



# THE Fence Post

NEWS FOR CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY FAMILIES

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

As we push toward the end of the semester, Carnegie Mellon students have already set the bar high for what they want to achieve this year.

Campus has been busy, too, as we welcomed 1,400 visitors during Family Weekend and Scotty Saturday in October. More than 60 events brought together families and friends from around the world for a beautiful Pittsburgh weekend to visit and experience the vibrancy of CMU's campus.

Homecoming Weekend kicked off with the first [Tartan Community Day](#), a new campus tradition. The daylong break from the academic schedule included opportunities for students to be inspired and engaged through campus activities, special performances and a live conversation with Tony and Grammy Award-winning alumna Renée Elise Goldsberry.

As we continue to build a bright future for your students, Carnegie Mellon University launched its comprehensive fundraising campaign, [Make Possible](#). Our students are making things possible every day, and this campaign will create resources for their educational pursuits, extracurricular interests, research and innovation initiatives and day-to-day experiences as Tartans.

*Make Possible* will have a lasting impact for your students and their CMU experience, and as critical members of the CMU community, we invite you to learn more about the campaign at [makepossible.cmu.edu](http://makepossible.cmu.edu).

Thanks for being part of the CMU community!

Take care,

Lis Bischoff-Ormsbee  
Executive Director, Parent Engagement and Development  
University Advancement

## FEATURES



## What's Next Academically?

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As the semester winds down, learn how to support your student as mid-semester grades, spring registration and finals approach.

[Read More](#)



## Looking Ahead to Career Prep

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Don't let your student wait until their senior year to utilize CMU's Career & Professional Development Center! The center is here to help your student during this critical period of career exploration and preparations with a variety of programs and services.

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## Campus Health Updates from University Health Services

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University Health Services is preparing students for the cold and flu season with flu vaccines on campus as well as helpful tips for how to deal with illnesses. In addition, Health Services is spreading the word about the potentially life-threatening dangers of vaping and e-cigarettes.

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## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

### ICYMI : Family Weekend

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Couldn't make it to campus for [Family Weekend](#) this year? Well, first off, we missed you. Secondly, we've got you covered with a photo gallery covering all the big events.

### Make Possible – The Campaign for Carnegie Mellon University

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At CMU, our makers, creators, artists, scientists and entrepreneurs think big, work hard and transform the next great ideas into realities. Together, we will make possible the innovation and education our world critically needs. [Explore the possibilities.](#)

## Life at CMU Blog Spotlight: Study Break! ASAP!

With midterms and finals approaching, it can be hard for [students to relax and unwind](#). The [Life at CMU Blog](#) offers up six ways to re-energize and rest during what can be a stressful time.

## Supporting Students: Crowdfunding

CMU students, faculty and staff are making a difference on campus, in their communities and around the world. [Check out the 12 projects that launch as part of CMU Crowdfunding on November 4 and support the projects that inspire you](#). This funding cycle closes on December 3 (AKA [#givingCMUday](#)).

### CMU NEWS

[Simon Initiative Writing Tool Helps Students Polish Writing Skills](#)

[Modern Musicking Show a Big Hit with Students](#)

[Mill 19 Opening Signals New Era of Manufacturing](#)

### UPCOMING DATES

- November 12: University Lecture Series featuring [Micheline T.H. Chi](#)
- November 18-22: Spring 2020 Registration Week
- November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break
- December 3: [#givingCMUday](#)
- December 9-10, 12-13, 15: Final Exams (The [fall 2019 final exam schedule](#) is available online)
- December 16: Makeup Final Exams
- December 17: [Residence halls close](#) at noon for winter break
- January 10: [Residence halls open](#) at noon for spring semester
- January 13: Spring 2020 Courses Begin

See the full [calendar of events](#) from the Division of Student Affairs.

### RESOURCE QUICKLINKS

Visit the [Family and Parents website](#) for resources available to you and your student in the areas of [academics](#), [health and wellness](#), [finances](#), [safety](#), [student affairs](#) and [travel](#). You can also access [past issues of The Fence Post](#) on the site.

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