

## SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | March 23, 2022

A midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office

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In case you missed it, last week CMU announced [changes to facial covering requirements and group gathering restrictions](#), as of March 28.

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### SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— [Congratulations to Raj Reddy](#), founding director of the Robotics Institute, former dean of SCS and a pioneer in robotics, artificial intelligence and speech recognition. He will receive an Honorary Doctor of Science and Technology degree during CMU's 2022 Commencement ceremonies in May.

— Amazon awarded [research fellowships to five Ph.D. students with ties to SCS](#). Awardees include Emily Black (Computer Science Department), Saurabh Garg (Machine Learning Department), Natalia Lombardi de Oliveria (Dietrich College's Department of Statistics and Data Science), Emre Yolcu (CSD) and Minji Yoon (CSD). Congratulations to all!

— Parlaying programming into publishing, SCS alumna [Sindya Bhanoo published her first collection of short fiction](#), "Seeking Fortune Elsewhere," earlier this month. She shares how her time in SCS two decades ago played a role in making it happen.

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### ATTEND, COMPETE, VOLUNTEER

— The Carnegie Mellon International Film Festival kicks off tomorrow, March 24, and runs through April 9. Check out the [2022 Film Schedule](#) and learn more about buying Opening Night and regular [tickets or a festival pass](#).

— The [submission deadline for papers and reviews to SIGBOVIK 2022](#) has been extended until this Friday, March 25. Authors of accepted papers are encouraged (but not required) to give a 10-minute presentation of their work at the 16th Annual SIGBOVIK conference coming up on Friday, April 8. The [Special Interest Group on Harry Q. Bovik](#) is a multidisciplinary conference dedicated to lesser-known research areas that are neglected by mainstream conferences.

— CMU's new Responsible AI Initiative will launch officially on Monday, April 4 at 4 p.m. Join virtually to hear from a panel of faculty and other experts and to learn about the research at the center of this initiative's vision. [Register today](#). For more information, visit the [Responsible AI Initiative website](#) or send email to [ResponsibleAI@cmu.edu](mailto:ResponsibleAI@cmu.edu).

— Volunteers and runners are needed as the "enormous fuzzy dice" return for the 18th Random Distance Run, scheduled for Friday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gesling Stadium track. [Sign up to volunteer](#) or register to [compete as a runner](#). Prizes will be awarded.

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### FINAL WEEK FOR NOMINATIONS

— Time is running out to nominate your faculty and staff colleagues for an SCS Award, to be announced on [Founders Day](#). Be sure to submit your [nomination\(s\)](#) before March 29!

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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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