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WEAR YOUR MASK ON CAMPUS

Whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, you must [wear a facial covering](#) sufficient to cover your nose and mouth when on campus. Exceptions are only while eating or drinking or when alone in an office, assigned residence hall room or enclosed vehicle. When outdoors, facial coverings are expected to be worn if physical distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained.

UPCOMING DEMO DAY

On Wednesday, October 13, the Center for Informed Democracy and Social-cybersecurity (IDeaS) will host a [demonstration day of digital tools](#) that make it easier for researchers to gather and sort data; bring data-driven information to the public in innovative, visual formats; fact check news and other information; and detect bots and trolls online. This virtual event will be held with other members of the [Knight Research Network](#). [Learn more](#), and [register in advance](#).

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— Nesra Yannier, systems scientist and Ken Koedinger, professor in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute collaborated with researchers at several universities including Stanford, Harvard and University of Washington to summarize [important findings around active learning](#). Their work, "[Active Learning: 'Hands-on' Meets 'Minds-on,](#)'" has been published in Science. Completed with Scott Hudson, professor in the HCII, the research found that incorporating an AI-based virtual helper to question students, encourage them to think critically and engage them in discussion increased learning in hands-on activities, while also supporting teachers.

— Seven friends, all Language Technologies Institute alumni, have come together to make [one of the largest donations to the LTI in its history](#). Totaling about $1.2 million, the gift will establish the LTI Chinese Alumni Fellowship, providing funding to LTI graduate students in need.

— Congratulations to Jan Hoffman, an associate professor in the Computer Science Department and part of CMU's CyLab Security and Privacy Institute, who will [receive an Amazon Research Award for his work on serverless computing](#). He will use the award to fund his project, "Automatic Static Resource Analysis for Serverless Computing."

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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