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[A late-day M-W-F update from the SCS Dean's Office]

I thank the SCS Ph.D. Student Advisory Committee for their letter addressed to me and members of the SCS community, with the goal to effect change in SCS. I appreciate the thoughtful work of the committee in shaping their requests for action as outlined in the letter; some requests are being incorporated into SCS's DEI planning efforts. I will meet this week with several SCS groups to further discuss and refine our action plan, including the Ph.D. Student Advisory Committee. Moving forward, I commit to provide regular and timely communication with the SCS community as we develop and shape our school's DEI roadmap and will report on progress and results of our DEI work. I've mentioned before that I know we have work to do, and I pledge that in SCS we will do the work – and we'll work hard to do it right.

SCS NEWS
— [CMU's Roborace team prepares for its first competition](.).
— [AMD (Advanced Micro Devices) provides computing resources to support the Computational Biology Department's COVID-19 research](.).

SPECIAL THANKS
— Thanks to SCS and university staff who have been involved in making research assistantships workable for SCS students who are not able to be in the United States at this time.

THIS WEEK
— In its third year, [ProductCamp Pittsburgh](.) is a free event this Saturday for product managers, product marketing professionals, software developers and product designers – plus innovators, designers, CxOs, founders, engineers and researchers who are eager to discuss product management best practices, share insights and make connections with top minds in the local product community. [Register today](.)!

— "[The goats](.) + a donkey" will return to campus to revisit their happy-place hillside near Gates Center for Computer Science (Cyert Drive entrance). Look for them if you're on campus Wednesday through Saturday, September 23 – 26.

REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY
— CMU's [Graduate Student Assembly](.) (GSA) is committed to engaging with issues surrounding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and invites you to join the conversation around building an anti-racist community with 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, [complete this form by Friday](.). Groups will be formed by the first week of October.

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
SCS Alerts & Resources | For Students | For Staff | For Faculty | For Researchers
Connect with a Dean's Advisory Committee if you have questions or concerns you want to share.