

## SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | August 4, 2021

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### AUGUST 15 REMINDER

Out of an abundance of caution, CMU will reinstate the requirement for everyone to [wear facial coverings, starting Sunday, August 15](#).

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### SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— SCS researchers will contribute fundamental, cutting-edge [research to a government-led push to develop life-changing advances through artificial intelligence](#) by participating in three of the [11 new AI Research Institutes](#) that the National Science Foundation announced last week. Reid Simmons will lead CMU's involvement in the AI Institute for Collaborative Assistance and Responsive Interaction for Networked Groups (AI-CARING), which seeks to develop AI systems for caregiving environments. George Kantor will lead the university's work in the AI Institute for Resilient Agriculture (AIIRA), while Wenzhen Yuan will lead CMU's contribution to the Institute for Agricultural AI for Transforming Workforce and Decision Support (AgAID). Both AIIRA and AgAID focus on AI and robotics in agriculture.

— Former SCS Dean [Randy Bryant received the 2021 Computer-Aided Verification award](#) for his contributions to satisfiability modulo theories.

— Machine Learning Department Ph.D. candidate [Chriag Gupta received a Bloomberg Data Science Ph.D. Fellowship](#), which will fund his dissertation research for the 2021-2022 academic year.

— Last Wednesday, National Defense University staff and dozens of students in NDU's International Fellows Program visited CMU for a day of presentations by Jeff Schneider, Howie Choset, Mark Kamlet, Ari Lightman, Rita Singh and NREC's Jeff LeGault. Student demos were also part of the day's events.

— Congratulations to Professor Emeritus [Matt Mason](#), former head of the Robotics Institute and Chief Scientist at [Berkshire Grey](#). Two weeks ago the company went public: [BGRY on Nasdaq](#).

Until next week,

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### REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

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