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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

— [Congratulations to SCS junior Prithvi Okade](#), who's been selected as this year's winner of the [Scott Robert Krulcik Scholarship in Computer Science](#).

— [A team of researchers led by Lining Yao](#), assistant professor in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute and director of the HCII's Morphing Matter Lab, is developing flat pasta that forms familiar shapes when it's cooked. Their work is the cover story in this month's issue of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)'s [Science Advances](#).

— [Congratulations to SCS Ph.D. students Paul Pu Liang and Misha Khodak](#) (Machine Learning Department and Computer Science Department, respectively) who've received Facebook Fellowships, which come with two years of paid tuition and fees and an annual stipend for living expenses and conference travel.

— [SCS alum Neil Batlivala](#) has combined his expertise in computer science with his interest in medicine to co-found [Pair Team](#), a health-tech startup that frees doctors to focus on patient conversations.

— Students [Chris Lambert, Zack Lee and Andy Yang placed third](#) in the International Collegiate Programming Competition's recent North American Divisional Championships. The result qualified them for the North American Championship, where a good finish could send them to the World Finals. [CSD Professor Daniel Sleater](#) served as their coach.

— [Time Magazine included Duolingo](#) on its list of the 100 most influential companies of 2021. Co-founders Severin Hacker and Luis von Ahn – both alumni – kept the company in Pittsburgh after it spun out of CMU a decade ago.

— CSD Associate Professor Seth Goldstein's [Building on Local Trust (BoLT)](#) project, a platform to increase the availability of capital to small and traditionally disadvantaged borrowers, was featured recently on the [All About Blockchain](#) podcast.

FOR ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
— Sign up by Friday for another round of Cross-Campus Coffee Chats. [Fill out this form](#) to be paired with another CMU graduate student next week.

NEED TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS?
— A new initiative from the SCS Office of Alumni Relations will highlight volunteer opportunities that exist across the university. If you seek SCS alumni volunteers to help with a project or program, [fill out this form](#) to share your recruitment needs.

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.
Coronavirus [Updates & Information](#) and [FAQ](#) | CMU [Health Services](#), 412-268-2157
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