

SCS NEWS + AWARDS

— Kayo Yin, a master's student in the Language Technologies Institute, [wants to bring language technologies to all communities](#), including those that use signed languages.

— Researchers in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute's (HCII) [Future Interfaces Group](#) are developing a tool called [EyeMU](#), which [allows users to execute operations on a smartphone](#) by combining gaze control and simple hand gestures.

— Researchers in SCS and the College of Engineering will use nearly [\\$3 million in funding from the National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) to help develop intelligent, resilient and reliable next-generation (NextG) networks. The NSF recently awarded \$37 million to 37 different projects at universities across the country.

— CMU's Delphi Group and their collaborators have [earned two awards from the American Association of Public Opinion Research \(AAPOR\)](#) for their work on the COVID-19 Trends and Impact Survey. This is the first time a single project has received two awards in the same year from AAPOR, the professional society of survey scientists.

— Congratulations to Red Whittaker as he receives the first-ever **Pittsburgh Robotics Impact Award** as part of the Pittsburgh Robotics Network's (PRN) "State of Our Autonomous Vehicle Industry" event tomorrow. More information about the event is available on the [PRN's website](#).

GOOD LUCK, GIRLS OF STEEL!

— I shared earlier this month that the Girls of Steel robotics team recently received the Regional Chairman's Award at the Buckeye Regional Competition and the Regional Engineering Inspiration Award at the Greater Pittsburgh Regional Competition. Join me in wishing good luck to the team – the only team from Pennsylvania to qualify – as they compete this week in the World Championship.

FINAL WEEK FOR THIS CAMPAIGN

— Rohil Bhargava, a first year MBA student in Tepper School of Business reached out to me recently. During recent months, Rohil and others have worked on a crowdfunding campaign for CMU's planned [Mission Control Room](#). I offered to share [the link to the campaign](#) in case anyone in SCS is interested in learning more or supporting this effort during the campaign's final week.

FOR FACULTY

— As we approach the end of another unusual semester while weathering the BA.2 subvariant challenge, remember that we strongly encourage everyone to wear high quality facial coverings, available from on-campus [vending machines](#), particularly in larger gatherings and classrooms. Be sure to check out some [resources for faculty](#) on classroom flexibility as we near the end of the semester.

DEI SEMINAR TOMORROW

— April 21, 4:30 p.m. – [CMU's Data-Driven Diversity \(D3\) Lab Overview](#). Kody Manke and Kevin Jarbo, co-directors of the D3 Lab will share their approaches and experiences around diversity and inclusion at CMU based on data and insights from psychology and behavioral economics. Hear more about how different groups experience student success, thriving and a sense of belonging at CMU. [Join via Zoom](#) or on [Panopto Simulcast](#).

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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