

## SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | December 8, 2021

A midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office | [FACIAL COVERINGS](#) | [VACCINE DATABASE](#)

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### GET BOOSTED!

Use the [scheduling form to receive your COVID-19 booster](#) shot at the upcoming clinics in the Rangos Ballroom of the Cohon University Center on Monday, December 13, noon - 4:30 p.m. or Tuesday, December 14, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Nominations for the [Graduate Student Service Award](#) and the [Graduate Student Teaching Award](#) are now open and will be due on Sunday, February 13, 2022. I know that we have many graduate students who have excelled in teaching or service, particularly during the past year. Consider submitting a nomination so that their efforts can be recognized by the university community.

### PODCAST EXPLORES "THE WILD WEST OF COMPUTING"

Developed by the Oral History Program at CMU, a six-episode podcast series, titled "The Wild West of Computing," brings listeners on a journey to explore how the culture surrounding computer science significantly altered the reputation of CMU from 1956 to 1987. [Read more about this season](#) and listen to the first episode.

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### SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— [NREC has dramatically transformed the Pittsburgh region](#), its economy and the robotics industry, according to a [new CMU report](#).

— In "Energy Utopia," one of the games designed in Transformational Game Design Studio, [players make investments in energy while trying to keep global temperatures low](#). The studio is co-taught by Jessica Hammer and Lynn Kirabo in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII).

— The Learn-to-Race Autonomous Racing Virtual Challenge allows aspiring racers to head to the track without building a car or leaving their computers, and its [results will improve the safety of autonomous vehicles](#) and the learning algorithms teaching them to drive.

— [Congratulations to Shruti Rijhwani](#), a Ph.D. student in the Language Technologies Institute, who will "define the next decade" and "remake our world," according to the 2022 edition of Forbes' "[30 Under 30](#)" list for science.

— CMU's Iris rover is bolted in and ready for its journey to the moon. The tiny rover [passed a huge milestone last week](#) when it was secured to one of the payload decks of Astrobotic's Peregrine Lunar Lander, which will deliver it to the moon next year.

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Until next week,  
---- Martial

## **REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES**

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

Connect with a representative leader from [SCS Council](#) if you'd like to submit a topic for Council to consider.

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