Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie recently announced a $1 million contribution to Penn Medicine to establish the COVID-19 Immunoology Defense Fund, laying the foundation for the world’s foremost experts to fight the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The funds will support both an emerging research program to test frontline health-care workers for potential immunity to COVID-19, as well as provide flexibility for Penn Medicine’s researchers—who have overseen the world’s most seminal advances harnessing the power of the immune system to fight disease—to develop real-time research protocols to battle the disease.

The contribution provided by Mr. Lurie offers the opportunity for Penn’s leaders to address critically emerging needs as the pandemic evolves. Top priorities range from developing rapid diagnostic testing, to finding drugs that work against the virus, to developing potential vaccines. Serology tests will be deployed across multiple research studies, including for health-care workers and recovered COVID-19 patients, helping scientists to determine if a person has antibodies against the virus, which could help to enhance hospitals’ knowledge about which staff may be immune to the disease. These critical projects will enhance understanding of how to protect frontline health-care workers and drive knowledge to advance options for treatments and vaccines in the crucial months ahead.

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“During this pandemic, many doctors and nurses are working like soldiers on the front lines of a war and they need to be provided with as much armor as possible in this battle.” Mr. Embid said. “COVID-19 antibody testing can help Philadelphia health care workers at this critical time, and we need to do everything possible to help those heroes who are putting their lives at risk to help us.”

“The only way for us to get through this terrible global crisis is to ensure a safe work environment for health-care professionals and ultimately find a treatment for COVID-19,” said Mr. Harris, a Wharton graduate. “We are very proud to partner with the incredible team at Penn Medicine, who are tirelessly working towards this by identifying immunity in our brave doctors and nurses. Joel has been a leader in highlighting the urgent need for this kind of testing—David and I thank him for his leadership in this area and are excited to join forces with him. Our medical workers are on the frontlines of this crisis, have been hit hardest by it and need all the help and support we can give them. We have tough days ahead, but with collective action like this, together we will make it through.”

“Penn Medicine’s commitment to protect public health during this COVID-19 crisis is nothing short of heroic,” said Mr. Blitzer, who is also a graduate of Wharton. “We proudly support Penn’s courageous and talented staff who have put their community first and are making the biggest sacrifices among us. Joel’s recognition of this crucial effort is consistent with his tremendous character, and together, we will help fight this dangerous virus.”

The pledge will provide a much-needed boost for efforts to quickly identify health care workers who may have immunity to the new virus. Join Penn Medicine’s fight against COVID-19 by donating here: https://giving.apps.upenn.edu/?program=MD&fund=604702

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Madlyn Abramson, Trustee

Madlyn K. Abramson (ED’57, GED’60), emeritus trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, whose donation with her husband established Penn’s Abramson Cancer Center, died April 15 of complications from a stroke. She was 84.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Abramson graduated from Philadelphia High School for Girls and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from Penn. She taught in the Upper Darby School District for Girls and earned her doctorate from Phila- phia, Mrs. Abramson was 84.

A cancer survivor, Mrs. Abramson was committed to research that would ease the psychological and physiological suffering caused by cancer. In 1997, she and her husband, Leonard, the CEO of US Healthcare, made a $100 million gift to establish the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute to integrate research, education, and comprehensive patient care at what was then known as Penn’s Comprehensive Cancer Center (Almanac December 16/23, 1997). At the time of their pledge, it was the largest single contribution for cancer research to a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center. It was also one of the largest gifts ever made to a university. In 2002, the institute was renamed the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania in the couple’s honor (Almanac July 16, 2002). Today it is called Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center.

Gifts from the Abramsons also established the Abramson Family Professorship in Sarcoma Care Excellence at the center (Almanac July 16, 2002), as well as the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Professorship in Clinical Oncology (Almanac December 16/23, 1997).

In 1997, Mrs. Abramson became a Penn trustee and went on to serve on the board’s executive, external affairs and student life committees. She was elected a charter member on the Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center.

Outside of Penn, the Abramson family’s philanthropic gifts included $10 million to Temple University’s dental school, renamed after Mrs. Abramson’s father, Maurice H. Kornberg, a dentist and alumnus. They also established the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life, an assisted-living, skilled nursing and gerontological research facility in Horsham. They were instrumental in expanding the emergency medicine department at Montgomery Hospital Medical Center in Norristown, Penn- sylvania. Among their many other gifts were scholarships at Pennsylvania College of Optometry, a professorship at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and research grants at the University of Judaism and the Parkinson’s Institute, which earned the Abramson Family Foundation its Outstanding Achievement in Parkinson’s Disease Award. Mrs. Abramson was a very active volunteer outside of Penn for organizations throughout the Philadelphia area.

Mrs. Abramson is survived by her husband, Leonard; daughters, Nancy Wolfson, Marcy Shoemaker and Judy Felgoise; and 10 grandchildren. Services are private. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Felipe Gorostiza, SAS

Felipe Javier Gorostiza Arroyo, a lecturer in urban studies in Penn’s School of Arts and Sciences, died March 21 from COVID-19. He was 69.

Dr. Gorostiza immigrated to the United States with his family in the early 1960s and grew up in West New York and North Bergen, New Jersey. He attended St. Joseph’s of the Palisades High School and then went on to earn a B.A. in Spanish and history from New York University. He graduated with an M.A in Hispanic studies from Brown University and then came to Penn to earn an M.A in international relations.

In 1991, while earning his PhD in city and regional planning at Penn, he began teaching in urban studies in the School of Arts and Sciences. He was hired in 1995 as a lecturer in the College of General Studies and lectured in urban studies, city planning at the Lauder Institute.

In his teaching, Dr. Gorostiza drew on his training as an historian of planning, his practical experience in the field and his acting. The department’s tribute to Dr. Gorostiza noted: “The students in his Spring 2020 Intro to Planning class told us how he ‘made the readings come alive’ in his lectures and in leading discussion.”

Beginning in 2011, Dr. Gorostiza also served as a grant writer for the Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation in Mountainside, New Jersey. He held a number of positions prior to coming to Penn, including adjunct professor at Columbia University in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; lecturer at Rutgers University–Camden in the public policy and administration department; and executive director for Rutgers’ Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs. He was a Community Builder Fellow for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in New York; a senior associate for Urban Partners; and principal for UBRS. He also developed and managed the Urban Land Resource Initiative for the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations.

Dr. Gorostiza was professionally involved in the theater and artistic communities. He was the literary manager for New Jersey Repertory Company, 2005–2006, and developed the South Jersey Performing Arts Center, 2002–2004. He studied under famed actors Stella Adler, Jose Ferrer, Bob- by Lewis, Madeleine Sherwood and Emanuel Azen- berg, and he shared the stage with Rip Torn and Mau- rice Hines. He was recently nominated for a Colorado Theater Guild Henry Award for Outstanding Actor in a Play for his portrayal of Santiago in the Fine Arts Center Theatre Company’s production of “Anna in the Tropics.” In addition to a number of television appearances, Dr. Gorostiza lent his voice to feature films, TV shows and commercials, and he was a translator and voice-over narrator for HBO Sports, 2005–2009. He was even the voice of the Spanish-language Keebler elf and the QUALCOMM rooster.

Dr. Gorostiza is survived by his cousins, Ro- lando Gorostiza, Juan E. Arroyo and Ileana Cabana; and his cousins’ children, Jillian, Gabri- el and Michael Gorostiza, and Lane and Brian Cabana. Urban Studies plans to host a memorial gathering in the future; information to follow.

Morrie Kricun, PSOM

Morrie E. Kricun, emeritus professor of radiology in Penn’s Perelman School of Medicine, died April 4 at Einstein Medical Center Mont- gomery. He was 82.

Dr. Kricun was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia in 1955 and Muhlenberg College in 1959. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1963 and completed an internship and diagnostic radiology residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. He was also a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Dr. Kricun joined Penn as a lecturer in radiology at the School of Medicine in 1981. He was appointed an assistant professor of radiology at the Hospital of the University of Penn- sylvania in 1982, and he became a standing facul- tyclinician educator in radiology in 1988. He was promoted to professor 1990. He received (continued on page 3)
a University Research Foundation Grant for “Radiology-Paleopathology of the Skeletal Re- mains of Prehistoric Australian Aborigines.” He earned emeritus status in 2000, and he retired in 2002. He was a longtime member of the Interna- tional Skeletal Society and was awarded a Med- al for his lasting contributions. He also authored a book on Elvis Presley.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; broth- er, Robert (Stephanie); niece, Ashley Summer (Ross); nephews, Jacob and Ella Summer and Eva and Samuel Kricun; and many loving cousins, in- cluding Marilyn Wernick Toub. The family will hold a memorial service in the future to cele- brate Dr. Kricun’s life when it is safe to do so.

Suzanne Roberts, Philanthropist

Suzanne Flesh- er Roberts, actress, civic educator, chil- dren’s therapist, broadcaster and phil- anthropist who with her husband and son established the Rob- erts Cancer Proton Therapy Center, died April 20 at her Cen- ter City home after several months of de- clining health. She was 98.

Mrs. Roberts was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Elkins Park, attended Oak Lane Country Day School in Cheltenham Township and then Harcum Ju- nior College in Bryn Mawr. She then studied at the Tamara Daykarhanova School of the Stage and Dance in Cheltenham. She also attended night school.

In 2002, her husband and son Brian L. Roberts (W’81) pledged $15 million to help create the first-of-its-kind proton therapy center for the treatment of cancer, the Roberts Cancer Pro- ton Therapy Center (Almanac December 12, 2006, December 8, 2009). They also established the Suzanne F. Roberts Cultural Development Fund and the Suzanne Roberts Theatre, which is home to the Philadelphia Theatre Company, and they supported BalletX. In 2014, she and her husband received the Philadelphia Award, rec- ognizing their long-time contributions to the city.

Mrs. Roberts is survived by her children, Catherine, Lisa, Ralph, Jr. and Brian; and eight grandchildren. Her life will be celebrated after the effects of COVID-19 have passed.

Gene Shay, WXPN

Gene Shay, longtime host of WXPN’s Sun- day night “Folk Show” and co-founder of the Philadel- phia Folk Festival, died April 17 of CO- VID-19 at Lankenau Medical Center in Wynnewood. He was 85.

Gene Shay was born Ivan Shanyer and grew up in the Nice- town section of Phil- adelphia. Mr. Shay got on-air experience on Armed Forces Ra- dio in Germany in the 1950s, and after work- ing at local TV station Channel 10, he played jazz at WHAT during an afternoon slot. From 1962 to 1968, he hosted the Sunday night folk broadcast. In 1962, he cofounded the Philadel- phia Folk Festival.

In 1963, he and his wife, Gloria, brought Bob Dylan to Philadelphia for the first time, for a sparsely attended gig at the Ethical Society on Rittenhouse Square. In 1967, Joni Mitchell, whom Mr. Shay called “the most creative per- son I ever met,” played “Both Sides Now” for the first time on his show.

Mr. Shay went on to WDAS, WMMR and WIOQ. He was on the University of Pennsyl- vania’s WXPN from 1995 to 2015, hosting the weekly “Folk Show.” He was inducted into the Philadelphia Music Alliance Walk of Fame in 2013 (Almanac November 12, 2013). A plaque bearing his name is located on the Avenue of the Arts.

“I always tell people he’s the reason I’m doing what I’m doing,” said David Dye, the for- mer host of WXPN’s “World Cafe.” The show was named by Mr. Shay when it was founded in 1991 as part of his side gig as an advertising copywriter.

Mr. Shay is survived by his daughters, Ra- chel Vaughan and Elana Benasutti; two grand- children; and a sister. A celebration of life will be planned for a later date.

To Report A Death

Almanac appreciates being informed of the deaths of current and former facul- ty and staff members, students and oth- er members of the University community. Call (215) 898-5274 or email almanac@ upenn.edu

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courage and hopeful innovation. We can and will get through this, but only if we work togeth- er, care for each other, and focus our attention and resources towards sustainable strategies. There are so many individuals and organiza- tions who are making daily sacrifices, and we are incredibly thankful for their dedication and bravery. We must continue to support these ef- forts in every way that we can, while also seek- ing a solution that will help us move forward.

“We have reached a critical point in our fight against COVID-19 in which testing for antibod- ies is absolutely essential both to protect our frontline workers in the US to develop treatments and vaccines that will save lives and help defeat the virus,” continued Mr. Lurie.

“That with in mind, I am proud to offer my sup- port to Penn Medicine’s research efforts by es- tablishing the COVID-19 Immunology Defense Fund. This fund will aid Penn’s multi-disciplin- ary approach in immunology, merging research in diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccine devel- opment. Researchers from those three areas will work hand-in-hand and rely upon one another to create an immediate and lasting impact both lo- cally and worldwide.

Armed with the largest single-institution im- munology community in the country, Penn has notched a string of US Food and Drug Adminis- tration approvals for immune-based therapies in the past three years. Penn’s best-in-class infra- structure — from well-established bench-to-bed- side pipelines, to high-level biosafety facilities, to test treatments with live virus — has led its im- munologists to international renown for the dis- covery, development and deployment of criti- cal treatments in cancer, heart disease infectious and autoimmune diseases.

“In a time of national crisis, this is the kind of extraordinary partnership that can open doors and discover new pathways to address the pro- found challenges before us,” said University of Pennsylvania President Amy Gutmann. “I am personally grateful to an exceptional civic lead- er and great friend, giving us the tools to fight back against this pandemic in a way that may not only benefit our city and coun- try but also the world.”

“This gift will help support the more than 200 experts at Penn who have harnessed the immune system to develop groundbreaking approaches to treat cancer, autoimmune dis- ease, HIV/AIDS and other infectious dis- eases to focus their collective expertise to fight COVID-19,” said J. Larry Jameson, executive vice president of the University of Pennsylva- nia for the Health System and dean of the Per-elman School of Medicine. “We have decades of experience in understanding the immune sys- tem’s response to disease, and even how to en- list the immune system to actively fight disease in patients’ own bodies. This generous support will allow our team to rapidly expand its efforts to learn more about how to treat and prevent COVID-19.”

As the Philadelphia community faces the un- certain times to come, Mr. Lurie’s gift empow- ers and inspires scientists to continue develop- ing ways to help the Philadelphia community and people around the globe.

“When we band together, our defense gets stronger,” Mr. Lurie said. “I ask that you join me in supporting the COVID-19 Immunology De- fense Fund and help the dedicated immunolo- gists at Penn Medicine defeat this virus.”
University of Pennsylvania President Amy Gutmann recently announced the recipients of the 2020 President’s Engagement Prize and President’s Innovation Prize. Awarded annually, the Prizes empower Penn students to design and undertake post-graduation projects that make a positive, lasting difference in the world. Each Prizewinning project will receive $100,000, as well as a $50,000 living stipend per team member. The Prizes are the largest of their kind in higher education.

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Honors & Other Things

Annah Chollet, Camilo Duran: Truman Scholars

Two University of Pennsylvania juniors, Annah Chollet and Camilo (Cam) Duran, have received Harry S. Truman Scholarships, a merit-based award of as much as $30,000 for graduate or professional school to prepare for careers in public service.

Ms. Chollet and Mr. Duran, both in the College of Arts & Sciences, are among 62 Truman Scholars selected this year from 773 candidates nominated by 316 colleges and universities. They are the 28th and 29th Truman Scholars from Penn since the first awards in 1977. This is the third consecutive year that two Penn students have received the scholarship.

Ms. Chollet, from Boston, is pursuing a double major in gender, sexuality and women’s studies and biological basis of behavior with a concentration in health and disability, and a minor in chemistry. With a dual passion for health care and criminal justice reform, she advocates for the wellness of both the students at Penn and the women at Riverside Correctional Facility, Philadelphia’s all-female jail. She has an interest in obstetrical, gynecological and psychiatric care. On campus, she is president of Project LETS, and is part of the Bloomers Band, singing and playing the guitar with the all-female comedy troupe. She plans to pursue a joint medical degree and a master’s in public policy with the goal of working at the intersection of policy and practice, increasing access to high-quality primary and preventative care, particularly for the prison population.

Mr. Duran, from Maiden, North Carolina, is pursuing a major in philosophy, politics and economics with a concentration in public policy and governance, and a minor in urban studies. At Penn he is a Civic Scholar and a Wharton Public Policy Research Scholar. As a representative in Penn’s Undergraduate Assembly, he is on the equity and inclusion committee where he works to support the needs of marginalized students. He is part of the Capiello Latinx Honor Society and is a co-chair for FGLIQ, the student organization for queer, first-generation, low-income students. Mr. Duran has interned with Philadelphia City Councilmember Helen Gym, and now interns with the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office in the Conviction Integrity and Special Investigations Unit. Motivated by his experiences growing up with an incarcerated parent, he is passionate about addressing criminal justice issues, particularly the resource gap for exonerees attempting to reenter society. He plans to pursue a joint degree in law and a master’s in social policy.

The students applied to the Harry S. Truman Scholarship program with assistance from CURF, Penn’s Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships. In addition to funding, Truman Scholars also receive priority admission and supplemental financial aid at some graduate institutions, leadership training, and special internship opportunities within the federal government.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was created by Congress in 1975 to be the nation’s living memorial to President Truman. The foundation has a mission to select and support the next generation of public service leaders.

Rae Chalout, Reema Malhorta: PVP Associate Directors

Penn Violence Prevention (PVP) has completed two searches for associate directors.

Rae Chalout joined the PVP staff April 1 as associate director. Her focus will be on training and curriculum development, advising peer education groups and building campus partnerships. Ms. Chalout came to Penn from Michigan State University, where she served as a prevention specialist for faculty, staff and graduate students. She previously worked at the University of California, Berkeley and University of Colorado, Boulder. She earned a bachelor’s degree in legal philosophy and sexual violence and a master’s degree in student affairs administration from Michigan State.

Reema Malhorta will start May 1 as associate director focused on serving and supporting graduate and professional students. She will come to Penn from Drexel, where she served as education and prevention specialist and deputy Equal Opportunity/Title IX Coordinator. At Drexel, her work includes creating a sexual violence peer education program, chairing the University’s Gender Inclusive Committee and serving as the University’s transition coordinator. She obtained her bachelor’s degree in psychology with a concentration in women’s, gender and sexuality studies from the University of Connecticut, and she graduated with her MSW and certification in violence against women and children from Rutgers University.

“We are very excited to welcome our newest associate directors to the PVP team,” said Mal Wali, PVP’s director. “Rae and Reema will help lead PVP’s efforts in critical areas including the development of peer education, engagement with grad and professional students, training for faculty and staff, curriculum development, program evaluation and more.”

Penn Violence Prevention was created as a standalone department in 2014 to engage the campus community in education and training to prevent sexual violence, relationship violence, stalking and sexual harassment. Since then, PVP has developed programming to transform attitudes and behaviors, support students who have experienced harm, and repair the long-term impact of violence and harassment. PVP works closely with campus partners such as the Penn Women’s Center, LGBT Center, Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Health Service, Graduate Student Center, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Office of Student Affairs, Student Intervention Services, as well as faculty and staff from all 12 schools and additional cultural communities.

PVP normally occupies a central office on Locust Walk as part of the Division of the VPUL. These hires bring PVP’s full-time staff to four, reflecting Penn’s continuing commitment to preventing interpersonal violence.

Shadrack Frimpong: Gates Scholarship

Shadrack Frimpong, University of Pennsylvania graduate and 2015 President’s Engagement Prize winner, has been awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship to pursue a PhD in public health and primary care at the University of Cambridge in England.

Mr. Frimpong is Penn’s 31st Gates Scholar since the program’s beginning in 2001. From Ghana, he is one of 77 recipients chosen globally this year.

He is currently pursuing a master’s degree in public health in global health as a Horstmann Scholar at Yale University. At Penn, Mr. Frimpong earned his undergraduate degree in biology from the College of Arts & Sciences in 2015 and a master’s in nonprofit leadership from Penn’s School of Social Policy & Practice. He was a recipient of the Richard Estes Global Citizenship Award.

The son of a peasant farmer and charcoal seller, he was the first person from his village, Tarkwa Breman, to attend college in the United States.

Under the mentorship of Harvey Rubin, a professor in the Perelman School of Medicine, Mr. Frimpong used the President’s Engagement Prize to create Cocoa360, which has pioneered a “farm-for-impact” model that uses revenues from community cocoa farms to fund educational and health care services. The nonprofit now runs a tuition-free girls’ school and community hospital in his Ghana village, sustained by proceeds from a local cocoa farm.

Mr. Frimpong has received many national and international awards, including the Samue Huntington Public Service Award, Clinton Global Initiative Honor Roll, Queen Elizabeth’s Young Leader Award and Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award.

Penn students and alumni can find information about applying for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship through CURF, the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships.

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Getting Work Done; 5/14; 12:30-1:30 p.m. In this course, we'll review tactics to help you stay on target with the many moving pieces of your role. You'll identify your biggest time sponges and ways to manage them, create priority lists, understand ways to delegate when not in a position of authority, and learn ways to effectively manage the day-to-day task of your work life balance.

How to Make Yourself Indispensable; 5/21; 12:30-1:30 p.m. In this seminar, you’ll learn how to: take ownership of your responsibilities and results, take initiative to go above and beyond what is expected of you, expand your sphere of influence, perform well under pressure, adapt to changing situations and avoid being irreplaceable.

Work-life Workshops
Open to faculty and staff.
Register at www.hr.upenn.edu/registration

Using the Tuition Benefit for You and Your Family; 5/5; 12:30-1:30 p.m. The University offers employees and their families tuition assistance. Join this session to learn more about the tuition benefit for yourself at Penn, or how the tuition benefit can support your dependents or spouse in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree.

Webinar: Dad Wants to do it Alone: When a Parent Will Not Accept Help; 5/5; 1-2 p.m. So often our loved ones do not accept care supports because it can feel like a loss of control and independence. This webinar will address how to support your loved one’s autonomy, even when they need help and strategies to help create a mutually beneficial care options in a non-threatening manner.

Virtual Workshop: Guided Mindful Meditation; 5/5; 5/27; 12:30-1:30 p.m. This workshop is offered twice a month for participants to practice present-moment awareness with kindness and compassion. The guided meditation will focus on the breath and being in the body. Self-applied massage and gentle mindful movements that promote rest and relaxation, and reduce stress may also be included in the workshop. No experience necessary. All are welcome.

Virtual Workshop: Communication Improved—Conflict Reduced; 5/11; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Effective communication is essential not only for our professional life, but for our personal life as well. This interactive workshop focuses on how to remove barriers to effective communication. It explores how we can learn to effectively resolve conflicts more productively and prevent conflict from occurring, with a greater understanding of our conflict styles and methods of communication.

Sleep; 5/15; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Do you have questions about sleep? Are you sleepy and can’t figure out why? Are you having problems with sleep? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions please attend this workshop! We will discuss normal and abnormal sleep in both kids and adults. We will also review common sleep issues in the adult population. Last but not least we will explore what sleep does and why it is so important.

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Virtual Nutrition Counseling; 5/1, 5/4, 5/5, 5/7; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Benefits staff can now receive individualized nutrition counseling on campus on select days each month. A Family Food, LLC, registered dietician will work with you to address the nutrition-related questions and concerns you have and tailor a plan specific to you.

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One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy
Made Simple

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

Protect Your Financial Data
During national disasters and times of increased fundraising activities, hackers and financial scammers often try to take advantage of the situation in order to sell bogus products or trick you out of your money. Bad actors set up sham non-profits, sometimes with what appear to be legitimate websites, or “sell” fake products without any intention of ever fulfilling the placed orders. The Division of Finance recommends these tips to protect your identity and financial data during this time of COVID-19:

• Never click on links in social media or in emails you receive from those you do not trust or know.
• Be wary of emails, SMS messages and Facebook links purporting to be from government agencies, like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Health and Human Services (HHS) or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Confirm information by going directly to those websites or using their official contact channels.
• Avoid any online offers for medications or vaccines.
• Be skeptical of “investment” opportunities, and always conduct your own research into non-profits or entities seeking donations.
• Update your browser with the latest security patches. An out-of-date browser could be used to monitor your browsing to capture your sensitive information, e.g. credit card numbers and passwords. Install extensions from an official web store or from the company offering the extension, e.g. LastPass.
• Consider using LastPass to secure your passwords in one location. Penn offers LastPass Premium to its employees and students free of charge.
• Register at:
  LastPass: https://www.isc.upenn.edu/how-to/lastpass

For additional tips, see the One Step Ahead link on the Information Security website:
https://www.isc.upenn.edu/security/news-alerts#One-Step-Ahead

Benefits Open Enrollment Deadline Extended: Friday, May 15

Due to Penn’s limited campus operations, Benefits Open Enrollment has been extended until May 15. Faculty and staff will now have additional time to enroll or review and make changes to their medical, prescription, dental, vision and life insurance benefits elections for the 2020-2021 plan year.

There are many important benefits changes that will affect all participants for the upcoming plan year. Important details about this year’s Open Enrollment and benefits changes, visit www.hr.upenn.edu/openenrollment There, you can access the Benefits 2020-2021 Open Enrollment Guide, 2020-2021 rates, plan summaries and more. You can also watch the What’s Changing video (Text PENN864 to 61759 to view on your smartphone) for more information.

During Open Enrollment, you can enroll or update your current elections in Workday. Visit www.workday.upenn.edu and log in using your PennKey and password. You can access step-by-step instructions for enrolling in Workday using the Self-Service Open Enrollment Elections tip sheet and the Self Service: Open Enrollment video.

If you prefer to enroll by phone, please call the Benefits Solution Center at 1-866-799-2329, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Remember, if you don’t make changes during Open Enrollment, you will receive the same coverage you had last year.

For more information, please call the Benefits Solution Center at 1-866-799-2329 or contact Human Resources at benefits@hr.upenn.edu
Penn Medicine Launches CHIME App

The CHIME (COVID-19 Hospital Impact Model for Epidemics) App, launched on March 15, was developed by Predictive Healthcare at Penn Medicine to assist hospitals and public health officials understand hospital capacity needs as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic. CHIME enables capacity planning by providing estimates of total daily (i.e. new) and running totals of (i.e. census) inpatient hospitalizations, ICU admissions and patients requiring ventilation. These estimates are generated using a SIR (Susceptible, Infected, Recovered) model, a standard epidemiological modeling technique. The model has been reviewed by several epidemiologists including Michael Z. Levy, associate professor of epidemiology, department of biostatistics, epidemiology and informatics at the Perelman School of Medicine.

CHIME allows individuals to prepare their hospitals, cities and regions for the looming crisis. It specifically allows users to forecast the expected number of in-hospital patients and daily admissions so that they can estimate the impact in their location and when they will need to have mitigation strategies in place. CHIME is being used by numerous organizations. There has been outreach from all around the US and the world and the app has had traffic from over 150 countries. More features and enhancements are actively being implemented as users identify additional needs.

For more information and to view the app, visit https://penn-chime.phl.io/

Nominations Now Open for 2020 Green Purchasing Awards

Call for nominations are now open for Penn’s Green Purchasing Awards. Now in its sixth year, the program is held in conjunction with the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) Purchasing Subcommittee and Penn Sustainability. This award recognizes the leading actions of any individual or team that advances the development of sustainable purchasing practices at Penn. This award program is a chance to highlight those who are championing sustainability across campus, as well as to celebrate projects that are contributing to a more sustainable future. Visit https://cems.business-services.upenn.edu/purchasing/sustainable-purchasing-green-purchasing-awards/past-winners.html to view the past recipients of the award—some of these achievements may inspire you to submit your colleagues’ work for consideration.

Visit the Green Purchasing Award web page to review the nomination guidelines and information about the submittal process. Nominations will remain open until Friday, July 31, 2020. Results from this year’s nominations will be announced in the fall.

Ombuds Office s
Confidential virtual Assistance to Penn Community

In mid-March, when staff were urged to begin working remotely whenever possible, the Office of the Ombuds transitioned to a virtual meeting format. This adaptation has enabled the Office to continue its confidential, informal and impartial assistance to the Penn community. During this unprecedented global health crisis, this service may be needed more now than ever.

The purpose of the Ombuds Office is to assist with the management of conflicts, resolution of disputes and problem solving in relation to obstacles hindering a person’s successful participation as a member of the University community. Today Penn’s students, faculty and staff are encountering multiple sources of stress while endeavoring to navigate through this difficult and uncertain time. Challenges can arise, whether one maintains a physical presence on campus or is engaging remotely. In any case, the Office of the Ombuds provides a confidential space to talk through concerns, clarify issues, explore options and identify resources and policies that may be helpful to resolution.

An online meeting request form, as well as more detailed information about the Office of the Ombuds, can be found at ombuds.upenn.edu

---Office of the Ombuds

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 April 13-19, 2020. Also reported were 7 crimes against property (2 retail thefts, 1 burglary, 1 theft from building, 1 theft from vehicle, 1 weapons and 1 other offense) with 1 arrest. Full reports are available at: https://almanac.upenn.edu/sections/crimes Prior weeks’ reports are also online. 8 Eds.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of April 13-19, 2020. The University Police proactively 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: 3 incidents (2 robberies and 1 assault) were reported for April 13-19, 2020 by the 18th District covering the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

1 Reading Days. Through May 3.
2 Final Examinations. Through May 12.
3 Spring Term ends.
4 Alumni Day. See Alumni Weekend.
5 Virtual Commencement.

ALUMNI WEEKEND
Join the Virtual Alumni Weekend Event page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/52733050 for programming updates and details. Events are on Facebook Live.

Saturday, May 16
Welcome and Reflections; Rev. Charles L. Howard, University Chaplain; 11:30 a.m.
Grit and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Q&A; Angela Duckworth, psychologist, discusses grit and resilience in the time of COVID-19 and answers questions from alumni; noon.
Virtual Parade: Take a virtual stroll down Locust Walk featuring the 2020 Reunion Classes with narration from Kyle Koloff, the voice of Alumni Weekend; 1:15 p.m.
The Netter Center, Civic Engagement, and Higher Education’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond; Ira Harkavy and Rita Axelrod Hodges, Netter Center, discuss the work of the center, civic and community engagement, and the role of universities in the current global crisis & beyond; 2 p.m.
A Toast to Dear Old Penn; sing along to Penn favorites; “Drink a Highball” and “The Red and Blue”; 3 p.m.

CONFERENCES
1 Penn Concepts Virtual Symposium; on clinically relevant topics; noon-5 p.m.; Bluejeans meeting; info and register: www.dental.upenn.edu/news-events/events (Dental).

EXHIBITS
Institute of Contemporary Art All exhibits have virtual components and run through May 10. Visit: https://icaphila.org/
Karyn Olivier: Everything That’s Alive Moves; artist uses larger-than-life sculpture and modest gestures to discuss inclusivity and acceptance.
Michele Lopez: Balloons and Barricades; minimalist architectural works critique long-standing ideas of nationalism, power, consumption and race; examine them through feminist lens.
Trevor Shimizu: Performance Artist; mixed-media exhibition showcasing the artist’s examination of identity, framed by dry humor.

FILMS
Penn Museum Archival Films; covering a range of archaeological and anthropological topics; www.penn.museum/collections/videos (Museum).

TEACHING & LEARNING
5 Put Your Tuition Benefits to Work at Penn GSE; learn about GSE’s online programs; noon; AdobeConnects meet; register: https://www.applyweb.com/cisf/w319544/gse (GSE).
6 STEM Industry PostDoc Online Q&A; open to doctoral students and postdocs as part of Academic Job Search Series; noon; register: https://upenn.joinhandsake.com/events/486193 (Career Services).
19 ECS Master’s Virtual Info Session; 10 a.m.; Zoom meeting; register: https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9j925yDy2y24XYn (GSE).
Institute of Contemporary Art Virtual events; Info about events and past, current and future exhibitions; icaphila.org
1 Mindfulness at the Museum with Sandi Herman; noon.
1 Mindfulness at the Museum with Sheeshna Bray; noon.
Liberal and Professional Studies
5 Master of Environmental Studies Virtual Cafe; noon; www.upenn.edu/lps-events
Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Virtual Info Session; noon; https://online.sas.upenn.edu/events/Morris Arboretum Info: www.morrisarb.org
Morris From Home; online portal featuring Morris Arboretum resources such as virtual garden tours, how-to videos, online classes, and more; www.morrisarb.org/learnonline
1 Tough Plants for Tricky Wet Sites; 10 a.m.; registration per session: $10/non-members, $8/members; info; morrisarb.org/learnonline
Birding For Everyone: The Joy of Discovery; 10 a.m.; online class; registration per session: $10/non-members, $8/members; info; morrisarb.org/learnonline Also May 22.
10 Storytime; 10:30 a.m.; registration required; morrisarb.org/learnonline Also May 22.
Penn Home Ownership Services Info and register: www.upenn.edu/homeownership
6 Home Buying 101 Webinar; 1 p.m.
20 Exploring the PHOS Program Webinar; 1 p.m.
Penn Museum Info: www.penn.museum/athome At-Home Anthropology for Kids; learners explore their home environments in meaningful ways; www.penn.museum/athome/anthropology/
Object Location Map; browse and discover objects in the museum’s collection via a geographic interface that uses place names and their geocoded locations; www.penn.museum/collect/collectionmap/
Penn Museum on Pinterest; discover cultural recipes and arts & crafts; www.pinterest.com/pennmuseum/boards

MEETINGS
20 PPFA Annual Election Meeting; with guests Julian Siggers, Penn Museum, and Deputy Director Steve Tinney; noon; info: https://ppfa.upenn.edu/events/ppfa-annual-election-meeting/

MUSIC
Annenberg Center @ Home; a weekly line-up of virtual arts experiences including music, theatre and dance performances and family content that’s fun for all ages; https://annenbergcenter.org/blog/Morris Arboretum’s Music That Plants Like; YouTube playlist for your plants to grow big and beautiful; https://tinyurl.com/musicplantslike
World Cafe Live World Cafe Live Livestream Calendar; visit https://cxo.org/events/concert-calendar for info about online concerts by artists all over the world.

PENN PODCASTS
Amplify Nursing; created and hosted by Penn Nursing’s Marion Leary, provides a variety of shows and podcasts produced at Wharton; visit https://businessradioshow.upenn.upenn.edu/shows/ for a full list.

READINGS & SIGNINGS
16 So You Always Wanted to Write for Film and TV; Andy Wolk, screenwriter; info: https://writer.upenn.edu/world/ April 20, 2020

SPECIAL EVENTS
1 Virtual Dog Days; meet and interact with therapy dogs and Penn Libraries pets; 1-3 p.m.; info: https://guides.library.upenn.edu/ studybreaks (Libraries).

TALKS
Penn Museum Lecture Series Video Playlists; lectures, films and videos from the past, grouped by topic; www.penn.museum/collections/videos/playlists (Museum).
5 Mini-Course: German Jews in Pre-State Israel; Viola Alania-Rautenberg, Katz Center; three-part online class; registration: $30/PennCard, $45/general; info: https://katz.sas.upenn.edu/events/minicourse-german-jews-pre-state-israel (Katz Center). Also May 14, 21.
7 Thirsty Thursdays: Living Room Lectures; livestreamed chats with curators; 5:30 p.m.; join: www.facebook.com/PennMuseum (Penn Museum). Also May 14, 21

Penn Dental Events Info and register: https://www.dental.upenn.edu/news-events/events (Dental).
4 A Brief Overview of the History of Dentistry; Andrew Spelman, NYU; noon.
7 Ceramic Implants; 2020 Update; Ricardo Gaspki, AAP; 5 p.m.
11 The Rise of Microbiology in the 19th Century; Andrew Spelman, NYU; noon.
13 Data Information Policy; Oral Health in the US and the Surgeon General’s Report; Bruce Dye, NIH; noon.
19 The History of the White Coat; Andrew Spelman, NYU; noon.
21 Managing the Atrophic Ridge: From Planning Through Regeneration to Final Prosthesis; Viz Mazor, periodontist; 4 p.m.
28 Autologous Bio-Activators to Regenerate Hard and Soft Tissue; Challenging the Paradigm; Rodrigo Neiva, Penn Dental; 5 p.m.

The Media at Risk Podcast; produced by the Center for Media at Risk at the Annenberg School; https://www.ascmediarisk.org/ideas/podcasts/ Tradeoffs; hosted by Dan Gorenstein, mediamaker-in-residence at the Annenberg School; episodes air every other Wednesday; https://tradeoffs.org/ Wharton Business Radio; a variety of shows and podcasts are produced at Wharton; visit https://businessradioshow.upenn.upenn.edu/shows/ for a full list.

Work-Life with Adam Grant; this TED original podcast takes you inside some truly unusual places, and helps make work not suck; https://www.adamgrant.net/worklife