The University of Pennsylvania has recently named its School of Design in honor of award-winning designer and footwear icon Stuart Weitzman, Wharton Class of 1963. The name, the University of Pennsylvania Stuart Weitzman School of Design, recognizes both Mr. Weitzman’s ongoing philanthropic support of the University and his active engagement in its academic activities. He has requested that the amount of his gifts remain confidential.

“Stuart has been an inspiration to the thousands of students with whom he has connected in large lecture and smaller classroom settings, and through one-on-one conversations,” Penn President Amy Gutmann said. “His lifelong support of the University and the School of Design truly aligns his own body of work in design with his ongoing commitment to Penn in the most meaningful and impactful way.

“Stuart’s inspiring example will enhance the School’s competitive position by enabling it to attract and support the highest-caliber students, strengthen its signature programs, and elevate its stature among the world’s premier schools of design.”

In addition, the School’s central plaza, located adjacent to College Green between Meyerson Hall and Fisher Fine Arts Library, will be named The Stuart Weitzman Plaza and will undergo significant redesign and renovation in the upcoming months by renowned landscape architect Laurie Olin, Practice Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at the Weitzman School of Design.

Mr. Weitzman is one of the most recognizable names in luxury designer footwear. He founded his eponymous company in 1986. In the ensuing decades, he built Stuart Weitzman into one of the world’s most renowned fashion footwear brands. In 2015, he orchestrated the sale of Stuart Weitzman, LLC to Coach (which was renamed Tapestry in October 2017 to reflect its multi-brand identity). Mr. Weitzman stayed on as the creative director for the company through May 2017 and is currently Chairman Emeritus.

“I am grateful to have been very fortunate in my career. It was always my intention to support the University of Pennsylvania in as many ways as I could,” Mr. Weitzman said, “especially after spending so much time interacting with the Penn community, and specifically with its remarkable students.

“This is my way of thanking the University of Pennsylvania for the education that was the foundation of my long and incredibly enjoyable career in design. It is my privilege to support new scholarships, and to invest in the overall academic mission of the School, including the advanced technologies and systems so essential to the future of design.”

Since stepping down from an active role in business, Mr. Weitzman has pursued myriad interests. He is a sought-after lecturer at universities around the world, and he also mentors the many students who seek his counsel on starting their own businesses. He is currently supporting the development of a museum in Madrid, Spain, dedicated to Spanish-Jewish history. He is co-producing two plays that are opening on Broadway in 2019. As a member of the Board of the US Olympic and Paralympic Foundation, he also contributes to the success of aspiring Olympic athletes, and has been one himself, representing the United States in table tennis at the Maccabiah Olympic Games.

“What makes Stuart Weitzman so inspiring is his rock-solid belief in investing in people and education is the way to make a lasting impact,” said Dean and Paley Professor Frederick Steiner. “From this day forward, the interrelated fields that comprise design at Penn will be linked with the name and design legacy of Stuart Weitzman.”

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Penn’s 2019-2020 Financial Aid Budget and Tuition

At its recent meeting, the University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees approved a 3.9 percent increase in tuition for the coming year, while also approving a record $247 million undergraduate financial aid budget, an increase of 4.3 percent and the largest financial aid budget in Penn’s history.

Since Amy Gutmann became Penn’s president in 2004, increasing the financial aid budget has been a top priority, with the University awarding more than $2 billion in undergraduate aid to more than 19,000 students.

Through its signature grant-based aid program, Penn commits to meeting each family’s full demonstrated need with a financial aid package consisting entirely of grants and work-study funding. Penn’s financial aid program supports its philosophy that a world-class education should be affordable and accessible to talented students from all financial backgrounds.

Currently, 46 percent of Penn’s undergraduate students receive grant-based financial aid packages, with an average of $33,943 in funding—more than the cost of tuition.

To maintain Penn’s world-class academic programs, campus and student services, undergraduate student charges will increase by 3.9 percent for 2019-2020 to $51,156 for tuition, $6,614 for fees, $10,600 for housing and $5,590 for dining.

“Each year, Penn furthers its commitment to accessibility through its ever-growing financial aid initiatives,” said MaryFrances McCourt, vice president for finance and treasuerer. “Penn’s institutional grant funding—combined with donor-funded endowments, federal funds and state funds—makes a transformative difference in the lives of our students.”

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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
3-5 p.m.
Meyerson Conference Room, 2nd floor, Van Pelt Library

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 13, 2019 (1 minute)
2. Chair’s Report (5 minutes)
3. Past-Chair’s Report (4 minutes)
4. Update from the Office of the Vice Provost for Research (30 minutes)
   Discussion with Vice Provost Dawn Bunnell
5. Moderated Discussion (45 minutes)
6. New Business (5 minutes)

Trustees Meeting Coverage

The University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees held their Winter Stated Meeting on Friday, March 1, following a day of committee meetings.

Board of Trustees Chair David L. Cohen opened by recognizing the “Innovation Ecosystem” at Penn and in the community. Mr. Cohen recognized the appointment of Medha Narvekar as incoming Vice President and Secretary to the University following Leslie Krutly’s retirement in June (see page 1). He also thanked Ms. Krutly for her years of service to the University.

Memorial Resolutions for Robert P. Levy, Emeritus Trustee and a decorated Philadelphia sportsman who spent decades mentoring young people at Penn, were approved (Almanac November 20, 2018), and Raymond G. Perelman (W’40), who made numerous generous gifts to the University of Pennsylvania with his wife and for whom the Perelman School of Medicine is named (Almanac January 22, 2019), both passed. A resolution to authorize the name change of the School of Design to “University of Pennsylvania Stuart Weitzman School of Design” passed (see page 1).

Penn President Amy Gutmann recognized the transformational series of gifts from Stuart Weitzman (W’63); the start of John L. Jackson, Jr.’s term as dean of the Annenberg School (Almanac February 13, 2018) and Sally Bachman’s term as dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice (Almanac September 4, 2018); new executive directors for CAPS and CURF; appointment of Duncan Watts as a PIK Professor (Almanac January 22, 2019); Joe Biden’s talk on February 19; Penn’s newest Sloan Fellows, Jessica Anna and Davi Maximo; this year’s Commencement speaker, Bryan Stevenson, and honorary degree recipients (Almanac February 12, 2019).

Resolutions of Appreciation passed for Michael X. Delli Carpini, who served as the Walter H. Annenberg Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication for more than 15 years, and Paul Meyer, the F. Otto Haas Executive Director of Morris Arboretum, who will be retiring after 43 years with the Arboretum.

Provost Wendell Pritchett led the academic report; a resolution on various faculty appointments, leaves and promotions passed.

In his financial report, EVP Craig Carnaroli noted that the total net assets of the Consolidated University were $18.1 billion as of December 31, 2018, an increase of $1.1 billion over the prior December and $566 million below budget. For the Academic Component, change in net assets from operations reflected a $9 million increase, versus a $25 million increase in the prior year.

In PSOM Dean Larry Jameson’s Penn Medicine report, he noted the recent FDA approvals, the task force focused on the opioid crisis, and the recognition of Lancaster General Health’s commitment to community service with the 2018 Foster G. McGaw Prize. He also noted that Reed V. Tuckson, managing director of Tuckson Health Connections, LLC, will deliver this year’s PSOM graduation address, and Edward T. Anderson (C’65, M’69), will serve as the Class of 1969 50th reunion speaker.

Committees gave their reports. Resolutions were as follows:

The Board once again approved the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Penn’s independent auditors for Fiscal Year 2019.

The 2019-2020 tuition, fees, and room and board for undergraduates were approved. Total charges will be $73,960, and the financial aid budget will be established at $247 million.

Also approved was the design and construction of Tangen Hall for $46.45 million; Franklin Field Concrete Restoration Phase 2 for $19.76 million; McNeil Building and 3809 Walnut Street Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing Renovation for $10.4 million; 10-year lease renewal for WXPN for $5.27 million; and effectuating the financing transaction and joiner agreement related to the new Penn Medicine Radnor facility at King of Prussia Road.

Numerous appointments and reappointments were approved, including:

- Steven G. Kobr as chair of the Board of Overseers of the Annenberg Center; Stuart A. Weitzman to the Board of Overseers, School of Design; Stanley M. Bergman as Emeritus Member in the Annenberg School of Communication; and Kenneth J. G. H. Gekker, the new chair of the Board of Overseers, Dental Medicine; Jeffrey Goldberg to the Board of Overseers, GSE; David E. Simon as chair, Bryan S. Verona and Lisa S. Wilks as vice chairs, and Jungwon Han to the Board of Overseers, Dental Medicine; and several other reappointments.

Deaths

Mary Ann Corbett, Almanac Mary Ann Corbett, former Almanac staff member, died on February 18. She was 60.

Ms. Corbett graduated from Triton High School in Runnemede, New Jersey, in 1976. She joined the staff at Penn in 1984 as a technical medical secretary in the department of systems, in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, and the next year she took a position at Almanac, where she served as a typesetter until leaving in 1988. She went on to earn her BA in English from CGS at Penn in 1992.

Ms. Corbett is survived by her brothers, Francis, James (Georgia), Michael, Thomas, and Frederick; her niece, Nicole; her nephew, Michael; and many cousins and uncles.

Ed Flynn, School of Medicine

Edward (“Ed”) Thomas Flynn, Jr., former research associate professor in Penn’s School of Medicine, died February 9 from cancer. He was 77.

Dr. Flynn grew up in Farmington, Connecticut, and graduated from Trinity College in 1963. In 1967, he earned his PhD from Penn. He then joined the US Navy, embarking on a 27-year active-duty career that included internship, and residency training in anesthesiology at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, and tours of duty at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit, the Naval Medical Research Institute, and the Naval School, Diving and Salvage. His research and practice touched all aspects of undersea medicine. During his career he was awarded The National Defense Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal with Star, and twice the Legion of Merit.

Dr. Flynn retired from active duty in 1994 and then embarked on a second career that included serving as a research associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care at Penn’s School of Medicine from 1995 to 2008.

Dr. Flynn is survived by his wife, Janet-Beth; daughter, Erin; grandsons, Robert Burrage and Frank Gormley; and sister, Anne Pytel.

Ned Lally, Dental Medicine

Edward (“Ned”) T. Lally, professor in the pathology department in the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania for almost 50 years, died February 11. He was 75.

Born in Pittsburgh, Dr. Lally grew up in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. He received both his bachelor’s degree in 1964 and a doctorate of dental medicine in 1968 from the University of Pittsburgh and played varsity football while there. He earned a PhD in immunology in 1978 and a certificate in oral pathology in 1973 from the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1971, Dr. Lally joined the School as a teaching fellow. He was appointed assistant professor of pathology in 1980 and associate professor a few years later. He was promoted to professor of pathology in 1991. Since 1984, he was also a member of the Pathology Graduate Group of Penn’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Lally’s extensive research career was substantially funded by the NIDCR. In 1988, his research was among nine other projects given $5.6 million from the NIH. His most recent research project has been continuously funded for almost 30 years; it focuses on the role of bacterial toxins in the pathogenesis in periodontal disease. With Nataliya Balashova, a member of his research team, Dr. Lally’s research is rewriting the molecular mechanism of the most important toxin in the oral cavity. Dr.

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Lally helped to launch the research and teaching careers of the PhD candidates who trained under him. Graduates include Dr. Balashova as well as Angela Brown at Lehigh University.

For several years, Dr. Lally chaired the University Council’s Committee on Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics and served on the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility. He was a member of the Dental School’s Committee of Professors and served as its chair in the early 2000s. He was also a faculty representative for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. From 1996 to 2012, he served as national program officer, microbiology/immunology, for the International Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Lally served in the US Navy and Naval Reserve, entering service in 1964 during the Vietnam Era. He was deployed with Fleet Hospital 15/20 to the Persian Gulf in support of the First Marine Expeditionary Force during combat for the First Gulf War. In 1995, he retired from the Navy at the rank of Captain and as a Commanding Officer.

Dr. Lally is survived by his wife, Karen; children Brian (BSE’93, MSE’95) (Marcella), Sara (C’94) (Patrick C. Barth) and Caitrin (C’03); sister, Karen Meck (John) and brother, William (Karen); grandchildren, Nora A., Ruthanne C., Thomas, A., Thomas R., and Riley E.; nephews, Thomas Meck (Candice) and Enzo, and niece, Meghan; and many cousins.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to: The Dr. Edward T. Lally Fund to support oral health scholarship at Penn Dental Medicine. http://www.dental.upenn.edu/give

Jack Nachmias, Psychology

Jacob (“Jack”) Nachmias, emeritus professor of psychology in the School of Arts & Sciences at Penn, died March 2 after a brief illness. He was 90.

Born in Athens, Greece, he left his home in Sofia, Bulgaria, with his family in 1939 to come to America and escape the Nazis. Their departure on the last ship to sail from Paris is documented in files now stored online with the Holocaust Museum. Dr. Nachmias was legally blind his entire life but refused to consider that a disability. After graduating from Cornell in 1950 with a degree in psychology, he obtained an MA, also in psychology, from Swarthmore College in 1952 while teaching and working with Hans Wallach and Wolfgang Kohler, who also escaped the Nazis, and then earned his PhD in psychology from Harvard. He also studied at the University of Cambridge in England on a Fulbright scholarship. Dr. Nachmias’ specialty was in visual perception.

After a year as a NIH Fellow in the psychology department at the University of Rochester, he joined the faculty at Swarthmore. In 1961, he joined the faculty at Penn as an assistant professor of psychology as one of several new senior appointments made by Robert Bush, who revolutionized the department during his tenure as chair starting in 1958. A few years later Dr. Nachmias was promoted to full professor. He held two terms as department chair, 1974-1979 and 1988-1991, and also served for a time as director of graduate studies. He took leaves for a visiting professorship at Harvard and again to do research at University of Cambridge, working with John Robson and Murray Sachs on visual channels. He served on the search committee for a new dean of admissions and financial aid for Penn in 1971. Dr. Nachmias earned emeritus status in 1995.

Among his honors, Dr. Nachmias was elected to the National Academy of Sciences (Almanac May 8, 1984); he was awarded a Biomedical Research Support Grant in 1987; and he was given an honorary doctorate from the SUNY College of Optometry (Almanac September 9, 2014). He is survived by his wife, Vivianne, emeritus professor of cell and developmental biology in the Perelman School of Medicine; daughters, Lisa Nachmias Davis and Sarah Nachmias; grandchildren, Ann C.T. Davis and Luke L.B. Davis; step-grandchild, Laura Rear- don; sister, Rachel Franco; niece, Karen Porper; nephew, Albert Franco; cousins, Yvette Baue, Liliane Benardete, Rely Davidson, Susan Kennedy and Tina Kennedy; and members of his wife’s family.

John T. Walton, Athletics

John T. Walton, an operations assistant in Penn Athletics, died by suicide on February 25. He was 29.

Born and raised in University City, Mr. Walton graduated from Penn Charter in 2008, earned an associate’s degree from Philadelphia Community College, and was set to graduate this year with a bachelor’s degree in sports administration from Temple University.

Since June 2015, Mr. Walton had worked in Penn’s department of athletics and recreation as an operations assistant. Mike Martin, director of gameday operations at Penn, described him as a “great coworker, friend and just a good, genuine person that is hard to find these days.” Mr. Martin said he had “a real knack for event management,” of baseball, softball, tennis, vol-

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layball and soccer games.

Mr. Walton was also involved in the Fairmount Sports Association (FSA), first as a youth player and later as a volunteer baseball coach and association commissioner.

He is survived by his mother, Mary K.; brother, James; and godparents, Charles McCormack and Jane Barnsteiner.

A memorial meeting for worship will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at William Penn Charter School, 3000 W. School House Lane, Philadelphia.

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

WXPN Policy Board Meeting: March 20

The next meeting of the WXPN Policy Board will take place on Wednesday, March 20, at noon at WXPN. For more information, call (215) 898-0628 during business hours.

Weitzman School of Design

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Stuart Weitzman. Our School is enormously proud to bear his name.”

“Stuart is a renowned designer and an astute business leader,” said David L. Cohen, chair of the Penn Board of Trustees. “So it is altogether fitting that he is following Benjamin Franklin’s directive that ‘an investment in knowledge pays the best interest’ by helping to resource the school at Penn that is educating the next generation of design innovators, leaders and practitioners.”

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“Over the past year, Penn has greatly enhanced its commitment to highly-aided students with new initiatives designed to close the achievement and experience gap for first-generation and low-income students. At the same time, we remain deeply proud of the financial aid we offer students from middle- and higher-income families. We assess each student as an individual and build a package custom to their personal financial circumstances,” she said.

Since establishing a grant-based financial aid program in 2008, Penn has increased its financial aid budget by more than 150 percent, averaging eight percent growth annually—more than twice the growth rate of total charges. Today, Penn is the largest university in the United States with need-blind admission and grant-based financial aid for undergraduates. Students with family incomes less than $65,500 and typical assets receive financial aid packages that cover tuition, fees, room and board. Students from families with incomes up to $130,000 receive average aid packages that are greater than tuition.

Penn’s grant-based financial aid program is aligned with the inclusion goals outlined in the Penn Compact 2020 Presidential Initiatives, which include a comprehensive effort to raise additional funding for the endowment to support undergraduate financial aid as well as graduate and professional student aid.

Penn Global 2019 Call for Proposals

Penn Global is excited to announce the 2019 Call for Proposals for the Global Engagement Fund and the Penn China Research & Engagement Fund.

The Global Engagement Fund (GEF) Annual Program seeks to seed creative projects that will further Penn’s global initiatives internationally. All Penn faculty and senior administrators are eligible to apply. Proposals for the Global Engagement Fund are due March 15, 2019. For additional details about and submission instructions for GEF, please visit our website at: https://global.upenn.edu/gef

The China Research & Engagement Fund (CREF), launched in March 2015, is a five-year, $10 million competitive matching program designed to stimulate and support activity in China. Now, as the fund enters “Phase 2,” it will focus on supporting interdisciplinary research, teaching and other activities that seek to understand China not just as a country, but as a cross-cutting, global phenomenon. All Penn faculty and senior administrators are eligible to apply. CREF welcomes expressions of interest from interested Penn faculty and administrators for its 2019 Call for Proposals, which opened on March 11 and will close on April 15, 2019. For additional details about and submission instructions for Penn CREF, please visit our website at: https://global.upenn.edu/global-initiatives/penn-china-research- and-engagement-fund

To start a proposal for either fund, visit: https://upenn-provost.smapply.io If you have questions about applying for either fund, don’t hesitate to contact us at global@upenn.edu We look forward to learning of your ideas and working with you in the coming months.

—Zeke Emanuel, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives

Excellence through Diversity Fund: Call for Proposals—April 12

The University is pleased to call for proposals for the Excellence through Diversity Fund. The Fund provides resources for innovative interdisciplinary projects of Penn faculty on topics relating to diversity and inclusion. Funds will be awarded to the Schools competitively, on a matching basis. Proposals should include a description of efforts to obtain funding from other sources.

The Fund may support:

• Implementation of Schools’ strategic plans to diversify and enhance the climate for faculty and student populations;
• Research on topics related to diversity and inclusion;
• Projects that foster and support diversity on campus;
• Projects that involve collaborations across disciplines, the arts and traditional boundaries of academic work.

Past projects have included cross-School research, significant conferences and events, projects aimed at assessing the climate for diversity and inclusion at Penn, and large-scale university programs.

Applications must include:

• Biographies of faculty members and collaborators involved in the project;
• Presence of a realistic and sufficiently detailed budget.
• Evidence of extramural funding, particularly as demonstrated by matching funds.
• Implementation of Schools’ strategic plans to diversify and enhance the climate for faculty and student populations.

Criteria for Review

Review and evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

• Relationship to the aims of the Fund as described above.
• Potential for sustainability and/or impact over time with school, college, or institutional funding, particularly as demonstrated by matching funds.
• Potential for sustainable partnerships among schools, departments, or university programs.
• Evidence and novel understandings of diversity and inclusion at Penn and within our society today.

Proposals are due by April 12, 2019.

Review Process

The Fund will be administered by the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty.

Application

Applications must include:

• A completed Budget Form, available with PennKey at: https://upenn.box.com/s/6f17oi4nu6on84x77edtgtn57vst90
• A completed Cover Sheet and Proposal Form, available with PennKey at: https://upenn.box.com/s/uq0j5v5m93phnn375zxc47iomlarenqf
• Biographies of faculty members and collaborators involved in the project;
• Evidence of additional funding from institutional or external sources;
• Outlook for the future of the project (continued activity and external funding);
• For conference support: a description of the purpose of the meeting; a proposed program agenda and list of presenters; the names of Penn faculty organizing the meeting; the number of Penn students and faculty expected to attend; an exploration of the benefit to Penn students and faculty; an explanation of the benefit to scholarly or research programs at Penn; an explanation of the relationship of the meeting to department, institute or center programs.

Submission

Email a complete PDF of the submission to provost-fac@upenn.edu no later than April 12, 2019. Questions may be directed to Lubna Mian at miu@upenn.edu
Bonnie Ky: Editor of JACC: CardioOncology
Bonnie Ky, associate professor of medicine and epidemiology in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the American College of Cardiology’s newest journal, JACC: CardioOncology. Dr. Ky begins her five-year term this month; the new journal will launch in September.

Dr. Ky, the founding director of the Penn Cardio-Oncology Center for Excellence, leads research efforts to better understand the cardio-toxic effects of various cancer therapies, focusing on the detection, prevention and treatment of heart disease in cancer patients. In her research, Dr. Ky studies advanced imaging, biomarker tools and deep phenotyping techniques to identify cancer patients who are at increased risk for cardiotoxicity and to develop strategies to prevent injury while delivering necessary cancer treatments.

Penn Nursing: #1 World Ranking
Penn’s School of Nursing remains the number one nursing school in the world according to a recent ranking by QS World University. The rankings highlight the world’s top universities in 48 different subject areas (as of 2019) based on academic reputation, employer reputation and research impact. This is the fourth consecutive year that Penn Nursing has taken the top spot.

These rankings aim to help prospective students identify the world’s leading schools in their chosen field. Each of the subject rankings is compiled using four sources. The first two are QS’s global surveys of academics and employers. The second two assess research impact, based on research citations per paper and h-index in the relevant subject. These four components are combined to produce the subject rankings, with weightings adapted for each discipline. In 2019, the QS World University Rankings by Subject were based on responses from more than 83,000 academics worldwide.

2019 Penn Fellows
Daeyeon Lee, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, focuses his research on developing deep understanding of the interactions between soft materials.

Christopher Lenegher, associate professor of biomedical sciences in the School of Veterinary Medicine, is the associate director of the Institute for Regenerative Medicine and a faculty director of the Center for Animal Transgenesis and Germ Cell Research. His lab is broadly interested in the mechanisms by which stem cells acquire and maintain developmental potency.

Julia Lynch, associate professor of political science in the School of Arts & Sciences, focuses her research on the politics of inequality, social policy, and the economy in comparative perspective, with a focus on the countries of Western Europe and the United States.

Matthew McHugh, professor and Independence Chair for Nursing Education in the School of Nursing, has advanced the field of nursing outcomes and policy research by showing the value of investing in nursing as a vehicle to achieve a higher functioning health-care system.

Raina Merchant, associate professor of emergency medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine, conducts research at the intersection of digital media and health. Much of her work also bridges new technologies in the field of cardiovascular health and resuscitation science.

Masao Sako, associate professor and undergraduate chair of physics and astronomy in the School of Arts & Sciences, focuses on observational cosmology with supernovae (SNe). He is also interested in several aspects of high energy astrophysics including X-ray spectroscopy and observations of gamma-ray bursts, X-ray binaries, supermassive black holes and clusters of galaxies.

Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, associate professor in the Literacy, Culture and International Education Division of the Graduate School of Education, focuses on children’s and adolescent texts; the teaching of African American literature, history and culture in K-12 classrooms; and the roles that race, class and gender play in classroom discourse and interaction.

Franco Trubiano, associate professor of architecture in the Weitzman School of Design, conducts funded research in the areas of advanced energy retrofits and building information modeling.

Rachel Werner, professor of medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine, is a practicing general internist and a PhD-trained health economist. Her research seeks to understand the effect of health-care policies and delivery systems on quality of care.

Honors & Other Things
Army Field Band and Soldiers’ Chorus: March 13 Concert at Irvine Auditorium
The premier touring musical representative for the United States Army will perform on Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium. Its members, selected through a highly competitive audition, represent some of the finest musical talent in America.

For free tickets, visit: armystadium.com/tickets
Seven University of Pennsylvania seniors and a 2018 graduate have each won a Thouron Award to pursue graduate studies in the United Kingdom. Each scholarship winner receives tuition and stipends for as long as two years to earn a graduate degree there. The 2019 Penn Thouron Scholars are:

**Sona Dadhania**, from Voorhees, New Jersey, is majoring in materials science and engineering and minoring in engineering entrepreneurship in the School of Engineering & Applied Science. She researches polymers as a teaching assistant, and serves as a board member for Advancing Women in Engineering and the Penn MSE Society. She is also captain of the dance team, Penn Raas. Ms. Dadhania plans to pursue a master’s degree in advanced material science and engineering.

**Nicholas Escobar**, from Villanova, Pennsylvania, graduated in 2018, receiving a bachelor’s degree in English, with minors in music and global medieval studies, from the School of Arts & Sciences. While at Penn, he completed a senior honors thesis that involved composing the first original score for an unfinished 17th-century semi-opera, and earned distinction on Ivy Day as co-founder of the student club Penn FilmAid. Mr. Escobar plans to pursue a master’s degree in music composition and a career as a music composer for film and theatre.

**Nick Joyner**, from San Antonio, Texas, is double-majoring in communication and cinema and media studies and minoring in English in the School of Arts & Sciences and the Annenberg School for Communication. He is a 2019 Dean’s Scholar, a member of the Philomathean Society, an LGBT Center student mentor and the former editor-in-chief of 34th Street Magazine. He was a research fellow in the Penn Media Scholars in China program. Mr. Joyner plans to pursue a master’s degree in visual anthropology.

**Carson Kahoe**, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is majoring in modern Middle Eastern studies, with a concentration in Persian language and history, in the School of Arts & Sciences, and minoring in fine arts, with a concentration in photography. For his honors thesis, he is researching the dimensions of domestic politics and identity in Iran’s mid-20th century claims to Bahrein. He is a former photo editor at The Daily Pennsylvanian, and he is currently the director of Penn’s improv comedy troupe, Without a Net. Mr. Kahoe plans to pursue a master’s degree in conflict transformation and social justice.

**Ryan Leone**, from Farmingville, New York, is in the Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management, majoring in the biological basis of behavior in the School of Arts & Sciences and concentrating in healthcare management and policy at the Wharton School. Mr. Leone founded the Wharton Neuroscience Initiative Student Society and the Penn Health-Tech Student Board. He was president of Kite and Key, a resident assistant in Ware College House and a running back on the varsity sprint football team. Mr. Leone plans to pursue a master’s degree in war and psychiatry.

**Krishna Patel**, from Murphysville, Pennsylvania, is in the Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management, studying biology and business with a concentration in health-care management. He is a Benjamin Franklin Scholar and a Joseph Wharton Scholar. A research assistant in the Betley Lab in the biology department, he is interested in better understanding survival drives like hunger and pain and how they contribute to chronic illnesses. He is a senior peer advisor and has also worked at the Wharton Small Business Development Center as both a research consultant and a management teaching assistant. Mr. Patel plans to pursue a master’s degree in evidence-based social policy and intervention.

**Libby Rockaway**, from Nicholasville, Kentucky, is majoring in cognitive science with a concentration in cognitive neuroscience in the School of Arts & Sciences and is working towards her master’s in nonprofit leadership at the School of Social Policy & Practice. While at Penn, she has trained diabetic alert dogs for children with type 1 diabetes, founded a nonprofit to provide free diabetic alert dog training resources and performed research through the University Scholars Program. She is interested in researching ways to utilize canine capabilities to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Ms. Rockaway plans to pursue a master’s degree in animal behavior and welfare.

**Hannah Sweeney**, from Lake Havasu City, Arizona, is majoring in political science with a concentration in international relations, and minoring in gender studies, religious studies and German, in the School of Arts and Sciences. A Questbridge Scholar, she interned with the US State Department, United Nations Human Rights Council, and the Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia’s largest refugee resettlement agency. Her work focuses on international human rights and refugee law. Ms. Sweeney plans to pursue a master’s degree in refugee and forced migration studies.

Established in 1960 and supported with gifts by the late John Thouron and his wife, Esther du Pont Thouron, the Thouron Award is a graduate-exchange program between Penn and British universities that aims to improve understanding and relations between the US and the UK.

The Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF) serves as Penn’s primary information hub and support office for students and alumni applying for major grants and fellowships, including the Thouron Award.

### Power Down Challenge: March 18-22

The Annual Power Down Challenge empowers the Penn community to reduce energy consumption and deepen their understanding of energy issues. Two key components of the campaign are:

#### Power Down Happenings:
- **Eduational events and programs about energy consumption, reduction and innovation**, e-waste collections, an event on College Green, and a Green Office/Labs Workshop. See: [https://sustainability.upenn.edu/power-down-challenge/power-down-happenings](https://sustainability.upenn.edu/power-down-challenge/power-down-happenings)

#### Energy Reduction Challenge: For this collaborative, 24-hour, campus-wide event, students, staff and faculty are encouraged to reduce energy usage over a 24-hour period on Wednesday, March 20. Turn off lights, unplug appliances and turn down the heat. The percentage reduction is converted into a monetary donation to the Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships (CURF) helping to fund undergraduate research grants in the energy and sustainability fields. In 2018, $7,000 was donated to CURF for faculty-sponsored undergraduate research opportunities.

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**2019 Thouron Award Winners**

![Sona Dadhania](image1)

Sona Dadhania

![Nicholas Escobar](image2)

Nicholas Escobar

![Ryan Leone](image3)

Ryan Leone

![Krishna Patel](image4)

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![Nick Joyner](image5)

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![Carson Kahoe](image6)

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![Libby Rockaway](image7)

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![Hannah Sweeney](image8)

Hannah Sweeney
Patrick Dougherty was last at Morris Arboretum in 2015 to create A Waltz in the Woods (above), which thrilled adults for its drama, and children as the ultimate hide-and-seek adventure as they ran in and out of the 25-foot-tall towers.

Internationally acclaimed artist Patrick Dougherty will be an artist-in-residence at the Morris Arboretum for three weeks, March 12-29. During this time he will work with volunteers and staff to design a unique, site-specific piece of art from twigs, saplings, branches and sticks that takes shape as he designs it, inspired by the garden’s surroundings. Construction involves all woven materials without the use of nails or other supportive hardware. Each sculpture is named after it is designed. His work runs the artistic gamut, ranging from tall wispy towers to playful abstracts. In all, he has created more than 200 pieces since 1985.

Mr. Dougherty first came to the Morris Arboretum to create one of his stick sculptures in April of 2009. The piece he created was a 26-foot-high sculpture called The Summer Palace, reminiscent of Russia’s Byzantine architecture. By popular request Mr. Dougherty returned in 2015 to create A Waltz in the Woods, seven inter-connected towers that thrilled adults for its drama and children as the ultimate hide-and-seek adventure as they ran in and out of the 25-foot-tall towers.

As Morris Arboretum began planning for its next exhibit in 2019, Mr. Dougherty was at the top of the list. The location for his newest creation will once again be the Madeleine K. Butcher Sculpture Garden, which has perfect sight lines from various spots in the garden. No one knows what the newest creation will be, but Morris Arboretum invites visitors to come see him at work, weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 12-29. The finished piece opens on Saturday, March 30. It is supported by the Madeleine K. Butcher Fine Arts Endowment. For more information about Mr. Dougherty and his work, visit: www.stickwork.net

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department
Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are the Crimes Against Persons or Crimes Against Society from the campus report for February 25-March 3, 2019. Also reported were 9 incidents (8 thefts and 1 other offense) with 3 arrests. Full reports are available at: https://almanac.upenn.edu/sections/crimes 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 February 25-March 3, 2019. The University Police actively patrol from Market St to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd St 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

Below are the Crimes Against Persons from the 18th District: 5 incidents (1 aggravated assault, 1 indecent assault, 1 robbery and 2 assaults) were reported for February 25-March 3, 2019 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 48th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

Listening to Diversity: March 13

What is your vision of equity and inclusion at Penn? Listening to Diversity will be discussed 4-5:30 p.m. March 13, in room 108. The ARCH. Listening to Diversity will be a public forum that will provide all members of Penn’s campus community the opportunity to voice their concerns and share their suggestions for how to work together to bring about productive change. It is sponsored by the University Council Committee on Diversity & Equity, the Faculty Senate and the Penn Forum for Women Faculty. Sign up to speak at http://tinyurl.com/yvyfr36b

Levin Family Dean’s Forum: March 14

Marjane Satrapi, creator of the graphic novels Persepolis and Chicken with Plums and director of their film adaptations, as well as the movies The Voices and the upcoming Radioactive, will discuss her art and how politics has been threaded through it over the years at this year’s Forum on March 14, 4:30-6 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.) in the Zellerbach Theatre, at the Annenberg Center. The conversation will be moderated by Fatemeh Shams, assistant professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. This is free and open to the public. To register, visit http://tinyurl.com/y35gsp5m

The Levin Family Dean’s Forum is a celebration of the arts & sciences. Initiated in 1984, it presents leading intellectual figures who exemplify the richness of the liberal arts. It also recognizes outstanding undergraduate and graduate students for their academic achievement and intellectual promise. The Forum is made possible by a generous gift from Stephen A. Levin (C’67) in honor of his sons Eric T. Levin (C’92) and Andrew Levin (C’14).

AT PENN Deadlines

The March AT PENN calendar is now online. The deadline for the April AT PENN was March 11 but due to Spring Break submissions will be accepted through today.

The University of Pennsylvania’s journal of record, opinion and news is published Tuesdays during the academic year, and as needed during summer and holiday breaks. Its electronic editions on the Internet (accessible through the Penn website) include HTML, Acrobat and mobile versions of the print edition, and internet information may be posted in electronic-only form. Guidelines for readers and contributors are available on request and online.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department's Community Crime Report is designed to enhance community awareness and understanding of crime incidents. The University of Pennsylvania does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, age, disability, veteran status, or any other legally protected class status in the administration of its admissions, financial aid, educational or athletic programs, or other University-administered programs or in its employment practices. Questions or complaints regarding this policy should be directed to Sam Starks, Executive Director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Programs, 421 Franklin Building, 3451 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6205, or (215) 898-6993 (Voice).
Recognizing Outstanding Penn Staff Members with 2019 Models of Excellence Honors

Each year, the Penn community celebrates the exceptional work of staff members throughout our schools and centers at the Models of Excellence ceremony. This year is extremely distinctive because it marks the program’s 20th anniversary.

Since 1999, the Models of Excellence program has received 3,200 nominations, recognized over 1,100 honorees, and attracted an estimated 7,500 faculty and staff members to Irvine Auditorium to cheer on their colleagues. The 2019 ceremony will increase those numbers when Penn recognizes 92 outstanding staff members who play key roles in the University’s successes every day. We are pleased to announce the honorees.

President Amy Gutmann, Provost Wendell Pritchett, Executive Vice President Craig R. Carnaroli and Vice President for Human Resources Jack Heuer will present the awards to staff members. The awards are presented in three categories: Models of Excellence, Pillars of Excellence and Model Supervisors. Each winner, whether an individual or team member, will receive $500 and a symbolic award. Staff members who have earned Honorable Mentions will receive $250 and a symbolic award.

To celebrate two decades of staff recognition, audience members will receive a commemorative 20th Anniversary gift bag filled with mementos.

Please save the date because the entire Penn community is invited to join the 20th annual Models of Excellence award celebration on Tuesday, April 23 at 4 p.m. at Irvine Auditorium.

For more information about Penn’s staff honorees and the exciting Models of Excellence ceremony, visit www.hr.upenn.edu/models

We would like to thank the 2019 Selection Committee consisting of people from across the Penn community: administrators, faculty, weekly-paid staff, supervisors and past Models of Excellence honorees for their thoughtful efforts. This year, the Selection Committee carefully reviewed 32 nominations, all submitted in support of worthy staff contributions. Honorees were selected based on their distinguished efforts and the impact they have made on the University.

Congratulations to all this year’s Models of Excellence honorees, honorable mentions and nominees!

—Division of Human Resources

Models of Excellence

The Models of Excellence Award recognizes staff member accomplishments that reflect initiative, leadership, increased efficiency and a deep commitment to service.

The Admissions Branding Revitalization Team, Christine Clay, and Penn Marketplace Enhancements Team will be presented with the Models of Excellence award this year.

Admissions Branding Revitalization Team
Michael Guyer, Provost’s Center
Scott Kuchinski, Provost’s Center
Jenny Lackey, Provost’s Center
Justin Mazur, Provost’s Center
Louis Meteger, Provost’s Center

Christine Clay, PSOM

Penn Marketplace Enhancements Team
Sandra Ardis, Business Services
Kalyani Balasubramanian, ISC
Sarah Boyer, Division of Finance
Chris Bristow, SEAS
Brian Caputo, Business Services
LaTanya Carter, Business Services
Barbara Dilossi, Division of Finance
Janet Dwyer, Office of the President
Faima Goldman, ISC
Carol B. Henderson, Student Services
Vira Homick, Business Services
David Ishmael, Division of Finance
Jeanine Kleba, ISC
Bill Lockard, Wharton School
Mark Mills, Business Services
Ravi Musuku, ISC
Jason J. Nestor, PSOM
Grier Nori, Business Services
Renee Nowaczyk, Division of Finance
Kristy Owen, Division of Finance
Michael Popko, Division of Finance
Elyse Saladoff, SAS
Debbie Schmidt, Business Services
Ian Semmler, Law School
Michele Tollok, Business Services
Paul Weidner, Division of Finance

2019 Models of Excellence Honorees

Models of Excellence Honorable Mentions

The Houston Market Renovation Team
Varvara Kountouzi, The New Wharton Undergraduate Experience Team, Ronald O. Perelman Center for Political Science and Economics Project Team, and Stewardship Communications Team will receive Models of Excellence Honorable Mentions.

Houston Market Renovation Team
Douglas Berger, Business Services
Mariette Buchman, FRES
Heather Coyne, FRES
Michael Dausch, FRES
Ke Feng, FRES
William Gingrow, Business Services
Laurie A. Hall, VPUL Facilities & Events Management
Thomas Hauber, VPUL Facilities & Events Management
Monique Jerman, FRES
Mark Kocent, FRES
Pamela Lampitt, Business Services
Thomas MacDonald, Business Services

Varvara Kountouzi, University Library

The New Wharton Undergraduate Experience Team
Ufuoma Adjola, Wharton School
Kendall Barbee, School of Medicine
Bernadette Butler, Wharton School
Grace Conte, Wharton School
Frank DeFrancis, Wharton School
Andrea Dolphi, Wharton School
Aman Goyal, Wharton School
Celina Gray, Wharton School
Anne M. Greenhalgh, Wharton School
Jonathan Katzenbach, Wharton School
Lee Kramer, Wharton School
Linda J. Lee, Wharton School
Xiumei Long, Wharton School
Taylor Plunkett-Clements, Wharton School
Jenny Reyes, Wharton School
Scott J. Romeika, Wharton School
Bethany Schell, Wharton School
Utsav Schumann, Wharton School
Catherine Smith, Wharton School
Meredith Stone, Wharton School
Elizabeth M. Sutton, Wharton School
Teran Tadal, Wharton School
Jenna Tesauro, Wharton School
Maher Zerkani, Wharton School

Ronald O. Perelman Center for Political Science and Economics Project Team

Edward Benfold, FRES
John J. Blankemeyer, FRES
Rennard Carmichael, ISC
Jeffrey Clark, ISC
Michael Dausch, FRES
Thomas Ewing, SAS
David Hollenberg, FRES
Christopher Kern, FRES
Sara King, SAS
John MacDermott, SAS
Pete Morgans, Student Services

Stewardship Communications Team

Valerie Harris, DAR
Mekhi Johnson, DAR
Stephen McElwee, DAR
Melissa Marshall Nevedomski, DAR
Tanisha Taylor, DAR
Andrew Wade, DAR
Nichole Wilson, DAR

Pillars of Excellence

The Pillars of Excellence Award recognizes the important support Penn’s weekly-paid staff members provide to promote the University’s mission. This year’s Pillars of Excellence awardees:

Lorenzo Jackson, FRES

Lapis David Cohen, University Library

Jose Colon, FRES

Model Supervisor

The Model Supervisor Award honors supervisors who are effective and productive leaders for the University. This year’s awardee:

Eugene “Gene” Janda, Division of Public Safety

Model Supervisor Honorable Mentions

Vicki J. Berkowitz, School of Veterinary Medicine
Chris Mustazza, SAS