The University of Pennsylvania announced a $2 million gift to the Behavior Change for Good Initiative from Marc J. Leder, W'83. The gift promises to accelerate the effort to solve the problem of enduring behavior change. The donation establishes the Marc J. Leder Behavior Change for Good Term Fund at the School of Arts & Sciences and the Wharton School.

The Behavior Change for Good Initiative (BCFG) unites scientists in the social sciences, medicine, computer science and neuroscience in an extraordinary interdisciplinary effort to change behavior for good. BCFG collaborators are developing an interactive digital platform to improve daily decisions about health, education and finance with the goal of making change stick in real-world settings.

“Through this gift, we all make about what to eat, what medicines to take, what classes to attend and whether to set aside some savings have a profound impact on our lives today and into the future,” says Mr. Leder, co-founder and CEO of Sun Capital Partners, Inc. “These decisions are based on deep-seated behaviors that are influenced by culture and experience. Sun Capital, Sun Capital Partners, Inc. is a global private equity firm focused on identifying companies’ untapped potential and leveraging its deep operational and financial resources to transform results. Since 1995, Sun Capital has invested in more than 360 companies worldwide across a broad range of industries and transaction structures with revenues of approximately $50 billion. This transformative support will enable BCFG’s vision of the Behavior Change for Good Initiative—an exemplary model of scaled interdisciplinary collaboration that will address pressing challenges affecting health, academic success and financial security,” said Geoffrey Garrett, Wharton’s dean, Reliance Professor of Management and Private Enterprise, and professor of political science. “Penn and Wharton’s data-driven research will create insights, knowledge and tools to transform lives for the better—and we’re delighted that Marc is a part of this.”

“Collaboration across disciplines is at the heart of truly groundbreaking research,” said Steven J. Fluharty, dean of Penn Arts & Sciences and Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Professor of Psychology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience. “I’m grateful that Marc shares that belief—his tremendous gift empowers a novel, interdisciplinary approach to a ubiquitous challenge.”
The following is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Among other purposes, the publication of SEC actions is intended to stimulate discussion among the constituencies and their representatives. Please communicate your comments to Patrick Walsh, executive assistant to the Senate Office, either by telephone at (215) 898-6943 or by email at senate@pobox.upenn.edu.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Actions
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Chair’s Report. After introductions, Faculty Senate Chair Jennifer Pinto-Martin welcomed the members of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and offered a brief review of the Senate and its structure. She indicated that the responsibility of SEC is to be the central mechanism for input and feedback between faculty and Penn leaders. She encouraged SEC members to serve as conduits for communication between the Standing Faculty and the Senate leadership. A full roster of SEC members is available on the Senate’s website: www.upenn.edu/faculty_senate/sec_members.html.

Past Chair’s Report. Faculty Senate Past Chair Santosh Venkatesh reported that the Campaign for Community (C4C) is now accepting applications as it begins its fourth year. C4C provides funding for organizations that hold campus-based events aligned with C4C’s goals of promoting understanding of and respect for multiple points of view on important topics related to the University community, encouraging dialogue and discussion among members of the community about issues with the potential for difference and disagreement, and creating opportunities for all members of the University’s community to participate in conversations about important topics. Applications are sought on a rolling basis from faculty, students and staff for both novel programming and events already in the planning process via the C4C website: https://provost.upenn.edu/initiatives/campaign/grants.

Announcements. Development and Alumni Relations (DAR) asks all faculty to complete an online survey that will help DAR better understand faculty willingness to participate in alumni programming. The survey closes September 25 and takes less than five minutes to complete. Faculty are invited to complete the survey at: https://tinyurl.com/yaconyk. On October 15, Penn will host the Philadelphia Symposium on Research Credibility and Excellence. The event is open to all researchers in the greater Philadelphia region. More information can be found at the event’s website: http://symposia.research.upenn.edu.

Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures. Senior Vice President for Institutional Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer JoAnn Mitchell and Senior Vice President and General Counsel Wendy White shared a draft overview of proposed sexual misconduct policy and protocols with SEC members. The proposed policy revision consolidates all forms of sexual misconduct (e.g., sexual harassment, sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking) under one umbrella policy; creates a new Advisory Board, comprising the Provost and Title IX Officer positions to serve as a single point of contact for all complaints of sexual misconduct made against enrolled students, faculty and staff; and maintains all existing Confidential Resources. The policy revision is subject to further refinement based upon proposed regulations from the US Department of Education, which are still in draft stage. Penn’s draft policy will be made available for public comment prior to its finalization.

Discussion and Vote of Draft Committee Charges. The specific charges of the Faculty Senate committees were reviewed and approved. Discussion topics for future SEC meetings were proposed.

Participating in the Employee Resource and Volunteer Fair

Dear University of Pennsylvania Departments & External Vendors,

The Penn Professional Staff Assembly (PPSA) and the Penn Weekly-Paid Professional Staff Assembly (WPPSA), in partnership with the offices of the Executive Vice President and the Division of Human Resources, are co-sponsoring an Employee Resource and Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, noon-1:30 p.m. in Bodek Lounge and the Reading Room, Houston Hall. The purpose of the fair is to provide information to employees regarding the vast and varied campus resources and services available to them as well as volunteer opportunities. The fair will be open to the entire Penn community.

We are excited to offer you an opportunity to participate in the 2018 Employee Resource Fair. We would welcome representation from your area and encourage you to showcase your services. Last year the Fair was attended by an estimated 500 individuals.

If you would like to participate, pre-registration is required, and we ask that two representatives from your office staff a table. Typically, participants bring both informational and promotional materials on their services, brochures, giveaways, etc. Please feel free to advertise your participation in the Resource Fair through your email lists and newsletters. Set-up will take place 11-11:45 a.m. and breakdown 1:30-2 p.m. For event details and registration information, please visit tinyurl.com/2018ERF.

In addition to the Employee Resource Fair there will be a Volunteer Fair organized in tandem with the event. This Volunteer Fair takes place in the Reading Room next to Bodek Lounge. PPSA invites groups from the Philadelphia area to inform members of the Penn community about the volunteer opportunities they have available. There will be approximately 10-15 local non-profits represented at the fair. Space is limited.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to participate in the 2018 Employee Resource Fair. For all inquiries, please contact pppsa@lists.upenn.edu.

—Stephanie Yee, PPSA Chair & Rhonda Kirlew, WPPSA Chair

Trustees Meetings: September 27

A meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee and the Executive Committee/Stated Meeting of the Penn Trustees will be held on Thursday, September 27 in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall. The meeting schedule is below:

- 9:50-11:05 a.m. Budget & Finance Committee
- 1:40-1:55 p.m.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

Members of the University may register their interest in attending at (215) 898-7005.

25-Year Club Dinner: Reservations

The Division of Human Resources invites members of the University community with 25 or more years of service to Penn’s annual 25-Year Club Celebration on Thursday, October 4. The event is from 5-7 p.m. in Houston Hall. Registration is required for attendance.

Register by Friday, September 21 at www.hr.upenn.edu/25yearclub

For more information call (215) 898-3463 or email 25yearclub@hr.upenn.edu

Invitations were sent out weeks ago, mostly by email unless Human Resources did not know an email address for someone, in which case the invitations were sent by US mail. Preceding the dinner, there will be a PASEF-sponsored lecture, Innovation at Penn by Penn’s Executive Vice President Craig Carnaroli in the Class of ‘62 Auditorium in Houston Hall, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Celebration of Women Faculty

The 9th annual Celebration of Women Faculty will take place Friday, October 17, at the Annenberg School for Communication’s Plaza Lobby. The event, which is open to all faculty members, will be a celebration of women faculty colleagues’ appointments, awards, honors and promotions hosted by the Penn Forum for Women Faculty. This year, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Aniya Allen will give remarks. A champagne reception will follow. To RSVP, visit https://tinyurl.com/ybaau53o

$1 Million Gift to ICA

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Mr. Leder’s donation will endow the Marc J. Leder Director of Curatorial Affairs at ICA, a position currently held by Robert Chaney, who joined the ICA in 2001. During his tenure, Mr. Chaney has managed all traveling exhibitions, including Jason Rhoades, Four Roads; Stefan Sagmeister, The Happy Show; Maira Kalman: Various Illuminations (of a Crazy World); Dirt On Delight: Impulses That Form Clay; The Puppet Show; Karen Kilimnik; and Make Your Own Life: Artists In & Out of Cologne. As director of curatorial affairs, he manages a curatorial department of 10 and serves as a liaison between curatorial and other ICA departments.

Mr. Chaney served as ICA’s interim director in 2011–2012. “ICA gives artists opportunities to realize exciting new commissions, groundbraking exhibitions and the touring of ICA projects,” said ICA Director Daniel W. Dietrich, II. Director Amy Sadof, “Our director of curatorial affairs, Robert Chaney, works to remake the museum each season, and the Leder Endowment guarantees that the most experienced and creative team will always lead ICA.”
Deaths

Cameron Driver, SP2
Cameron Avant Driver, a part-time MSW student on track to finish his degree in 2020, died September 11 after suffering a medical emergency. He was 38.

Mr. Driver earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Cheyney University. He worked as a contract specialist for the federal General Services Administration and volunteered at nonprofit organizations including Philabundance, a food bank, and Chosen 300 Ministries, an organization that delivers meals and services to the homeless.

Mr. Driver is survived by his wife, Roxanne Logan; stepson, Christian; and his parents, Chere Jordan and James Avant.

Edward Fouls, Psychiatry and Anthropology
Edward Fouls, a former professor of psychiatry and anthropology at Penn, died September 1 in New Orleans from the flu and a blood disorder. He was 81.

Dr. Fouls was born in Utica, Michigan, and earned his BA in 1958 from University of Michigan and his PhD in medicine from McGill University in 1962. He then went on to earn his PhD in anthropology in 1972 after studying at University of Alaska’s Institute of Arctic Biology. During this time (1970-1971), he was a lecturer in anthropology at Penn.

In 1975, Dr. Fouls joined the Penn faculty as an associate professor of psychiatry in the School of Medicine. In 1976, he took on a secondary appointment as an associate professor of anthropology. He received tenure in 1978, but he left Penn in 1986 for an endowed chair position in psychiatry and neurology at Tulane University.

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$1.5 Million Gift from David Brush Creates the Douglas N. Brush Head Coach of Penn’s Women’s Soccer Endowed Fund

Grace Calhoun, director of Athletics and Recreation at the University of Pennsylvania, announced in July the creation of the Douglas N. Brush Head Coach of Women’s Soccer Endowed Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to the women’s soccer program and its head coach position. The fund was made possible by a $1.5 million gift from Penn Soccer Executive Board Chair and Athletic Overseer David M. Brush, C’82 and his wife, Karen Clark Brush, W’82.

This gift marks the first head coach endowment to be made since the public launch of the Game Onward campaign and will ensure the future sustainability and success of Penn Soccer.

“David Brush has been an incredible supporter and advocate of Penn Athletics over the years, and we are thrilled that his family’s name will be forever linked to the soccer program,” Ms. Calhoun said. “Growing our athletics endowment is a top priority of the Game Onward campaign, and David’s commitment to endow the head women’s soccer coach position will enable us to remain competitive in the Ivy League and beyond for many years to come.”

Mr. Brush, who currently resides in Madrid, Spain, was a member of the varsity men’s lacrosse team and has been involved at the University since his time on campus. A former University Trustee, member of the Athletic Board of Overseers and chair of the Penn Soccer Executive Board, Mr. Brush continues to exemplify the notion that leadership starts at the top.

Upon graduation, Mr. Brush moved to London to head Bankers Trust global real estate group and immediately fell in love with soccer. Mr. Brush became chair of the Penn Soccer Executive Board in 2013 and has worked to grow and expand the base of support for the program. His gift will honor not only his passion for Penn soccer but also his father, Douglas, who coached women’s sports on Long Island in the 1970s. Thus, the endowed position will be the Douglas N. Brush Head Coach of Women’s Soccer.

“Karen and I are delighted to support the soccer program at Penn through our endowment of the Douglas N. Brush Head Coach of Women’s Soccer position,” said Mr. Brush. “During our almost 20 years in London and Madrid, we have both become great fans of the beautiful game, and the opportunity to combine our love of the game with our love for Penn is a great privilege. That privilege is made even more special because, through the naming of this position, we also have the opportunity to honor my father, who was a pivotal supporter of women’s sports in the 1970s. He was an unrelenting advocate of Title IX who, after more than 20 years coaching the boys’ team, spent the final years of his coaching career as the girls’ head track coach at Huntingdon High School.”

Current women’s soccer head coach Nicole Van Dyke will be the first to assume the position. Ms. Van Dyke enters her fourth season at Penn and continues to elevate the program within the Ivy League. Since taking over in 2015, she has amassed a 20-15-13 record and works to instill the values of hard work, respect, attitude, accountability and professionalism in her team.

$1 Million Gift from Harris Family Charitable Foundation for Wrestling

The University of Pennsylvania announced a $1 million gift from the Harris Family Charitable Foundation to support Penn’s wrestling program’s growth and development. The Harris Family Charitable Foundation was founded by Mr. Brush, who currently resides in Madrid, Spain.

The Harris Family Charitable Foundation’s support of the University of Pennsylvania wrestling team is remarkable and will provide us the valuable resources at an ideal time to accelerate the growth of our program,” Mr. Reina said. “Josh has long referenced how he’s applied the invaluable lessons he learned as a wrestler to his incredibly impressive professional career. We are profoundly grateful that he is giving back in such an impactful way. Our program will be enhanced for years to come thanks to the powerful financial commitment Josh and his foundation have made.”

Mr. Harris is the co-founder of Apollo Global Management, LLC, as well as Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment, which includes in its portfolio the Philadelphia 76ers and New Jersey Devils. Through his foundation, he is thrilled to support a program that means so much to him and his family.

“From an early age, wrestling taught me the virtues of hard work, grit and tenacity,” Mr. Harris said. “It’s an honor and a privilege to be able to support Penn Wrestling as it strives for excellence. I hope that the team will achieve national prominence under Coach Reina’s guidance, and that more importantly, these young athletes will learn valuable life lessons through their commitment to the sport, which will ultimately enable them to lead better lives.”

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Brian Capell: Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award

Brian C. Capell, assistant professor of dermatology in the Perelman School of Medicine, a core faculty member of the Penn Epigenetics Institute and a member of the Abramson Cancer Center, has been awarded a Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award for 2018. The award comes with a $450,000 unrestricted research grant over three years. Dr. Capell will use the funds to continue his research into epigenetic targets in the skin, specifically in hopes of developing effective therapies for squamous cell carcinoma, a common form of cancer that develops in the skin. Dr. Capell is one of just six researchers in the US to receive the award this year.

The recipients of this award are recognized for being outstanding early career physician-scientists conducting patient-oriented cancer research. The award program is specifically intended to help address the shortage of physicians capable of translating scientific discovery into new breakthroughs for cancer patients. Dr. Capell’s research examines epigenetic markers in the skin to understand their function and to see how they differ in healthy, sun-damaged and cancerous skin. The long-term goal is to clearly define the role of these markers and to understand how they change as skin is further damaged, then to use that knowledge to identify targets for topical skin cancer treatments.

Jessica Dine: Macy Faculty Scholar

C. Jessica Dine, associate professor in the division of pulmonary, allergy and critical care, and director of assessment and evaluation in the department of medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine, has been named a Macy Faculty Scholar by the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation. The New York-based program identifies and provides financial and other support to educational innovations in medicine and nursing. Dr. Dine joins the eighth class of Macy Faculty Scholars. This year’s group of five scholars, who are from nursing and medical schools across the country, will pursue mentored educational innovation projects at their home institutions. Dr. Dine will design and develop an assessment strategy for inter-professional collaboration in the clinical learning environment, which would appraise care providers from a number of health care professions delivering clinical care in real time. Judy A. Shea, associate dean for medical education research and a professor of medicine at Penn, will serve as Dr. Dine’s mentor for the initiative.

Dr. Dine’s strategy is based on the principle that teamwork is essential to delivering high-quality patient care in today’s complex healthcare delivery system. Health-care professionals are regularly asked to take part in inter-professional education and collaboration in order to deliver more efficient and successful patient care. Ideally, a learner’s competence in caring for patients collaboratively should be assessed by direct observation of his or her use of best practices while providing care in an authentic clinical environment, but no such tool exists.

Dr. Dine plans to develop a tool to measure inter-professional collaboration skills of health-care providers in the clinical learning environment. She will assemble an interdisciplinary team of Penn-based experts to develop the assessment tool; it will comprise physicians; nurses; pharmacists; physical, respiratory, and occupational therapists; and social workers. The instrument will then be used to observe learners from each of the professions in different clinical settings during clinical rotations. Data on the observed learners, the complexity of their patients’ conditions and team members’ perception of conflict within the team will be collected to test the validity of the tool. Dr. Dine will also develop an electronic platform to collect data for future fine-tuning of the instrument.

Nader Engheta: Pioneer Award

Nader Engheta, H. Nedwill Ramsey Professor of Electrical and Systems Engineering in Penn’s School of Engineering, is the recipient of the 2018 IEEE Nanotechnology Council Pioneer Award for Nanotechnology for his transformative contributions to the nanoscience and nanotechnology of photonic metamaterials and for the development and understanding of optical nanocircuits.

Dr. Engheta is known for founding the field of optical nanocircuits (“optical metamaterials”) and his pioneering development and contributions to this field, which has merged the fields of nanoelectronics and nanophotonics. He is also known for developing epsilon-near-zero (ENZ) materials with near-zero electric permittivity. Through this work he has opened many new frontiers, including optical computation at the nanoscale and scattering control for cloak- ing and transparency. Dr. Engheta’s work has far reaching implications in various branches of materials science, optics, microwaves and quantum electrodynamics.

Martha Farah: British Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Martha Farah, Walter H. Annenberg Professor in the Natural Sciences and the director of the Center for Neuroscience and Society, is among 76 distinguished scholars to be elected to the British Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences fellowship in recognition of her work in the field of cognitive neuroscience, with a focus on the interface between neuroscience and society; socioeconomic status and its relation to brain development; and implications of neuroscience for law education and other policy areas.

Garret FitzGerald: German National Academy of Sciences

Garret FitzGerald, Perelman School of Medicine professor of systems pharmacology and translational therapeutics and director of the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at Penn, has been elected to the Leopoldina, the German National Academy of Sciences, the oldest continuously existing academy of medicine and the natural sciences in the world. The award recognizes Dr. FitzGerald’s “scientific achievements and . . . personal standing.” He has been selected for membership in the Academy’s section on physiology and pharmacology/toxicology.

Past Academy members include Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein and Marie Curie. Today it has over 1,500 elected members in more than 30 countries worldwide.

Dr. FitzGerald, whose research interests include the mechanisms of drug action, has been described by CNN as a “pain medicine visionary.” He has additionally been recognized for helping show how low-dose aspirin can ward off cardiovascular disease.

Benjamin Garcia: Biemann Medal

Benjamin A. Garcia, presidential professor of biochemistry and biophysics in the Perelman School of Medicine, has been awarded the Biemann Medal by the American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS). The early-career award recognizes significant achievement in basic or applied mass spectrometry.

Dr. Garcia’s lab has developed and refined mass spectrometry analysis techniques for analyzing proteins that are considered state of the art and used world-wide by researchers. Dr. Garcia was recognized for contributions to better understanding of the histone code, the set of modifications in histone proteins that are crucial for regulating gene expression. Dr. Garcia’s lab has developed a number of experimental and computational methods to detect histone post-translational modifications, quantify their relative abundance, monitor their intercellular activities and pinpoint the modifications on specific genome locations.

In particular, Dr. Garcia has pioneered high-throughput, “bottom-up” methods for detecting post-translational histone modifications and quantitative comparison of multiple cellular states. His expertise also includes “middle-down” approaches that enable detailed analysis of histone proteoforms.

In recognizing Dr. Garcia the Society said: “These methods have made unique impact in chromatin [chromosome] biology and epi-genetics research [the study of biological mechanisms that switch genes on and off], and have been fully embraced by a growing number of research groups from all over the world.”

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Michel Koo: William H. Bowen Research in Dental Caries Award

Penn Dental Medicine’s Hyun (Michel) Koo has been recognized for his research by the International Association for Dental Research as the 2018 recipient of the William H. Bowen Research in Dental Caries Award. The award was presented at the opening ceremonies of the 96th General Session of the IADR, held in London in late July, in conjunction with the IADR Pan European Regional (PER) Congress.

Dr. Koo is a professor and director of research in Penn Dental Medicine’s Levy Center for Oral Health, divisions of pediatric dentistry and community oral health and the department of orthodontics. He is an international leader in the field of cariology; his research has focused on understanding the relationship between biofilms and oral infectious disease and seeking novel therapeutic strategies that effectively control the most pathogenic elements of dental caries. Dr. Koo’s work has provided greater understanding of the mechanisms of cariogenic biofilm development, provided new biofilm methodologies, shown novel anti-biofilm and caries-preventive approaches, and has led to new technologies for delivery of anti-biofilm and anti-caries agents.

Raina Merchant: Aspen Institute Health Innovators Fellow

Digital health-care innovator and emergency medicine physician Raina Merchant has been named an Aspen Institute Health Innovators Fellow. The two-year fellowship is designed to strengthen the leadership of innovators across the US that are ecocentric in nature and change them to create new approaches to improve the health and well-being of all Americans.

Dr. Merchant is an associate professor of emergency medicine at PSOM, an associate vice president for UPHS, and she serves as the director of the Center for Digital Health at Penn Medicine. She is also director for Penn’s Social Media and Health Innovation Lab, director of social media and policy at Penn’s Center for Emergency Care and Policy in the department of emergency medicine and co-director of Penn’s Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program.

Dr. Merchant’s research focuses on the intersection of innovation diffusion, social media, and resuscitation science and involves the development and testing of cutting-edge methodologies for the controlled synthesis, fabrication and characterization of materials with specific and unique structures and functionalities inspired by biology. Her special interests include preparation of functional (co)polymers and investigation of their self-assembled nanostructures; understanding the self-organization process at surfaces and interfaces; development of novel responsive materials and non-conventional approaches for nano- and micropatterning of complex 2-D and 3-D structures; and controlling wetting, adhesion and biofouling on polymer thin films.

2018 Milken-Penn GSE Education Business Plan Competition Awards

Penn GSE and the Milken Family Foundation have announced the winners of the ninth annual Milken-Penn GSE Education Business Plan Competition (EBPC). The winning ventures are aimed to make an impact in such areas as improving teacher professional development, offering new paths for autism treatment, and an immersive way for students to learn American Sign Language. The EBPC is considered the most prestigious, well-funded and longest-running education business plan competition in the US.

MentorPro, from New York, won both the Michael and Lori Milken Family Foundation Grand Prize ($40,000 and $25,000 in Amazon Web Services Promotional credits) and the American Public University System Prize ($20,000). MentorPro is a platform that optimizes and coordinates the feedback process, facilitating communication between mentors and teachers to boost effective teacher professional development.

ABAL Therapeutics, of Iowa, won the ChanceLight Behavioral Health, Therapy and Education Prize ($20,000). ABAL provides software that automates aspects of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), the gold standard for interventionist autism treatment, allowing therapists to administer therapeutic regimes remotely.

Curio Learning, of Kentucky, won the Navigon Ventures Prize ($20,000). Curio Learning is an online space for teachers to discover new ideas, curate them visually and collaborate with other teachers around the world.

SignOn, of Michigan, won the iTutor Group Prize ($20,000). SignOn is a Virtual Immersion Program that enables American Sign Language students to immerse in one-on-one live sessions with the deaf via a two-way video. They will receive a $1,000 in cash and $5,000 in Amazon Web Services Promotional credits.

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Penn Wissahickon Hospice and Caring Way: Circle of Life Award

Penn Wissahickon Hospice and Caring Way recently received the Circle of Life® award from the American Hospital Association (AHA) for expanding the reach of innovative palliative and end-of-life care to the community. Penn was among three programs nationwide to receive this honor.

Penn Wissahickon Hospice and Caring Way was honored for its ability to utilize the resources of a comprehensive academic medical center to build a meaningful continuum of care for seriously ill patients. Working in partnership with the Penn Center for Innovation and many of Penn’s clinical departments, the hospice and palliative care service has taken on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart failure and home care for frail elderly—with innovative technology, precise use of data, and the ability to provide a place for hospice and palliative care in Penn’s underlying academic mission.

Williams & Tsien; Alexandra Adamski: Kanter Tritsch Awards

This summer, PennDesign selected Tod Williams and Billie Tsien to receive the inaugural Kanter Tritsch Medal for Excellence in Architecture and Environmental Design. The Medal will be presented at a benefit in New York City on October 15, along with the $50,000 Kanter Tritsch Prize for an exceptional second-year graduate architecture student, which has been awarded to Alexandra Mae Adamski. The event kicks off Lead by Design: The Campaign for PennDesign, a multiyear initiative to raise $52 million to further the School’s impact.

“The making the world a better place is personal for Tod and Billie. You can see it in their work,” said designer and alumnus Lori Kanter Tritsch (MArch ’85), who initiated the Medal and Prize with a $1.25 million gift to PennDesign on behalf of herself and her partner William Lauder (W’83), a Wharton alumnus and Penn Trustee (Almanac December 19, 2017).

Mr. Williams and Ms. Tsien began working together in 1977 and founded their architectural practice in 1986 in New York City. Their built projects include the American Folk Art Museum (2001), New York and the David Rubenstein Atrium at Lincoln Center (2009), New York, and the LeFrak Center at Lakeside (2013), Brooklyn, both of which earned LEED Gold status. In Philadelphia, they designed the Barnes Foundation (2012), the first major art and education institution in the country to achieve the highest level of environmental certification from the US Green Building Council; and Skirkanich Hall (2006), which houses the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences at Penn. Their firm is currently designing the Obama Presidential Center.

Mr. Williams and Ms. Tsien have also lectured widely and taught at the Cooper Union, Harvard, Cornell and Yale; they were visiting professors in architecture at Penn in 1986.

The Kanter Tritsch Prize in Energy and Architectural Innovation, awarded this year to Ms. Adamski, will be awarded annually to a second-year Penn student pursuing a Master of Architecture who demonstrates transformational thinking on the built environment and innovation in his or her approach to energy, ecology and/or social equity.

2019 Models of Excellence Award—Call for Nominations: October 19

Your nominations will make the 20th Year of Models of Excellence truly extraordinary. Do you know a staff member or team whose remarkable contributions to the University’s mission deserves to be recognized by the whole Penn community? You can make it happen through the Models of Excellence program. It all starts when you nominate staff members for an award. Nominations for fiscal year 2019 are open now through October 19, 2018. The online nomination form and guide is available at www.hr.upenn.edu/models

Now in its 20th year, the Models of Excellence award program celebrates the extraordinary achievements of full- and part-time staff members and teams across the University’s schools and centers.

Awards are given in three categories:

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

• Model Supervisor Award—Honoring supervisors who contribute to Penn’s success.

• Pillars of Excellence Award—Celebrating the important work that weekly-paid staff members do to promote Penn’s success.

Models of Excellence: Pillars of Excellence and Model Supervisor award recipients each receive $500 and a symbolic award. Nominees selected for honorable mention receive $250 and a symbolic award. Awards are presented at the Models of Excellence ceremony on April 23, 2019 at 4 p.m. at Irvine Auditorium. The entire Penn community is invited to attend.

Your colleagues can’t receive Models of Excellence recognition without your nomination. Your participation is the key. Learn How to Complete a Nomination: Two information sessions will be held at 3624 Market Street, Suite 1A South to help you compose a nomination that conveys exceptional performance and award-worthiness on Thursday, September 27, or Thursday, October 11. Both sessions will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. Register at www.hr.upenn.edu/modelsbrownbag or models@hr.upenn.edu

Visit the Models of Excellence program website for more information, or contact Human Resources at models@hr.upenn.edu

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Piccolissimo Self-Powered Flying Robot: Guinness Record

Guinness World Records has officially recognized Piccolissimo as the World’s Smallest Self-Powered Flying Robot.

Italian for “tiniest,” Piccolissimo was created by Matt Piccoli, a graduate student in professor Mark Yim’s ModLab. The robot comes in two sizes; the smaller weighs less than 2.5 grams and is about the width of a quarter, while the larger, steerable version is about 2 grams heavier and a centimeter wider.

Piccolissimo has only two moving parts: a propeller and the body of the robot itself. Made out of light, 3D-printed plastic, Piccolissimo’s body spins in the opposite direction as the propeller. Precisely timed speed changes, controlled by an infrared signal, can turn the robot one way or another.

While Piccolissimo’s small size limits how much it can carry—about a gram’s worth of payload—it is enough for a small camera or other types of sensors.

2019 Models of Excellence Award—Call for Nominations: October 19

Your nominations will make the 20th Year of Models of Excellence truly extraordinary. Do you know a staff member or team whose remarkable contributions to the University’s mission deserves to be recognized by the whole Penn community? You can make it happen through the Models of Excellence program. It all starts when you nominate staff members for an award. Nominations for fiscal year 2019 are open now through October 19, 2018. The online nomination form and guide is available at www.hr.upenn.edu/models

Now in its 20th year, the Models of Excellence award program celebrates the extraordinary achievements of full- and part-time staff members and teams across the University’s schools and centers.

Awards are given in three categories:

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

• Model Supervisor Award—Honoring supervisors who contribute to Penn’s success.

• Pillars of Excellence Award—Celebrating the important work that weekly-paid staff members do to promote Penn’s success.

Models of Excellence: Pillars of Excellence and Model Supervisor award recipients each receive $500 and a symbolic award. Nominees selected for honorable mention receive $250 and a symbolic award. Awards are presented at the Models of Excellence ceremony on April 23, 2019 at 4 p.m. at Irvine Auditorium. The entire Penn community is invited to attend.

Your colleagues can’t receive Models of Excellence recognition without your nomination. Your participation is the key. Learn How to Complete a Nomination: Two information sessions will be held at 3624 Market Street, Suite 1A South to help you compose a nomination that conveys exceptional performance and award-worthiness on Thursday, September 27, or Thursday, October 11. Both sessions will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. Register at www.hr.upenn.edu/modelsbrownbag or models@hr.upenn.edu

Visit the Models of Excellence program website for more information, or contact Human Resources at models@hr.upenn.edu

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Celebrating the 26th Annual Penn Family Day

Are you ready for football, food, and fun? Then gather your loved ones and come out to the 26th Annual Penn Family Day on Saturday, October 13. Penn Family Day welcomes faculty, staff, and postdoctoral scholars to Shoemaker Green and the historic Franklin Field to enjoy games, sports, science, cultural activities and more as we celebrate Penn community and their families.

You can order up to four free tickets per person for the Tailgate Party on Shoemaker Green and the football game. Additional tickets can be purchased for $8. This year kids under 14 can participate in the inaugural Quaker football toss immediately after the game.

Get your tickets by October 8. You can order tickets online now at https://pennathletics.com (enter code Family) or at the Penn Athletic Ticket Office in Weightsman Hall, located at 235 S. 33rd St, between Walnut and Spruce Streets.

Family Day Schedule

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Explore Penn Museum’s exciting fun-for-all-ages exhibits, including Native American Voices, And So the Story Goes...Innovations in Storytelling, and The Artifact Lab: Conservation in Action. Admission is free with PennCard.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Enjoy the Penn Band, cheerleaders, lunch, games, face-painting and entertaining surprises at the Tailgate Party.

1 p.m.: Root for the Quaker football team as they take on Columbia at Franklin Field. 3:45-5:30 p.m.: Skate at the Penn Ice Rink, 3130 Walnut Street. Admission is free with your PennCard. Skate rentals are $3 with your PennCard.

5 p.m.: Cheer on Penn’s Women’s Volleyball team as they compete against Cornell at the Falesia. Admission is free.

You can also enjoy productions at the Annenberg Center: Private Peaceful at 2 and 7:30 p.m. in the Harold Prince Theatre, and a performance by the Spectrum Dance Theatre at 8 p.m. in the Zellerbach Theater.

Faculty and staff can get a 20% discount at these shows with their PennCard (Code: Penn).

Free Parking: Free Family Day parking will be available with your PennCard at the Walnut 38 and Chestnut 34 Garages.

Visit www.hr.upenn.edu/familyday for a schedule of activities. If you have questions, contact HR at worklife@hr.upenn.edu or (215) 373-2471.

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The federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, as amended, requires colleges and universities to provide information related to security policies and procedures and specific statistics for criminal incidents, arrests and disciplinary referrals to students and employees, and to make the information and statistics available to prospective students and employees upon request. Federal law also requires institutions with on-campus housing to share an annual fire report with the campus community.

In addition, the Uniform Crime Reporting Act requires Pennsylvania colleges and universities to provide information related to security policies and procedures to students, employees and applicants; to provide certain crime statistics to students and employees; and to make those statistics available to applicants and prospective employees upon request.

To review the University’s most recent annual report containing this information, please visit www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/ASR/2018_ASR_PENN.pdf

You may request a paper copy of the report by calling the Office of the Vice President for Public Safety at (215) 898-7515 or by emailing vp@publicsafety.upenn.edu