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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.

FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION

New Dean Appointments
In September, David Madigan was appointed executive vice president and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, a role he has assumed on an interim basis since March 2013. In August, Christian S. Stohler, DMD, began his tenure as dean of the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine and senior vice president of Columbia University Medical Center. In July, three new deans began their leadership: Merit E. Janow, as dean of the School of International and Public Affairs, Mary Cunningham Boyce, as dean of the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Steve Coll, as dean of the Graduate School of Journalism.

Six Columbia faculty members were elected members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

RANKINGS
For the fourth year in a row, Columbia’s undergraduate programs ranked fourth among national universities on the latest listing from US News & World Report.

Columbia was ranked fifth on the Forbes list of America’s Top Colleges.

In the 2014 Princeton Review, Columbia was ranked #1 for best college libraries.

GIVING DAY
Last October, alumni, parents, students, and friends came together to raise more than $6.8 million on the first ever Columbia Giving Day. On October 23, 2013, Columbians around the globe will once again connect, give back, participate in live events, and compete for matching funds.

CAA
With a focus on multi-dimensional partnerships, the Columbia Alumni Leaders Weekend will take place October 11-12, 2013. It will feature School board and association meetings, a CAA Alumni Book Fair, an expert panel on 21st century cities, and a conference with workshops and round tables addressing best practices and leadership development. The weekend will culminate in the Alumni Medalists Gala.
This fall, the CAA is rolling out a new tool for alumni-led organizations. Hosted on a platform called NationBuilder, groups will be able to effectively manage their membership and volunteer base, create dynamic websites, communicate with their constituents, collect event information and payment, and more – all while remaining connected to the University through better information and data sharing.

MANHATTANVILLE

Construction continues on the Jerome L. Greene Science Center (future home of the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute). The building is scheduled to be complete by 2016.

GLOBAL CENTERS

On March 18, 2013, Columbia opened its newest Global Center in Rio de Janeiro – the University’s second Center in South America and eighth overall. Watch a video that features an overview of Columbia Global Centers as well an introduction to the center in Rio de Janeiro.

In partnership with the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Columbia Global Centers | Europe will host the World Writers’ Festival, a three-day international literary festival in Paris over the weekend of September 20-22, 2013.

THE COLUMBIA CAMPAIGN

The Columbia Campaign comes to a close on December 31, 2013, kicking off a season-long celebration that will include online and in-person events to be announced shortly.

As of September 4, 2013, alumni, parents, and friends have contributed more than $5.9 billion to The Columbia Campaign. Donors from 124 (out of 170 officially recognized countries) have given to the Campaign thus far.

The University’s donors have set a new record for cash giving, with a total of $645 million in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. This is well beyond our previous record of $496 million (set in 2011) and will undoubtedly continue our success in being in the top five among all US universities in this particular category.

Other Campaign News

In April, more than 2,050 alumni, parents, and friends participated in the Columbia College Fund’s A Million Reasons to Give matching challenge, surpassing the goal and securing $1 million in matching funds from an anonymous alumnus.

Arthur J. Samberg ‘67BUS and Mario J. Gabelli ‘67BUS, members of Columbia Business School’s Board of Overseers, have pledged $25 million and $15 million, respectively, toward the School’s new Manhattanville facilities.

Mortimer B. Zuckerman has pledged $200 million to endow the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute to support interdisciplinary neuroscience research and discovery by scholars across the University.
Ronald O. Perelman has pledged $100 million to Columbia Business School to develop a new facility, the Ronald O. Perelman Center for Business Innovation. It joins Class of 1969 alumnus Henry R. Kravis's $100 million contribution as the largest in the School's history.

Through their family foundation, Philip ’71CC and Cheryl Milstein ’82BC have committed $20 million to CUMC's new Medical and Graduate Education Building. Groundbreaking will take place on September 16, 2013.

CUMC

A team of CUMC researchers, led by Nobel laureate Eric R. Kandel, MD, has found that deficiency of a protein called RbAp48 in the hippocampus is a significant contributor to age-related memory loss and that this form of memory loss is reversible.

Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign has teamed up with Hip Hop Public Health, a New York based-nonprofit founded by CUMC associate professor of clinical neurology Dr. Olajide Williams, to create a music album that inspires and educates children to eat healthy and exercise regularly. Watch a video from the project.

LAW SCHOOL

On August 1, New York City Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn and Columbia Law School’s Dean David M. Schizer announced the establishment of the Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity to study corruption and accountability in government. The Center will expand research into corruption at the municipal level in jurisdictions around the world.

Dean Schizer will be stepping down at the end of this academic year when his ten-year term reaches its conclusion. A search for new candidates is in progress.

AWARDS

At the 2013 Tony Awards, Pippin, directed by Diane Paulus ’97SOA, won for Best Revival of a Musical; Paulus also won for Best Director. Kinky Boots, produced by Hal Luftig ’84SOA, won for Best Score and Best Musical. Two of the Theatre Program's adjunct faculty members, Bernard Gersten and Paul Libin, were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Peter Lawrence, a member of the adjunct faculty in the stage management concentration, was presented with Tony Honors for Excellence in the Theatre.

In April, the 97th annual Pulitzer Prize winners were announced, including: Ayad Akhtar ’02SOA for drama; Sharon Olds ’65GSAS, ’72GSAS for poetry; and the staff of the New York Times, including David Kocieniewski ’86JRN, Bill Vlasic ’82JRN, and Steve Lohr ’75JRN, for explanatory reporting.

Habiba Nosheen ’09JRN, an adjunct professor of radio and video reporting at the Graduate School of Journalism, took home a Peabody Award for her reporting in “What Happened at Dos Erres.”

In December 2012, Robert J. Lefkowitz ’62CC ’66PS, a professor at the Duke University Medical Center, was awarded the 2012 Nobel Prize for Chemistry, along with Brian K. Koblika, a professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine.
**SCIENCE**

From May 29 to June 2, 2013, Columbia faculty participated in the [2013 World Science Festival](#) with Columbia professor and festival co-founder, Brian Greene. Watch a video of festival highlights.

**ARTS**

Sarah Sze, professor of visual arts at the School of the Arts and a MacArthur Fellow represented the United States at La Biennale di Venezia in June 2013 at the invitation of the US State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Gilad Ratman ’09SOA, who works primarily with film and installation, was chosen to represent Israel.

**ATHLETICS**

Steven Holl Architects, in collaboration with Spirit of Space, has created two short films on the Campbell Sports Center, which was completed in March 2013.

The Columbia track and field team saw 11 student-athletes earn USTFCCCA Division I Track & Field All-Academic honors following the 2012-13 season.

Three Columbia Lions are headed to the pros next year. Josh Martin ’13SEAS, a 2013 All-Ivy League first-team football player, signed with the NFL’s Kansas City Chiefs. First baseman Alex Black ’13CC was drafted by the Kansas City Royals, and pitcher Tim Giel ’13SEAS has joined the New York Yankees as a free agent.

In July, the Columbia lightweight rowing team competed against teams from around the world at the Henley Royal Regatta in England.

In April, Columbia’s women’s tennis team earned their first Ivy League title after a comprehensive win against visiting Princeton.

The Columbia baseball team headed to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2008 after sweeping Dartmouth and clinching the [2013 Ivy League Baseball Championship](#).