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FACULTY MILESTONES

- Professor **Aatur Singhi** [Department of Pathology] and his team developed a genetic test that is highly sensitive at determining which pancreatic cysts are most likely to be associated with one of the most aggressive types of pancreatic cancer.
- Founding Director of our Human Engineering Research Laboratories **Rory Cooper** was recognized with a **Partnership for Public Service Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal** for his work on creating dozens of advanced wheelchairs and assistive technologies.
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Valire Copeland** [School of Social Work] received a \$1.9 million grant from the **Health Resources and Services Administration** through the **Behavioral Health Workforce Education Training Program**. This grant will help prepare social workers to meet the needs of individuals, across the life-span, by integrated health care settings in rural areas and other medically underserved populations. This project will connect the School of Social Work, the School of Medicine and the Division of Family Medicine.
- Community, Organization, and Social Action Chair **Tracy Soska** [School of Social Work] earned the **2017 Career Achievement Award** from the Association for Community Organization and Social Administration. The award honors the lifetime contribution of a professional in the field of social work.
- Assistant Professor **Jaime Booth** [School of Social Work] earned the **2017 Emerging Scholar Award** from the Association for Community Organization and Social Administration. The emerging scholar award honors a recent PhD (pre-tenure) who is doing meritorious scholarship in the field.

STUDENT MILESTONES

- Four recent undergraduates and graduates—**Daniel Campbell, Madeline Cree, Elizabeth Magyar** and **Jeanna Sybert** [Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences] earned recognition as Highly Commended Students by **The Undergraduate Awards**.
- **Hashaam Jamil** [Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences] earned recognition as a **2017-18 Newman Scholar** by **Campus Compact**, a national coalition of universities focused on the civic engagement work of higher education. Hashaam was selected because of his community service work and leadership on campus.
- The **American Cancer Society's Tobacco-free Generation Campus Initiative** presented members of the **"Breathe Easy, Pitt"** campaign with a grant to continue work toward making Pitt a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus. The CVS Health foundation funded the initiative and has awarded \$1.2 million in grants this year.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT MILESTONES

- **The Henry L. Hillman Foundation** announced it would increase its support for cancer research—from more than \$20 million over the last decade to a new commitment of \$30 million over the next 10 years. This is the single largest gift to Pitt and UPMC for a medical initiative.

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

- A residence building on campus—formerly known as Pennsylvania Hall—was officially named in honor of K. Leroy Irvis, an historic Pennsylvania legislative leader, Pitt alum and Trustee.

REGIONAL CAMPUS MILESTONES

- Our Board of Trustees voted to name Pitt-Bradford's newest residence hall—set to open in 2018—in honor of its president **Dr. Livingston Alexander**, who is set to retire next summer.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION MILESTONES

- The **National Association of Multicultural Engineering Program Advocates** (NAMEPA) awarded Academic Counselor and Coordinator for Diversity Outreach **Simeon Saunders** [Swanson School of Engineering] with its **Wings to Succeed Award** in recognition of his outstanding efforts to help students overcome historic barriers for minority groups. In addition, NAMEPA recognized the school's **INVESTING NOW** program with **Recruitment Award** for its outstanding contributions to recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups pursuing education in engineering.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MILESTONES

- Pitt held its **United Way Day of Caring** on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. More than 96 Pitt community members volunteered at eight programs resulting in more than 600 hours of community service.