Since I started my role as provost in January, it has been a wonderful pleasure to see and reaffirm what I have experienced in my many other roles at the university: what a close-knit and supportive community we have at Carnegie Mellon that reaches all corners of the institution. I’ve been meeting regularly with deans, department heads, faculty, staff and students to talk about what’s important to them, and the opportunities that we can explore and prioritize together to create the best learning environment possible.

I enjoy absorbing what I’m learning from the conversations and am having fun in the process. Through these cross-campus discussions, I’m already thinking about the future of higher education, and how Carnegie Mellon will deliver on our tradition of excellence while ensuring that our students will be poised for academic success. The challenges we face in such a fast-paced world are opportunities to apply our talents and grow. We foster a growth mindset at Carnegie Mellon which enables us to rise to these challenges and help to shape the future through our open and collaborative culture.

On the learning front, this has been a busy yet exciting time for students, with research projects, mid-term exams, class assignments and internships top of mind for many. It’s also important for them – and parents and family members like you – to take a moment and celebrate the good work that the students are accomplishing, and enjoy activities that bring us together. Events such as Spring Carnival, Meeting of the Minds, and May Commencement are just a few of events coming up soon aimed to engage all members of the CMU community with Tartan pride, and pride in our students.

As the spring semester begins to wind down, I hope that you’ll join me with continued support for our fantastic students in all that they do during their time at Carnegie Mellon, and in the amazing opportunities that lie ahead for them.

James H. Garrett, Jr.
Provost

Q&A with Provost Garrett

New provost Jim Garrett shares his insights about what makes CMU a special place, as well as some parent-to-parent advice.
Visiting Pittsburgh

If you’re planning to attend your student’s commencement weekend, why not get a glimpse of the city our students call home? Our visit guide will give you some must-sees and can’t-misses of visiting The Burgh.

Reflections from a Family of Graduates

Samir and Elora Gupta (P: E 2017, E 2021) have some words of advice for parents heading to their first CMU commencement ceremony this semester.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Humans of CMU

Meet some of the people that make CMU so special and get a peek into their lives on the Humans of CMU Facebook page.

Fashion & Design

Since 1997 CMU’s student-run Lunar Gala fashion show has showcased the talents of Carnegie Mellon designers. Check out behind-the-scene photos from this year’s show!

“The Collaborative Campus”

This mural created by Professors Doug Cooper and Stefani Danes explores the many different ways that knowledge and community are built through collaboration on campus. Watch the video.

CMU NEWS

Gift to Advance Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon

Architecture Student Has Designs for Fashion
Duo Selected as Finalist for NFL’s Inaugural Big Data Bowl

UPCOMING DATES

- March 26: Three Minute Thesis Finals
- April 11-13: Spring Carnival
- April 11: CMUConnect Webinar: 5 Game Changers to Eliminate Back and Neck Pain
- May 4-5, 8, 11-12: Reading Days
- May 6-7, 9-10, 13: Final Examinations
- May 9: CMUConnect Webinar: Without My Job, Who am I?
- May 19: Commencement

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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