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SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— Matthew Johnson-Roberson earned a bachelor's degree in computer science here in 2005. I'm pleased to share with all of SCS that Matthew will help shape the next generation of robotics and roboticists when he returns to campus in January as the [next director of the Robotics Institute](#). My sincere thanks to Professor Srinivasa Narasimhan for serving as RI's interim director for the past two years.

— We know that advancements in artificial intelligence will present society with both progress and challenges, but [Kai-Fu Lee](#), a venture capitalist attempting to see the future of AI, believes that humanity will push through those challenges and move forward. I enjoyed speaking with [Kai-Fu, who is optimistic but pragmatic about AI](#) in the next decades, about the good and the bad waiting in the future.

— David Touretzky, a research professor in the Computer Science Department, will receive the [2022 AAAI/EAAI Outstanding Educator](#)award for his work with the [Artificial Intelligence for K-12 (AI4K12) Initiative](#), which includes establishing "Five Big Ideas of AI" that provide a more welcoming way to teach AI to K-12 students. Congratulations to David, the first person from CMU to receive this award.

 — In honor of Liv Zane, a friend and colleague in SCS who passed away earlier this year, friends have organized a donation drive to benefit the [Pittsburgh Women's Center and Shelter](#), an organization with which Liv worked closely. [Product donations](#) can be dropped off in designated boxes in GHC. If you would like to make a donation online, you can [donate funds directly to the shelter through their website.](#)Be sure to designate that your donation is in honor of Liv.

— Remember that the [Andy Awards](#) take place virtually tomorrow starting at noon. Congratulations to SCS staff Ashley Patton, Rachel Burcin, and Tom Pope on their nominations!

— Tomorrow at 5 p.m., University Libraries will host "[a panel discussion for a film unlike any other: A Glitch in the Matrix](#)" in advance of the upcoming Virtual Reality Day. In preparation for the panel discussion featuring the film's director, Rodney Ascher, a [streaming version of the film](#) is available for CMU students, staff, and faculty to watch online. Use your Andrew ID and password to gain access. [Register now](#) for tomorrow's panel discussion.

— Remember, now more than ever, that we are using shared spaces and must rely on each other to always keep SCS gathering places and meeting spaces neat and usable. After you use a room or space, be mindful that people will be using it after you. Be sure to clean up after yourself or your group.

Until next week,
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Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share.
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