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This digest includes items from The Record, Columbia Magazine, and other sources around the University. If you have questions or comments, please contact Becky Nordensten at rn2283@columbia.edu.

COLUMBIA LEADERSHIP

President Lee C. Bollinger has accepted the Board’s request that he extend his term as University president until 2018.

Jonathan D. Schiller ’69CC, ’73LAW has become chair of the Board of Trustees, succeeding William V. Campbell ’62CC.

Two new deans have been appointed to lead Columbia schools: Gillian Lester at the School of Law and Amale Andraos at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Columbia’s Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education, M. Dianne Murphy, will step down at the end of this academic year after a decade of service.

GIVING TO COLUMBIA

Columbia Giving Day is October 29, 2014. This online-based fundraising event encourages the Columbia community to come together to change lives that change the world by supporting their favorite schools and programs. Last year, Columbia Giving Day raised a total of $7.8 million, with 9,759 gifts from donors in 50 states and 53 countries.

CAA

Throughout the month of September, Columbia Connects brings alumni together to celebrate their shared Columbia experience, discover new connections, and build a stronger network of Columbians across the globe.

Alumni Leaders Weekend is October 10-11, when hundreds of alumni will come to campus to attend school-based meetings, network with the greater University alumni-leader community, and participate in special events.

Newly launched CAA Arts Access provides alumni members with exclusive access to the arts. Alumni from across the University are welcome to join and gain access to curated events, a professional network for alumni in the arts via artsConnect, up-to-date insider info on arts and culture, and discount tickets to art happenings throughout the city.

MANHATTANVILLE

Manhattanville construction continues on the Jerome L. Greene Science Center (future home of the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute) and the Lenfest Center for the Arts. Watch the Manhattanville video and read the latest construction updates.
AWARDS

President Obama ’83CC bestowed the National Humanities Medal on Professor Wm. Theodore de Bary ’41CC, ’53GSAS, the John Mitchell Mason Professor Emeritus and Provost Emeritus, for his lifetime’s work.

The 2014 Pulitzer Prize winners included David N. Philipps ’02JRN for National Reporting and Vijay R. Seshadri ’88SOA for Poetry.

Darko Tresnjak ’98SOA won the 2014 Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical. His show, A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder won four Tonys in all, including Best Musical. Barbara Whitman ’05SOA is on the producing team for Tony-winner Hedwig and the Angry Inch, which took home four awards, including Best Revival of a Musical and Best Actor in a Leading Role for star Neil Patrick Harris.

Tom Kitt ’96CC won an Emmy award for outstanding music and lyrics for the 2013 Tony Awards opening number.

ARTS AND MEDIA

Mike Pride, the former editor of the Concord Monitor, has been named administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes.

A traveling Smithsonian exhibition, Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey, will make its final stop at Columbia’s Wallach Gallery beginning in November. The exhibition is the focal point of a unique, yearlong University-wide exploration of Bearden’s iconic work, which includes Morningside Lights.

The Brown Institute for Media and Innovation celebrates its official opening on September 16.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

July marked the opening of the Columbia Startup Lab in SoHo. The 45 teams of entrepreneurs initially occupying the lab are embarking on a wide range of high-tech and more traditional startups, from fashion and food to technology, neuroscience, and e-commerce.

GLOBAL COLUMBIA

The World Writers’ Festival: Writers of India, organized by the Columbia Global Centers | Europe (Paris), in partnership with the Bibliothèque nationale de France and the Columbia Global Centers | South Asia (Mumbai), will be held in Paris September 18-21.

President Bollinger has established the Columbia Global Freedom of Expression and Information Project, a new initiative joining international experts and activists with the University’s faculty and students to survey, document, and strengthen free expression.

GSAPP’s Studio-X, a global network of laboratories for exploring the future of the built environment, will add a location in Johannesburg, South Africa.

HEALTH AND SCIENCE

Local high school students traded their t-shirts for lab coats this summer at CUMC. For five weeks, they conducted neuroscience research as part of the Brain Research Apprenticeships in New York at Columbia (BRAINYAC), a program at the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute.
GENDER-BASED MISCONDUCT

The University has been working aggressively on many fronts to prevent and better respond to sexual assault and other types of gender misconduct. In recent months, the following steps have been taken:

- A new Gender-Based Misconduct Policy for Students was announced.
- An additional Sexual Violence Response and Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center was opened.
- Mandatory training for incoming undergraduates on consent and the importance of bystander intervention was implemented.
- A new campaign, named “Step Up,” was launched to help prevent gender-based misconduct from happening in the first place.

Suzanne Goldberg, the Herbert and Doris Wechsler Clinical Professor of Law, has been named special advisor to the President on sexual assault prevention and response. Further information about this issue can be found online at sexualrespect.columbia.edu.

RANKINGS

Columbia’s undergraduate programs rank fourth among national universities on the latest listing from US News & World Report.

ATHLETICS

Columbia was the Division I recipient of the 2013-14 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Jim Dougher Institution of the Year Award and Athletics Director M. Dianne Murphy was selected as one of three 2013-14 ECAC Female Administrators of the Year.

Columbia football freshman spent their first summer in New York City working with local community groups as part of program designed to introduce them to life at an urban university.

Men’s tennis made it into the NCAA Sweet 16.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

9/18-9/21: World Writers Festival: Writers of India
9/20-9/26: Morningside Lights lantern and instrument building workshops
9/23: Women and Politics: A Turning Point? Presented by Women Creating Change and the CAA
9/27: Morningside Lights Odysseus on the A Train Procession
10/2: Chou Wen Chung reception at Columbia Alumni Center with Fred Lerdahl, Fritz Reiner Professor of Musical Composition
10/10-10/11: Alumni Leaders Weekend
10/18: Lionel Loueke Trio performance and reception at Columbia Alumni Center
11/15: Opening of Romare Beaden: A Black Odyssey (goes through early spring)