Launching Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy at Penn to Accelerate New Discoveries and Treatments to Fight Cancer

The University of Pennsylvania has joined an unprecedented cancer research effort, the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy, which unites six of the nation’s top medical schools and cancer centers around a shared aim of accelerating breakthrough immunotherapy research that will turn more cancers into a curable disease.

The venture is backed by a $250 million gift from the Parker Foundation, making it the largest single contribution ever made to the field of immunotherapy. The Parker Foundation was founded by Sean Parker in June 2015 with a $600 million gift to spur innovations in the life sciences, global public health and civic engagement.

“We are tremendously excited to join this collaboration, which will allow us to investigate promising new immunotherapy avenues for the treatment of cancer outside of our institutional silos in very unique ways,” said the Parker Institute’s Penn director, Carl June, the Richard W. Vague Professor in Immunotherapy in the department of pathology & laboratory medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine and director of translational research in the Abramson Cancer Center. “Working together will enable us to make quicker progress as we work to translate our laboratory findings into clinical trials.”

Initial funding of $10 to $15 million has (continued on page 2)

Penn’s Al Filreis: Coursera’s Outstanding Educator Award

Al Filreis, the Kelly Family Professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania, is the inaugural Coursera Outstanding Educator Award. Dr. Filreis, who is also the director of Penn’s Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing, faculty director at Kelly Writers House, received the Transformation Award, given to an instructor who has contributed the most to the platform’s vision of enabling anyone, anywhere to transform their life through its massive open online courses, or MOOCs.

Dr. Filreis’ Modern and Contemporary American Poetry (ModPo) was among the first humanities courses on the Coursera platform. The introduction to poetry class emphasizes experimental verse, from Dickinson and Whitman to the present.

“Our mission of embracing online teaching and learning,” Dr. Filreis said.

Penn was a founding university partner in Coursera in 2012 and has continued to be at the forefront of online learning, offering 87 courses, representing all 12 Penn Schools, with almost five million enrollments. The next live, interactive 10-week session of ModPo will begin on September 10 and will conclude on November 21.

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been awarded to set up the Parker Institute at Penn. This investment will continue to grow on an annual basis via additional project grants, shared resources and central funding. The funding will support laboratory studies and clinical trials, in addition of capital and support for early-career investigators who will train at Penn. The effort will augment Penn’s longstanding commitment to cancer research. In 2015, more than 10,000 patients participated in Abramson Cancer Center clinical trials. Nearly 1,100 trials are currently underway, 80 of which are immunotherapy studies.

Robert Vonderheide, the Hanna Wise Professor in Cancer Research and associate director of translational research in the Abramson Cancer Center, and John Wherry, a professor of microbiology and director of Penn’s Institute for Immunology, will serve as co-directors of the Parker Institute at Penn.

The Parker Institute includes more than 40 laboratories and 300 researchers from Penn and five other leading centers: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Stanford Medicine, the University of California at San Francisco, the University of California, San Francisco and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. In a unique agreement between the centers, the administration of intellectual property will be shared, enabling all researchers to have immediate access to a broad swath of core discoveries.

“We are at an inflection point in cancer research and now is the time to maximize immuno-therapy’s unique potential to transform all cancers into manageable diseases, saving millions of lives,” said Mr. Parker, president of the Parker Foundation. “We believe that the creation of a new funding and research model can overcome many of the obstacles that currently prevent research breakthroughs. Working closely with our scientists and more than 30 industry partners, the Parker Institute is positioned to broadly disseminate discoveries and, most importantly, more rapidly deliver treatments to patients.”

The Parker Institute’s scientific advisors and site leaders have laid out a scientific roadmap that allows the Parker Institute scientists to make big bets on major cross-cutting collaborative research projects, as well as fund individual research projects at each center.

The Parker Institute has identified three key areas of focus to start its work, and will augment its research agenda as the field evolves. Investigators will work to develop more effective, “next generation” cell-based, chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) therapies—which Dr. June’s team has shown to have unprecedented promise in the treatment of blood cancers in both children and adults—to treat a broader range of cancers. They will also focus on checkpoint blocking agents, aiming to improve the rates of durable responses and broaden the use of these drugs. The team will also conduct research to advance DNA sequencing, antigenic peptide discovery efforts and immune monitoring technologies to identify novel individual and shared tumor antigen targets in hopes of better targeting tumors and developing new vaccines and T cell therapies to treat them.

At Penn, the initial phase will include a wide range of both basic science and clinical areas, including studies to test the ability of oncolytic adenoviruses to enhance T cell therapy efficacy, development of CAR therapies for dogs, cancer prevention vaccines and studies on the combination of radiation and checkpoint inhibitors.
Deaths

Robert E. Coughlin, City & Regional Planning

Robert E. Coughlin, G’64, a former senior fellow in the department of city & regional planning at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design, died of heart failure at his home in Chestnut Hill on January 7. He was 88 years old.

Dr. Coughlin was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from Roxbury Latin School, then earned his bachelor’s degree from Harvard College, his master’s degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his doctorate in city & regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

He served in the US Navy before and after college and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade.

From 1955 to 1961, he worked for the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, playing a major role in preparing the city’s comprehensive plan. He was tasked with developing an analytic framework relating the city’s capital program and budget to the comprehensive plan.

From 1962 to 1980, he was vice president of the Philadelphia office of the Regional Science Research Institute. He directed research relating to regional and urban economic issues, and on the impact of urbanization on the environment, open-space preservation and farmland protection.

In 1981, Dr. Coughlin and John C. Keene, who is now professor emeritus of city & regional planning at Penn, founded Coughlin, Keene & Associates, a consulting firm in the field of planning and policy analysis. Dr. Coughlin led projects concerning analysis and evaluation of land-use regulations, farmland protection, urban sprawl and growth management. He also looked at tourism, population and economic projections, and served as an expert witness in zoning disputes. In 1982 and 1983, Dr. Coughlin produced the seminal National Agricultural Lands Study: The Protection of Farmland—A Reference Guidebook for State and Local Governments.

From 1982 to 1993, Dr. Coughlin was a senior fellow in Penn’s department of city & regional planning, where he taught land-use analysis and land-use policy evaluation. Early in his time at Penn, he received an award from the University’s Research Foundation for a project with Ann L. Strong entitled Preparation of Graphic Illustrations for Publication of the Urban Vegetation Planning Study.

In 1986, he and Dr. Keene, along with two other colleagues formed a committee to help the victims of the earthquake that took place in El Salvador that October (Almanac November 11, 1986).

Dr. Coughlin is survived by his wife, Louisa Spottwood; two daughters, Nina Cook and Bess; one son, Ely; three grandchildren; a brother; and a sister.

Donations in his memory may be made to the North American Guild of Change Ringers, c/o Bruce Butler, 829 N. 25th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

John R. Rockwell, Penn Athletics and Penn Museum

John Richard (Rick) Rockwell, W’64, WG’66, Overseer of Penn Athletics and the Penn Museum, died of a stroke on March 24 while on vacation in Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Rockwell, a resident of Owings Mills, Maryland, was 73 years old.

Mr. Rockwell was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and raised in Pennsville, New Jersey. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration at the Wharton School, then served in the Army in Germany from 1967 to 1969. He worked in sales for the Container Corporation of America, then joined Wellington Management and the Vanguard Group. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1982 and became a senior vice president for retirement plan services at T. Rowe Price. He retired in 2007.

Mr. Rockwell was a longtime member of the board of the University of Pennsylvania Athletics Overseers. He chaired the Basketball Board for Penn Athletics and was a member of the Football Board. He endowed the men’s basketball head coach position and established the John R. Rockwell Gymnasium at Penn’s Hutchinson Gym.

Since 2008, he had also served on the Board of Overseers of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology. He was a member of the Finance and Marketing and Acquisitions Committees. He underwrote in full the conservation of the two famed stone reliefs in the Chinese Rotunda commissioned by the Emperor Taizong of his battle horses Saluzi and Curly, and the highly popular exhibition In the Artifact Lab. He was lead underwriter of the exhibition Native American Voices: The People—Here and Now. He was also lead annual supporter of excavation work at Abydos, Egypt, by Josef Wegner, associate curator, Egyptian section, and was a longtime member of the Platinum Circle of the Penn Museum. In 2014, he received the Marian Angell Godfrey Boyer Medal for distinguished service at the Museum (Almanac May 13, 2014).

Earlier this year, Mr. Rockwell was the recipient of Penn’s Alumni Award of Merit (Almanac January 12, 2016). He chaired the Class of 1964’s 50th Reunion, served as Class President and was a former member of the Penn Alumni Council and the Parents Executive Board.

Mr. Rockwell is survived by his wife, Frances, and two sons, Scott and Jordan.

To Report a Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of current and former 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 Rm 11, Franklin Building, (215) 898-8136 or email record@ber. dev.upenn.edu.

Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr., Law School

Edmund B. Spaeth, Jr., the retired president judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, died after a long illness at Penn Law, died of congestive heart failure at Cathedral Village in Philadelphia on March 31. He was 95 years old.

Judge Spaeth was born in Washington, D.C., and moved to Mount Airy. He graduated from Germantown Friends School and Harvard College. He served in US Navy intelligence operations during World War II and later joined the Naval Reserve, retiring with the rank of commander.

In 1948, he graduated from Harvard Law School. He became an associate with the Philadelphia law firm MacCoy, Evans & Lewis.

In 1964, he was appointed a judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and was subsequently elected to a full term. In 1973, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Pennsylvania Superior Court but was defeated in the primary election. Later that year, he was appointed to fill a second vacancy on the Superior Court and was elected to a full 10-year term.

Judge Spaeth joined the faculty of Penn’s Law School as a lecturer in 1973. His principal subject was evidence, but he also taught professional responsibility. In 1985, he became a senior fellow at the Law School. He cofounded and directed the Law School’s Center for Professionalism (Almanac October 20, 1987). In 1991, he received the Harvey Levin Award for Excellence in teaching at the Law School (Almanac May 14, 1991). He taught at Penn until 1997.

In 1983, he became president judge of the Superior Court and served until his term expired in 1986. From 1986-2002, he acted as counsel to the Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton. In 1988, he became chair of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, a nonprofit corporation created to advance reforms of the judicial system.

In 1994, Governor Bob Casey appointed him chairman of the state Judicial Inquiry and Review Board. The following year, he resigned, telling Governor Casey that the judicial system was too dysfunctional for the board to do its job.

The governor appointed him to a commission to recommend changes in that system. Among the commission’s recommendations was abolishing the review board and replacing it with a system of judicial discipline more open to the public, in which the prosecutorial and judicial functions would be separated, and the ability of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to undo the disciplinary order limited. The changes became law.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Wiltbank; his son, Edmund B. III; two daughters, Eleanor Lee Simons and Suzanne Marinell; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on April 24 at Germantown Friends Meeting, 31 West Coulter Street in Philadelphia. Donations may be made to the Squirrel Island Library, Squirrel Island, ME 04570, or to Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, Three Parkway, Suite 1520, Philadelphia, PA 19102.
School of Arts & Sciences 2016 Teaching Awards

Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by an Assistant Professor

This dean’s award recognizes a member of the junior faculty who demonstrates unusual promise as an educator. The recipient is Coren Apicella, assistant professor of psychology. Dr. Apicella is renowned for her research contributions, teaching excellence, and the warmth and personal connection she has with her students. She is known for her commitment to engaging students in learning and for her ability to inspire them to achieve their full potential.

Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by an Affiliated Faculty

This dean’s award recognizes a member of the faculty who demonstrates exceptional creativity and innovation in instruction, and who has a significant impact on the undergraduate learning experience. The recipient is Katherine Moore, the Mainwaring Teaching Specialist at the Center for the Analysis of Archaeological Materials, and Nakia Rimmer, senior lecturer in mathematics. Both are known for their innovative teaching methods and their ability to make complex ideas accessible to students.

Dean’s Award for Mentorship of Undergraduate Research

This dean’s award recognizes faculty members who have excelled in nurturing undergraduate students’ desires and abilities to conduct meaningful research. The recipient is Patrick Walsh, the Alan MacDiarmid Term Professor of Chemistry, who is known for his dedication to research and his commitment to providing undergraduate students with opportunities to engage in meaningful research.

Professional & Liberal Education (PLE) Award for Distinguished Teaching in Undergraduate and Post-Baccalaureate Programs

This award recognizes outstanding teaching in PLE undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs. The recipient is Janet Greco, senior lecturer in organizational dynamics, who is known for her innovative teaching methods and her ability to engage students in critical thinking and problem-solving.

Professional & Liberal Education Award for Distinguished Teaching in Professional Graduate Programs

This award recognizes outstanding teaching in professional graduate programs. The recipient is Rosemary Malague, assistant professor in the School of Arts and Sciences, who is known for her dedication to teaching and her ability to engage students in meaningful learning experiences.

Walk-Back Program: April 28-May 10

The Division of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Undergraduate Assembly (UA) and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA), will be offering the Public Safety Walk-Back Program during reading days and final exams, April 28 to May 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. An AlliedBarton Public Safety Officer will be posted at the “Split Button” on Blanche Levy Park in front of the library from 10 a.m. until 3 a.m. A uniformed AlliedBarton Public Safety Officer will be dispatched by radio and will accompany the requestor from one location to another, to a Penn Transit stop or to an on-campus SEPTA regional transit stop. For more information, visit the Public Safety website or call (215) 896-9255.

Penn Libraries’ Dog Days: April 28 and April 29

Penn Libraries is working again with Therapy Dogs International for the second-ever Van Pelt Dog Days. Last December, it held its first Van Pelt Dog Days to help students take a break and relieve stress during reading days and finals. This year, a Penn Therapy Dog will be on hand from 2-4 p.m. and in the Meyer Library from 3-5 p.m. To find out about the Van Pelt Dog Days, visit bit.ly/vpdogdays.
Call for PPSA Board and Committee Nominations: April 29

The Penn Professional Staff Assembly (PPSA), a voluntary organization comprised of professional (monthly-exempt) staff members, is accepting nominations for the Executive Board and University Committees for the 2016-2017 term year. The mission of PPSA is to support and foster staff engagement and collaboration within the University of Pennsylvania community and to act as a productive resource for all of our members. Being a member of PPSA allows you to network with your colleagues through numerous workshops and events that enhance your professional development and work life at Penn. To nominate or to join PPSA go to: http://ppn-ppsa.org/

If you are not a member of PPSA and are a monthly-paid employee, please consider joining. If you are a member, please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for a Board or Committee position. Board members attend monthly meetings and assist with program development and coordination. Committee members meet monthly and are expected to report to the Executive Board twice a year. Although there is a time commitment, the experience is rewarding and enjoyable. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet colleagues from across the University who will help to enrich your association with Penn.

Executive Committee Nominations
To nominate: http://tinyurl.com/j9kms2p
The following PPSA Executive Board positions will be available: Chair-Elect and Members at Large (four positions, for a two-year term).

Monthly-paid professional employees are welcome to self-nominate or submit names for consideration by no later than Friday, April 29. Individuals nominated will receive information on completing a candidate bio and personal statement. A list of candidates will be prepared and distributed to the PPSA membership prior to the election.

The election for officers will occur after the annual meeting—Wednesday, May 18, at noon in Hall of Flags, Houston Hall. The speaker is Marybeth Gasman, GSE professor and director, Penn Center for Minority-Serving Institutions.

University Committee Nominations
PPSA invites you to nominate yourself or others for service on the 2016-2017 University Council Committees. Council committees serve as advisory bodies in shaping academic/administrative policy. Consider taking advantage of this opportunity to learn about Penn’s administrative structure and have input into its decision-making.

Membership on the committees is open to all monthly-paid staff. For information on University Council Committees, go to: https://secure.upenn.edu/secure/committees.html.

Committee members will be selected by the Tri-Chairs following the Executive Committee Election.

Questions on the nominating and election process can be directed to ppsa@exchange.upenn.edu

—PPSA Executive Board

Policy on Non-affiliates Visiting Penn Research Facilities
For the purpose of this policy, non-affiliates are people who are not University of Pennsylvania faculty, staff, graduate or professional students or post-doctoral/clinical trainees. Non-affiliates include all elementary, high school and undergraduate students. The principal investigator/supervisor of the entity is responsible for assuring that all non-affiliates in his/her facility are appropriately supervised and comply with the requirements of this policy. Please note that this policy addresses only people visiting labs. For students and other non-affiliates actively participating in labs, see below for the “Policy on Undergraduate Students, High School Students and Non-affiliates Participating in Research in Penn Research Facilities.”

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• Visitors must wear proper laboratory attire: long pants, closed-toed shoes, lab coats, and eye protection.
• Visitors must not be permitted to handle or be exposed to hazardous chemicals, biological agents, radioactive materials or animals.
• Foreign national visitors/non-affiliates must not be given access to export controlled equipment or materials without appropriate eligibility screening.

Requirements for visitors to Penn vivaria are detailed in the IACUC facility “Visitation Policy” at www.upenn.edu/regulatoryaffairs/Documents/Visitor%20Policy.pdf

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High school students and undergraduates must attend laboratory safety training offered by the Office of Environmental Health and Radiation Safety (EHSRS). Students must register for a class at http://www.ehrs.upenn.edu/resources/training/isougform.html Check the EHSRS website at http://www.ehrs.upenn.edu/training/data/ for the most up-to-date schedule or contact EHSRS at (215) 898-4453 to schedule a program for a particular group of students.

Proper attire (long pants, closed-toed shoes, lab coat and safety glasses) must be worn when working in the laboratory.

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One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy
Made Simple

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

Personal vs. University Accounts
More so than ever before, the lines between personal and professional digital life tend to overlap for many individuals. While incidental and occasional personal use of University systems, including e-mail, is permissible, it is important to remember that once a person no longer has an active affiliation with Penn, his or her University accounts are disabled. This means he or she can no longer access many University services and resources such as Penn email accounts, Penn-Box and LastPass.

It is therefore recommended that you:
• Do not use your Penn email address for personal correspondence or for user names and recovery addresses of personal accounts.
• For third-party services that you could potentially use after separating from Penn, use a non-Penn email address to create the account when possible (e.g., LastPass).
• Avoid storing your private information or personal records on University electronic resources or systems.
• Understand that your University accounts will not remain active and accessible if you leave Penn. You will want to ensure that you follow the Guidance on Disposition of Documents and Data of Faculty and Staff who are Leaving Penn, available at http://www.upenn.edu/oacp/privacy/assets/pdf/DispositionOfDocumentsGuidance.pdf
• Talk to your Local Support Provider (LSP) well in advance of any departure from Penn. Your LSP can help you prepare.

Volunteers for April 23 Baby Shower
HUP Nursing is looking for volunteers to help with their 2016 Greater Philadelphia Community Baby Shower on Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Penn Ice Rink.

This free event is open to the public and is an educational program for expectant mothers and new families with children up to 3 years old. There will be an ongoing educational session for participants, who will then tour the vendor area, where there will be opportunities for specialized and individual education. Since it is a baby shower, there will be gifts and presents. Participants will enter drawings for gifts for their families. Refreshments will be served. Parking is free under the Walnut Street Bridge and also in the lot next to the ice rink. Entrance to the parking area is from 31st Street. Volunteer opportunities include set up: Monday, April 25, 10 a.m.-noon; Wednesday, April 23, 4 p.m. & Saturday April 23, 8-10 a.m., as well as registration, fitness demonstration, refreshments, door prize distribution, evaluations, and break down: Saturday, April 23, 3-5 p.m. & Monday, April 25, 10 a.m.-noon.

This is an opportunity to demonstrate concern for the families in our community. We need many volunteers to make this program a success!

Please email me at sammappp@pobox.upenn.edu to volunteer.

—Isabel Mapp, Director, Penn Volunteers in Public Service
**Human Resources: Upcoming May Programs**

**Professional & Personal Development Programs**

Improve your skills and get ahead in your career by taking advantage of the many development opportunities provided by Human Resources. You can register for programs by visiting [knowledgealink.upenn.edu](http://knowledgealink.upenn.edu) or contacting Learning and Development at (215) 898-3400. The top of the page.

- **Project Management**: 5/19; 9 a.m.-noon; $75. Managing projects can feel daunting. It requires a focus on defining the initiative, planning for work, managing the initiative and monitoring results. Join us for a seminar to learn about tools and techniques that can help you managing projects and tasks. Capture valuable project lessons and use them to define and improve project management practices within your organization.

**Quality of Worklife Workshops**

Dealing with the demands of work and your personal life can be challenging. These free workshops, sponsored by Human Resources and led by experts from Penn’s Employee Assistance Program and Quality of Worklife Department, offer information and support for your personal and professional life challenges. For complete details and to register, visit [hr.upenn.edu/myhr/registration](http://hr.upenn.edu/myhr/registration) or contact Human Resources at (215) 573-2471 or qowl@hr.upenn.edu.

- **Regular Meditation – Take a Breath and Relax**: 5/10 & 5/20; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Practice mindful breathing, focus your attention on the present moment with kindness, compassion and awareness. Self-massage and gentle mindful movements that promote relaxation and reduce stress may also be included in the workshop.

- **Mindfulness in the Workplace**: 5/11; noon-1 p.m. From Psychology Today to the Harvard Business Review, mindfulness has been in the news a lot lately, but what exactly does it mean? Mindfulness practice develops awareness of your present thoughts and feelings to help you manage different situations. In this workshop, we’ll explore the science behind mindfulness and learn its potential benefits. You’ll see how mindfulness can help you become more engaged and effective both at home and in the workplace. Please feel free to bring your lunch.

- **Current Market Sellers and Refinance Tools**: 5/17; 12-3 p.m. One of Penn Home Ownership Services’ lending partners will be on hand to answer all of your mortgage questions for home purchases and refinancing. This open forum will allow home sellers and buyers to ask questions regarding the home-buying process, credit, down-sizing and related topics. Lunch will be provided.

- **Thinking About Retirement**: 5/18; 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you’re retiring soon or just considering it, Penn offers an informative program just for you. **Thinking About Retirement** covers the essentials of your retirement package, including your Penn Retirement Plan, Social Security and Medicare. Attend any one of these three concurrent sessions, or all of them, to learn how to enjoy the rewards of your Penn career long after you retire.

**Healthy Living Workshops**

Get the tools you need to live well year-round. From expert nutrition and weight loss advice to exercise and disease prevention strategies, we can help you kick-start your body and embrace a healthy lifestyle. These free workshops are sponsored by Human Resources. For complete details and to register, visit [www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/registration](http://www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/registration) or contact Human Resources at (215) 573-2471 or qowl@hr.upenn.edu.

- **Osteoporosis Workshop**: 5/3; noon-1 p.m. Osteoporosis is a major health problem that affects over 25 million Americans. Half of the women over age 50 and one-third of men over age 75 will develop osteoporosis. Osteoporosis will cause more than 1.3 million debilitating fractures a year; hip fractures alone account for an estimated 50,000 deaths annually. While there are treatments that can slow or stop bone loss, currently the only cure for osteoporosis is prevention. This preventive action is designed to educe the audience on what osteoporosis is, the risk factors associated with osteoporosis, and osteoporosis prevention.

- **Gentle Yoga**: 5/4 & 5/25; 11 a.m.-noon. Let your body reward itself with movement. Join us for this Gentle Yoga session and explore the natural movements of the spine with slow and fluid moving bends and soft twists. During this session, you will flow into modified sun salutations that loosen those tightened muscles and joints of the lower back, neck, shoulders and wrists. And as an added bonus, you’ll get a workout in the process. Mats and props will be provided.

- **Be in the Know Biometric Screenings**: 5/10; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Start this year’s Be in the Know campaign and sign up for a free and confidential biometric screening, which measures your:
  - Blood pressure
  - Blood sugar (glucose)
  - Non-fasting cholesterol
  - Total and high density lipoproteins

Biometric screenings are conducted by AREUFIT Health Services, an experienced worksite health promotion company. These screenings should only take 20 minutes. On the spot, you’ll receive your results and learn what they mean from an AREUFIT health educator.

- **Visit our Be in the Know webpages at [www.hr.upenn.edu/beintheknow](http://www.hr.upenn.edu/beintheknow) to learn about the full campaign, including complete details regarding this year’s Core Activities (biometric screening and online health assessment) and Bonus Actions. Get started today and earn up to $180* and be entered into various drawings for exciting prizes!

*Note: All Be in the Know incentives are less applicable payroll taxes.

—— Division of Human Resources

**Portable 3-Year Academic Calendar**

Did you know that Penn’s new three-year academic calendar, 2016-2017 through 2018-2019 (see page 8), is available on Almanac’s website, Penn’s mobile website and as a PDF. You can also get the calendar to sync with MS Outlook, Apple iCal, Google calendar and your mobile devices by visiting [www.upenn.edu/almanac/acadcal.html](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/acadcal.html) and following the instructions from the link at the top of the page.

ALMANAC April 19, 2016
Penn Relays: April 28-30
Penn faculty, staff and students are invited to take advantage of a series of special discounts for 2016 Penn Relays tickets.
On Thursday, April 28, admission is free with a PennCard and since it is Take Your Child to Work Day, employees may also bring one child for free. Additional tickets are available for purchase for $5 with PennCard.
On Friday, April 29, faculty and staff can purchase a maximum of four general admission tickets for $10 each with a valid PennCard. Admission is free for Penn students with PennCard.
On Saturday, April 30, faculty and staff can purchase a maximum of four bronze level tickets for $24 each with a valid PennCard.
To purchase tickets and for more information, visit www.thepennrelays.com
The Penn Relays, which began in 1895, is the oldest and largest track & field competition in the United States.

Shakespeare at Penn’s Library

The Bard of Avon was born and died in April so it is fitting that he makes an appearance now. (Above) The Stage and All the World: Shakespeare, Cervantes and Early Maps, an exhibit juxtaposing the way exploration and geography are represented in literature and in maps, is on display in the Snyder-Granader Alcove, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library with a reception on Thursday, April 21 from 5-7:30 p.m. The exhibition will be on display now through June 17.
A conference on Spain and England in the Age of Cervantes and Shakespeare: Connected Histories? will be held on April 21, 1-7:30 p.m.; Class of 1978 Orrey Pavilion, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library. To register: http://tinyurl.com/zp8pvjg (Penn Libraries).

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26 Ancient Echoes: evening of music inspired by Penn Museum’s collections—collaboration with Philadelphia Chapter of the American Composers Forum; 8 p.m.; Penn Museum; $15/in advance, $20/door, $10/members; tickets: http://www.penn.museum/ (Penn Museum).

28 LRSM Science Café: Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes ARE Genetic: Successes from Genome Wide Scans; Struan Grant, pediatrics; 6 p.m. (venue opens at 5 p.m.); University Club, Inn at Penn (LRSM).

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At the Burrison Gallery:
The Delaware Museum of Natural History.

At the Burrison Gallery: Seashells to Birds at Play—Watercolors by Lauren Sweeney
Seashells to Birds at Play, Lauren Sweeney’s watercolors are now on display at the University Club’s Burrison Gallery through May 10. She has had a long-life interest in art and biology. This led her to pursue a career first as a scientific illustrator, and then in scientific research. With a BA in biology from Penn, she studied medical illustration, then earned a PhD in biology. A career in research and teaching followed. Throughout her career she always painted, but only in recent years did art become her full-time focus. A lifetime of scientific observation underpins her interest in capturing the essence of her subjects, which range from still life to interior scenes, streetscapes and seascapes. In most of these, she focuses on the larger scene. She has exhibited in many galleries in the area, and is a member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club, the Main Line Art Center and the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators. She has done a number of commissioned paintings, including for Penn’s Office of the Provost and the Delaware Museum of Natural History.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department
Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons or Crimes Against Society from the campus report for April 4-10, 2016. Also reported were 11 Crimes Against Property (8 thefts, 2 cases of fraud and 1 traffic violation). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v62/n31/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 April 4-10, 2016. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuykill River to 34th 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.

18th District Report
Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 6 incidents with 0 arrests (3 robberies, 2 assaults and 1 rape) were reported between April 4-10, 2016 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

04/04/16 3:11 PM 3900 Woodland Ave Rape
04/04/16 6:34 PM 290 S 40th St Assault
04/05/16 11:33 PM 200 S 45th St Robbery
04/07/16 9:28 PM 4512 Walnut St Robbery
04/08/16 6:06 PM 3935 Walnut St Assault
04/10/16 2:09 AM 225 S 44th St Robbery

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The College of Liberal and Professional Studies may have different registration/drop deadlines. Please visit the LPS website, www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/ for more information.

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first two days of Passover and Good Friday are religious holidays that affect large numbers of University community members and that fall during the academic year. To view the University’s policy regarding these and other holidays, please visit http://provost.upenn.edu/policies/pennbook/2013/02/13/policy-on-secular-and-religious-holidays.

The University’s Three-Year Academic Calendar is subject to change. In the event that changes are made, the latest, most up-to-date version will be posted to Almanac’s website, www.upenn.edu/almanac. To find out why these changes—"Thursday-Friday Class Schedule on Tuesday-Wednesday" and "First Day of Classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday)"—have happened, please visit http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar.