SCS TODAY: September 14, 2020
[A late-day M-W-F update from the SCS Dean's Office]

A letter, "Towards Anti-Racist Change in the School of Computer Science," is being circulated for signature support within the SCS community by the Ph.D. Student Advisory Committee. This letter outlines important ideas, presenting a direction for SCS that echoes some of what's been discussed during town hall gatherings and as part of the recent goal-setting efforts of diversity, equity and inclusion teams across SCS's academic and operating units.

While initiatives are underway, I have work to do in partnership with all of SCS's unit heads, recognizing that we need to move faster and communicate more, while making sure to get it right. Our focus now is to solidify SCS's plan and action steps to achieve combined goals from all SCS units while increasing the pace of our work.

REGISTER TODAY
— SCS Alumni Relations and CS Pathways virtually present "Making The Grade: Racial Inequity in Education" tomorrow, September 15 at 4 p.m. when panelists will examine the role of racial inequities in education and discuss ways in which strategic community partnerships are working to tackle critical inequities within the City of Pittsburgh.

— Happy birthday, Smiley! Be sure to register for a virtual gathering on Friday, September 18, at noon to honor and celebrate the Smiley emoticon's 38th birthday! :-)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT
— CMU's Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) is expanding the original efforts of the College of Engineering's diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) book club and invites you to join the conversation around building an anti-racist community by joining the CMU Community Book Club. The first book this year will be "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. If you're interested in joining these community conversations, please complete this form by Friday, September 25. Groups will be formed by the first week of October. This book club is open to all CMU Community Members across all locations.

— CMU was a sponsor recently for a program by Dr. Robin DiAngelo, author of "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism." Availability of this recorded 90-minute conversation between Dr. DiAngelo and Dr. Valerie Kinloch, Dean of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education, will not expire, remaining always available.

Until Wednesday,
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All of us share A Tartan's Responsibility and as members of the CMU community we must do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you plan to come to campus, you must complete the CMU Self-Assessment Survey. Even if you're not coming to campus, CMU Community Health & Well-Being strongly encourages daily completion of the survey.

REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES
CMU Coronavirus Updates & Information and FAQ | CMU Health Services, 412-268-2157

Connect with a Dean's Advisory Committee if you have questions or concerns you want to share.