



## FROM THE PROVOST

Wow, what a fantastic fall we have had here at CMU.

In my 28 years at Carnegie Mellon, most recently as the senior associate dean of education of the Tepper School, I have had many chances to witness our students' ingenuity, innovation and good old-fashioned hard work.

We recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the merger that formed CMU, and our rich history and academic excellence were on display for all to see. One of the highlights for me as interim provost was opening the student exhibition event. From winning entries such as female-centric video games and retinal prosthetics that restore sight, it was clear that CMU students are on their way to changing the world.

As finals approach and the semester comes to a close, your student will be working harder than ever. CMU offers a variety of resources to help them manage their workload and stress. Encourage them to lean on their advisors and other mentors < as well as each other < for support.

One of the things we pride ourselves on at CMU is building a community, and your student should know that they can reach out to that community to help meet their needs at any time. It's an exciting time as seniors are approaching their last semester. Now is a good time for students to check in with their advisors or Enrollment Services staff at The Hub to make sure that they are on track for graduation as preparations for Commencement will soon be underway.

Laurie R. Weingart, Interim Provost

## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

## Celebrating 50 Years as Carnegie Mellon at Homecoming

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Members of the university community honored a half-century of achievements and looked into the future at the celebration of [50 years as Carnegie Mellon](#) at Homecoming. Check out the the Alumni Association [Instagram account](#) or the [50th Anniversary website](#) for weekend highlights.

## Family Weekend Recap

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CMU welcomed families for a weekend of fun during Family Weekend in October. Check out the [Flickr gallery](#)!

## Save the Date for Commencement Weekend: May 19-20, 2018

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If you plan to attend commencement, start planning for travel and hotel arrangements. The University Registrar recommends arriving in Pittsburgh on Friday, May 18, as departmental ceremonies are held at different dates and times throughout the weekend. (The larger [university-wide Commencement](#) is Sunday, May 20.)

## FEATURES



### Their Last First Day

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Throughout the spring semester, the Senior Year Experience program celebrates seniors' final year, and supports them in exploring and preparing for life after graduation. Your seniors' final semester kicks off with a "Last First Day of Classes" celebration, including special treats for the soon-to-be graduates. The next few months will be dotted with opportunities for students to check things off their bucket lists, like touring forbidden places on campus and events exploring the city of Pittsburgh.

Seniors also can look forward to attending events throughout the week between finals and graduation, with Senior Week programs like the pizza taste-off, kayaking on the river, a day at Kennywood Park and a celebratory brunch with the President.

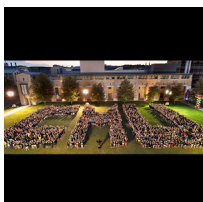


### Financial Literacy Resources

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Personal financial literacy is more than just balancing a checkbook, comparing prices or landing a job. It includes skills like long-term planning for the future, and the discipline to use those skills every day. As your senior prepares for graduation, we encourage them to take advantage of the various, free resources on the [Student Financial Services website](#). CMU partners with SALT, an online financial literacy resource that offers an array of

financial topics, such as budgeting, employment, student loan repayment and money management. Students can gain helpful tips, read articles, enroll in a free online course or use one of their tools, like the savings calculator. Encourage your student to [create a SALT account](#) as they embark on this next phase of their life. Your student is welcome to reach out to [Mike Ulicny](#), assistant director in The HUB, for more information or questions concerning financial literacy.



## CMU Crowdfunding Underway

What do rockets, an intercollegiate figure skating competition and a health clinic in Central America have in common? The ingenuity of CMU students! These are just a few of the projects seeking support through CMU Crowdfunding. Crowdfunding is designated for university-related projects that impact CMU students and other parts of the university community. Explore and support the Round 1 crowdfunding [projects](#) that inspire you. A gift of any size makes a difference. Is your child a part of a student organization or project that would benefit from their own crowdfunding campaign? Remind them to [apply](#) by December 1 for Round 2 of CMU Crowdfunding!

## CMU NEWS

Alumnus Named [MacArthur Fellow](#)

CMU Student to Charter Third Plane to [Deliver Aid to Puerto Rico](#)

[From Recruit to Recruiter](#), Alumnus Returns to Help Students Find Jobs

## UPCOMING DATES

- **November 22-24:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 1:** Crowdfunding Round 2 Application Deadline
- **December 9-10, 13, 16:** Reading Days
- **December 11-12, 14-15, 17:** Final Exams
- **January 15:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day; No classes
- **March 12-16:** Spring Break

## RESOURCE QUICKLINKS

- [Commencement Store](#) (regalia, class rings, gifts and more)

- [The Hub: Student Services Center](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Graduation & Diploma Information](#)
- [University Health Services](#)
- [Fellowships and Scholarships Office](#)
- [CMU Alumni Association](#)
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