

CHANCELLOR PATRICK GALLAGHER

Report to the University of Pittsburgh Senate

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- **Terrance Hayes, Pitt alum and writing professor in the Dietrich School**, has been named to the 2015 Longlist for the National Book Award for poetry for his collection *How to Be Drawn*.
- **Willie Choi, assistant professor of Business Administration**, won the Early Career Researcher Award from the American Accounting Association.
- **Anne M. Robertson, the William Kepler Whiteford professor of Mechanical Engineering**, was named one of 100 inspiring women in STEM by *Insight into Diversity Magazine*.
- **The American Society of Mechanical Engineers created the Savio L-Y Woo Translational Biomechanics Medal** to honor the Distinguished Professor of Bioengineering and founder and director of the Musculoskeletal Research Center.
- **Jonathan Pruitt, biology professor with Department of Biological Sciences**, is named to *Popular Science* magazine's Brilliant 10 list.
- **John M. Kirkwood, the Thomas and Sandra Usher Professor of Medicine, Dermatology and Translational Science Co-leader, Melanoma and Skin Care Program**, received The Elsie Hillman Distinguished Scholar Award.
- **Lynn Coghill, director of the School of Social Work's MSW program**, is named Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, Pennsylvania chapter.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

- **James Conner**, junior running back, recognized by All-State American Football Coaches Association and the National Kidney Foundation for his community service.
- **Sossena Wood**, bioengineering PhD candidate, is named the National Graduate Education for Minorities (GEM) Fellow of the Year.

INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION:

- **College of Business Administration** is ranked 39th in the United States and 24th as U.S. public university by *U.S. News and World Report*.
- **Katz Business School** is ranked 35th in the United States and 13th among U.S. public universities by *Forbes Magazine*.
- **Pitt Law faculty ranked 50th in the nation** in scholarly impact, in study by the University of Saint Thomas.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

- **Environmental and Energy Leadership:** The Natural Health Science Building at Pitt-Johnstown has earned LEED GOLD Certification for its sustainable design.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

- **President Barack Obama nominates Pitt Law alumna, Judge Marilyn Jean Horan**, to the federal bench for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

GRANTS AND GIFTS:

- **Department of Health and Human Services** awards **\$4 million** to Laurie Mulvey, with the Office of Child Development, for the Early Head Start project.
- **National Science Foundation** awards **\$1.7 million** to LRDC Professors Timothy Nokes-Malach to study cognitive processes; and **\$1.6 million** to Kevin Crowley to study taxonomic identification skills.
- **National Science Foundation** awards **part of \$3 million grant** to Shannon Wanless, assistant professor of education, to study the role of psychological safety in teaching math and science to pre-schoolers.
- **The U.S. Brain Initiative, with the National Science Foundation,** awards **\$1.8 million** to Professors Bard Ermentrout, Dietrich School Department of Mathematics and Nathan Urban, School of Medicine, Department of Neurobiology, for study of olfactory systems.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES FOUNDATION:

- **The Hillman Cancer Center Gala**, held on Sept. 17, raised **\$6.8 million** to support cancer care and research.
- **The National Cancer Institute's Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) program** has awarded **\$10.9 million** (over five years) to physician Robert Ferris with the Department of Otolaryngology, School of Medicine, and University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute to study differentiated thyroid cancer.
- **HIV research:** Dr. Linda Frank, of the Graduate School of Public Health, was awarded a four-year **\$10.7 million** grant for AIDS prevention and care from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration; Drs. Ivona Pandrea and Cristian Apetrei received **\$6.3 million** from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for HIV vaccine research.
- **Joel Greenberger**, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation Professor with the Department of Radiology Oncology in the School of Medicine received a five-year, **\$18 million** grant from the NIH to continue work on protection in case of exposure to radiation in an emergency.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS:

- **U.S. Senator Bob Casey** paid visits Pitt-Johnstown and Pitt-Bradford to discuss the Campus SaVe Act and other initiatives to eliminate sexual violence on campus.
- **United Way Day of Caring** held on Oct. 2, saw Pitt volunteers serve at more than 21 projects across Pittsburgh.
- **Pitt Make a Difference Day**, on Oct. 24, will draw more than 3,000 student volunteers, who will fan out for projects throughout the city.
- **An Idea Exchange** held near the end of September allowed Pitt faculty to engage with the community through service-learning courses, research, departmental outreach and other creative ways.