

## SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | January 27, 2021

[A weekly update from the SCS Dean's Office]

### SCS NEWS

— A [NASA mission launched Sunday morning](#) placed three tiny satellites into low-Earth orbit, [setting the stage for swarms of thousands of small satellites that can work cooperatively and autonomously](#). Zac Manchester, an assistant professor in the Robotics Institute, was the mission's principal investigator – the third space mission for which [Zac](#) has served as PI. “It looks like there's a bright future here for this kind of stuff,” he said, referring to two CMU lunar rovers now pending launches and other space-related research underway at CMU and in Pittsburgh. “Spacecraft are robots, too.”

— Congratulations to [Xinyu Wu, a Ph.D. student in the Computer Science Department who studies the theoretical foundation of quantum computing, one of five recipients](#) of a 2021 [Ada Lovelace Fellowship](#), presented by Microsoft Research.

### THIS WEEK

— Friday, January 29, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The SCS Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee will host a students-only event for anyone learning/working from home in the spring. The event is open to all SCS students including those who were remote in the fall and those who will be remote in the spring. [Click here for the Zoom link](#).

### LOOKING AHEAD

— Thursday, February 4, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. You're invited to a virtual celebration honoring Artur Dubrawski as he receives the Alumni Research Professorship of Computer Science and Carl Kingsford as he receives the Herbert A. Simon Professorship of Computer Science. [Register by February 3](#). A Zoom login link will be provided before the virtual program in a confirmation email.

— If you are planning a summer program on campus/in Pittsburgh with students who are not from CMU, please get in touch with [Philip Lehman](#) to discuss a Return to Campus plan.

**BE SMART | STAY SAFE | WEAR A MASK | PLEASE!**

Until next week,

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All of us share [A Tartan's Responsibility](#) and as members of the CMU community we must do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you plan to come to campus, you must complete the [CMU Self-Assessment Survey](#). Even if you're not coming to campus, CMU Community Health & Well-Being strongly encourages daily completion of the survey.

### REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

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

[SCS Alerts & Resources](#) | [For Students](#) | [For Staff](#) | [For Faculty](#) | [For Researchers](#)

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