June approximately every 3 weeks. Meetings culminate with the annual awards reception, usually held the second Tuesday in June.

Penn Relays: Penn Relays is just around the corner. Hopefully, you can save some time out of your busy schedules to help. Below are the hours of registration in the Levy Tennis Pavilion (Levy is located in back of the Palestra on the other side of the railroad tracks. You have to go over the walking bridge at the back of the Stadium). Please let us know about your availability by April 15.

Detailed directions will be sent to the people that plan to volunteer at a later date.

Wednesday, April 23 —10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 24—7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (may go longer)
Friday, April 25—7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (may go longer)
Saturday, April 26—7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After registration is over or slows down and you still want to help out, you can be sent to the track to be assigned to other areas. When you respond with your hours, indicate your areas of interest.

Volunteer to Teach at the Nonprofit Institute (NPI): The Netter Center for Community Partnerships offers a free accelerated certificate program that will give you the tools you need to manage nonprofit or faith-based organizations more efficiently. This program will take place over the course of six days. Do you have an area of expertise you can share with members of the community? Join the volunteers that teach at the NPI. Join us on the following dates (listed below) to teach at the upcoming Nonprofit Institute and cultivate the skills you need in order to successfully manage your organization! This program is free for participants.

Dates for the upcoming Nonprofit Institute: Week 1: June 11–13; Week 2: June 18–20.

The Ride to Conquer Cancer

On Friday, March 28, there will be or an information session in the Hourglass Room of the University Club, noon–1 p.m., to support The Ride To Conquer Cancer®, benefiting Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center. There will be an overview of this exciting 2-day, 150 mile journey on October 11-12. Learn how you can support Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center. For more information, contact Jim Riley, jrriley@upenn.edu (215) 746-5520.
**Update**

**March AT PENN**

**DATE CHANGE**

27 **Video in the Villages:** an interior view of cultural life of tribes in the Amazonian region of Brazil; 6 p.m.; Penn Museum; free (Museum).

**FILM**

27 **Master Class:** Stanley Nelson will discuss his upcoming PBS film *Independent Lens on the Black Panther Party* with rough cut clips from the film; 5:30 p.m. (r.m.); 109, Annenberg School (Center for African Studies).

**SPECIAL EVENT**

28 **Beetles Quiz Night:** 7 p.m.; Class of 1978 Pavilion, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library; RSVP: (215) 898-7088 (Libraries).

**TALKS**

27 **Career Paths in Contemporary Art:** Panel Discussion with Art & Museum Professionals; Adelina Vlas, Philadelphia Museum of Art; Gerald McMaster, Art Gallery of Ontario; Stephanie Barnes, Vox Populi; moderated by Robert Chaney, ICA (ICA).


AT PENN Deadlines

The March AT PENN and April AT PENN calendars are online at www.upenn.edu/almanac. The deadline for the May AT PENN calendar is Tuesday, April 15.

Information is on the sponsoring department’s website. Sponsors are in parentheses. For locations, call (215) 898-5000 or see www.facilities.upenn.edu

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**The University of Pennsylvania Police Department**

**Community Crime Report**

**About the Crime Report:** Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for March 10-16, 2014. Also reported were 19 Crimes Against Property (9 thefts, 4 other offenses, 2 DUIs, 2 instances of drunkenness, 1 disorderly conduct and 1 robbery). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v60n27/creport.html Prior weeks’ reports are also online. —Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of March 10-16, 2014. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

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**18th District Report**

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 17 incidents with 4 arrests (3 robberies, 3 aggravated assaults, 3 assaults and 3 indecent assaults) were reported between March 10-16, 2014 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

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Celebrating the *Homologous Hope* Sculpture for the Basser Research Center for BRCA

At the Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine (PCAM), Penn Medicine recently celebrated an uplifting sculpture that makes a big statement about the connection between science and hope. “That connection is the basis for the Basser Research Center for BRCA,” said Ralph Muller, CEO of the UPHS, “and we are glad to have this striking work to remind us of our ambition to bring hope and an end to BRCA cancers.”

New York-based internationally renowned artist Mara Haseltine’s brilliant, dazzling work, *Homologous Hope*, was created especially for the Basser Research Center for BRCA. It literally represents the spectacular breakthroughs accomplished by Penn Medicine’s world-leading clinician-researchers, including Chi Dang, director of the Abramson Cancer Center, and Susan Domchek, executive director of the Basser Research Center for BRCA.

Since graduating from Oberlin College and then obtaining a master’s degree, a dual degree in new genres and sculpture, at the San Francisco Art Institute, Ms. Haseltine has embarked on an international career that has seen her work as a sculptor throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia as well as at the National Museum of Trinidad and Tobago in the Port of Spain, Trinidad. She was a recent artist-in-residence for Imagine Science Films and currently serves as a professor at the New School for Social Research.

Created in a ribbon-diagram formation, the *Homologous Hope* sculpture illustrates how a healthy cell repairs DNA that causes breast, ovarian and pancreatic cancers. It is an accurate depiction of the part of the BRCA2 gene that is responsible for DNA repair. The BRCA2 gene is crucial in the process of DNA repair. The repair occurs in three stages, as illustrated by the use of purple and green LED lights within portions of the piece. The sculpture celebrates the hope that the Basser Research Center—the first and only comprehensive BRCA-focused center of its kind—is giving to countless families and their loved ones.

From a distance, it may be difficult to grasp the enormity of *Homologous Hope* and the various components involved in its creation, but the full-scale piece took nearly three months to create.

Key features of the sculpture include:
- Nearly 560 pounds of carbon fiber twisted into three separate pieces that together form the 15’x6’x12’ piece
- Roughly 600 programmable LED lights
- A stainless steel ring weighing nearly 400 pounds from which the sculpture is suspended

*Homologous Hope* was installed in the Perelman Center over a period of six weeks, and took four days to be lifted from the ground.

See [www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7FAj2hOg3g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7FAj2hOg3g) for a time-lapse video of the installation of the immense sculpture over the escalators.

Penn Medicine “values art as a way to bring meaning to the experience of pain and loss that are part of medicine.” Mr. Muller called the sculpture “a wonderful tribute to the substance as well as the spirit of the Basser Center.” Mindy and Jon Gray have given $30 million to create the Center to ensure that more and more families can be spared from BRCA-related cancers (*Almanac* January 28, 2014). They are alumni from the Class of 1992 who were among those who graduated from the University when Penn’s Commencement was held in the Civic Center.

The state-of-the-art PCAM now stands where the Art Deco Civic Center had been located for more than 70 years. PCAM was designed by internationally renowned architect Rafael Viñoly. The Perelman Center continues “the prominence of this space in the cultural life and, now, in the health of Philadelphia and beyond, serving as a regional, national and global hub for the finest in medical research, education and patient care,” added Mr. Muller. He thanks the Grays for all that they do to help treat and cure patients. The Center was established in memory of Mindy Gray’s sister Faith Basser, who died of ovarian cancer at age 44.