

SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | April 28, 2021

A mid-week update from the SCS Dean's Office | [SCS NEWS](#) | [SCS EVENTS](#)

TAKE THE [SYMPTOM SURVEY](#) DAILY | TAKE THE [TARTAN TEST](#) WEEKLY

All of us share [A Tartan's Responsibility](#). As members of the CMU community we must do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— [SCS remembers Adobe co-founder and Ph.D. alum Charles Geschke](#) who died earlier this month at the age of 81.

— SCS and McGill University researchers have adapted an algorithm to identify similarities across advertisements for escort services, [making it easier for law enforcement to identify human traffickers](#).

— Double congratulations are in order for senior [Misha Ivkov who has received this year's Mark Stehlik Alumni Undergraduate Impact Scholarship](#) and the 2021 Alan J. Perlis Undergraduate Student Teaching Award.

— Congratulations to Machine Learning Ph.D. student **Stefani Karp**, who received the 2021 Alan J. Perlis Graduate Student Teaching Award and to ECE master's student **Diaj Toussaint** who was awarded the 2021 Mark Stehlik Introductory and Service Teaching Award.

— The Heinz Endowments has committed [\\$30 million to fund a new Center for Shared Prosperity](#), which will leverage CMU's strengths in applied research to address long-standing equity barriers and foster economic empowerment in the Pittsburgh region. SCS professor **Illah Nourbakhsh** will serve as the center's inaugural executive director.

FOR SCS PH.D. STUDENTS

— Sign up today or tomorrow for another round of [SCS Ph.D. Coffee Chats](#). Fill out [this form](#) to be paired with another SCS Ph.D. student next week.

I don't often share information about fundraisers, but Engineering and Public Policy Ph.D. candidate Priyank Lathwal reached out to me and I want to share this with all of SCS.

India is in the grips of a severe COVID-19 second wave. In my capacity as president of the Indian Graduate Student Association (IGSA) at CMU, I have [started a fundraiser](#) in collaboration with student organizations at Columbia, Cornell, Stanford, Harvard, MIT, UC Berkeley, Northwestern, University of Michigan and other universities to support COVID-19 relief efforts in India. Donations will go to [GiveIndia's](#) "India Covid Relief Fund-II" which directs resources to a growing list of NGOs working on the ground. This fund follows the India Covid Relief Fund-I, for which the impact report is [here](#). We welcome students, faculty, alumni and staff to support this time-sensitive effort and help save lives.

Until next week,

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REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share.

Connect with a representative leader from [SCS Council](#) if you'd like to submit a topic for Council to consider.

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