

SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | February 24, 2021
[A mid-week update from the SCS Dean's Office]

SCS NEWS

- [Congratulations to Veronica Peet](#) who has been named assistant dean for undergraduate experience in SCS.
- [Congratulations to Scott Hudson](#), a professor in the HCII, this year's winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award in Research presented by the Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group in Computer-Human Interaction (ACM SIGCHI).
- [A new study by LTI researchers](#) shows that chess descriptors such as black, white, attack and threat can trigger hate-speech detectors on social media.
- CREATE Lab and the grassroots advocacy group Allegheny County Clean Air Now (ACCAN) are [winners of an inaugural Constellation Prize](#) for their collaboration on the Shenango Channel, an effort to monitor emissions and highlight pollutants from a now-defunct coke works near Pittsburgh.

2021 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN2

- I will send an email about this and also want to share here that [CMU's 2021 United Way Campaign](#) kicked off officially last week and runs through March 26. [Mary Widom](#) and [Amy Weis](#) are helping with the campaign on behalf of SCS. If you visit the campaign link above, you'll notice there are three ways to give (including volunteering) for anyone interested in participating in this annual university-wide campaign.

FINAL REMINDER: SCS DAY (virtual)

- Friday, February 26, starting at 6 p.m. — [SCS Day](#) is a celebration of diversity and talent in SCS. All members of the SCS community including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni are welcome to attend!

TARTANHACKS: MARCH 5-7 (virtual)

- Registration is open for TartanHacks — Pittsburgh's largest hackathon — organized by [ScottyLabs](#). Visit the [TartanHacks website](#) to sign up as a hacker or mentor. You're encouraged to participate and take a break from classes to work with a team on a cool project. TartanHacks will be virtual, but there will be great swag, raffles, events and challenges for hackers. RSVP to the [Facebook event](#) to receive updates and send email to tartanhacks@scottylabs.org with any questions.

FOR PH.D. STUDENTS

- Sign-ups are open this week for another round of [SCS Ph.D. Coffee Chats](#). Take two minutes to fill out [the form](#) to be paired with another student in SCS next week.

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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