

SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | January 12, 2022

A midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office

Five Quick Reminders:

- CMU is now operating at [Modified Services](#) posture.
 - The first two weeks of most courses for undergraduate and graduate students will be taught via synchronous remote instruction, January 18 - 30.
 - All CMU community members must complete a baseline test during January regardless of vaccination status. Testing can be completed via [Tartan Testing](#), at-home testing kits or testing at other locations.
 - All CMU community members are required to receive a COVID-19 [booster shot](#).
 - In-person events are discouraged.
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SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— CMU President Farnam Jahanian highlighted the collaboration among government, academia and industry that has propelled Pennsylvania's autonomous vehicle (AV) industry forward during a bipartisan event, outlining [new legislation regulating AVs in the commonwealth](#).

— SCS alumnus Aakash Sinha is using his master's degree in robotics and the power of drones to [make a positive impact on the world](#) via his industry-leading start-up in New Delhi.

— Congratulations to Rashmi Vinayak, an assistant professor in the Computer Science Department (CSD), who received the [2021 VMware Systems Research Award](#) for her work to enhance computer system reliability and efficiency by combining coding-theoretic algorithms, machine learning models and systems.

— Congratulations to Institute for Software Research (ISR) Ph.D. alumnus Captain Iain Cruickshank, who received the [Eugene P. Visco prize](#) from the Military Operations Research Society at the MORS [Emerging Techniques Forum](#) last month.

Until next week,

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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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