

# CHANCELLOR PATRICK GALLAGHER

## Report to the University of Pittsburgh Senate

### STUDENT MILESTONES

- Earlier this month, our **University Honors College** announced a new cohort of **Brackenridge Research Fellows**. Twenty-five students received the award this spring, which enables fellows to conduct independent research alongside their studies.
- Pitt's all-**Fraternity and Sorority Life** grade point average for the fall term was 3.24, surpassing the all-University average of 3.19—illustrating the effectiveness of a new deferred recruitment policy that requires pledges to be full-time students with at least 12 academic credits.

### FACULTY MILESTONES

- School of Medicine faculty members **Yuan Chang** and **Patrick Moore** received the **2017 Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize**, which celebrates medical researchers who have made significant contributions in the fields of immunology, cancer research, microbiology and chemotherapy. The Chang-Moore Laboratory discovered two of the seven known human viruses that directly cause cancer.
- **The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)** awarded **Lauren Russell** [Department of English and Center for African American Poetry and Poetics] with a Creative Writing Fellowship. Russell is one of 37 writers in the nation to receive the NEA Creative Writing Fellowship in 2017 and plans to further develop a book-length work through the fellowship.
- **The Society for Social Work and Research** named Associate Professors **Catherine Greeno** and **Sara Goodkind** as 2017 fellows. This honor recognizes both Social Work professors for their work advancing research that promotes a diverse, equitable and just society.

### LEADERSHIP MILESTONES

- **Valerie Kinloch** will join our **School of Education** as the Renee and Richard Goldman Dean, effective July 1, 2017.
- **David J. Hickton** will step into the role of founding director of our **Institute for Cyber Law, Policy and Security**. Hickton, a Pitt alumni, formerly served as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
- **Randy Juhl** assumed the role of acting athletic director in the **Department of Athletics**. He served in the capacity in 2015, and agreed to come out of retirement to chair the search committee for Pitt's next athletic director.
- **Lina Dostilio** has joined our staff as assistant vice chancellor for **Community Engagement Centers**. Prior to her appointment, she was the director of the Center for Community-Engaged Teaching and Research at Duquesne University.
- **Kellie Kane** has been promoted to director of admissions in the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. She previously served as the director of operations and strategic planning.

### STAFF MILESTONES

- **Pitt-Bradford Police Chief Dan Songer** retired from his post earlier this month with dual distinctions of being the longest-serving police officer in McKean County (42 years) and longest-serving police chief in the University of Pittsburgh system (20 years).

## ATHLETICS MILESTONES

- Pitt Diver **Dominic Giordano** broke the Pitt and Trees Pool record for the 1-meter dive in a meet victory over West Virginia University earlier this month. Giordano earned a six-dive score of 434.63, breaking Alex Volovetski's previous record of 408.40 from 2008.
- The **NCAA** recognized Pitt football player **Quadree Henderson** as a Consensus All-American. Henderson is the first Pitt sophomore to earn consensus status since wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald in 2003.

## FACILITIES MILESTONES

- The **Department of Campus Recreation** in partnership with **Facilities Management** oversaw the inflation of the sports dome for the first time on December 16, 2016, which is tentatively schedule to open next month.
- We installed a new basketball floor in **Bellefield Hall** as well as new exercise equipment at the **Baierl Student Recreation Center**.

## INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT MILESTONES

- The **Joseph P. And Ligia Wiegand Family Foundation** made a gift of \$1 million to create The Joseph P. Wiegand Family Fund, which will support the Alzheimer Disease Research Center. The gift also will create a second fund—the Joseph P. Wiegand Family Scholarship—to provide support for students affiliated with the University Honors College.

## PARTNERSHIPS

- Pitt signed the **Pitt Admissions Collaboration** agreement with the Community College of Allegheny County and Pittsburgh Public Schools. This agreement will allow Pitt to provide support—early and often—to advance local students on a pathway to college.
- The **Rapid Advancement in Process Intensification Deployment (RAPID) Manufacturing Institute**, led by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, elected the **University of Pittsburgh** to serve as one of eight lead institutions in its organizational structure. RAPID is the 10<sup>th</sup> and newest member of the Department of Energy's Manufacturing USA Institutes. The University is proposed to be responsible for strategic road mapping and oversight on all research activity in RAPID's Natural Gas Upgrading Application Focus Area.
- The **University of Pittsburgh** and **Bayer** have established an agreement to advance research for heart, lung and blood disease indications. Bayer also will support an independent investigator-initiated clinical trial in sickle cell disease.

## INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* named the **University of Pittsburgh** to its list of 100 best-value public colleges nationwide. For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Pitt ranks as the top value among all public colleges and universities in Pennsylvania.

## ALUMNI MILESTONES

- The **Wall Street Journal** named **Michael Chabon's** [A&S, '84] "Moonglow" the best novel of the year.