

## Pitt Honors College Juniors Receive 2011 Humanity in Action Fellowships



Karina Goulordava



Kevin Ramser

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of Arts and Sciences, will participate in the European Programs in Amsterdam and Copenhagen, respectively.

This is the sixth-consecutive year that Pitt has competed successfully in the HIA Fellowship program.

The HIA European Programs—based in Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland—focus on European issues of historical and contemporary importance, among

them immigration, the integration of underrepresented groups, and the formation of international human rights doctrines.

Goulordava, from Phoenix, Ariz., is multilingual—a native Russian speaker, proficient in Spanish, and conversational in Arabic. In Spring Term 2009, she

worked on a semester-long research project with Alexander Matros, a former faculty member in Pitt's Department of Economics, who was seeking to prove, based upon large quantities of statistics, that cheating exists in soccer. To aid Matros' research, Goulordava created a spreadsheet with 15 seasons of both Russian Premier League and British Premier League soccer statistics.

In summer 2010, she took part in the Palestine Summer Encounter in Bethlehem, volunteering with the Union for Social Workers and Psychologists. While there, Goulordava worked at a children's summer camp and assisted local farmers in planting olive trees. As a member of the Students for Justice in Palestine, she served as the local outreach coordinator for the organization One World One Life One Peace.

Goulordava serves as a teaching assistant in the freshman Introduction to Arts and Sciences course and is a Pitt Pathfinder, conducting campus tours for prospective students and their families. In Spring Term 2010, she took part in Pitt's Emerging Leaders Program and interned for a judge in the Allegheny County Criminal

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Mary A. Crossley

## Crossley to Resign as Pitt Law School Dean

By John Harvith and Patricia Lomando White

Mary A. Crossley, dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law since 2005, announced that she will resign as dean effective July 1, 2012, in order to return to her research and teaching, which she will pursue in her role as professor in the University's law school. A search committee will be formed in the coming weeks with the goal of identifying Dean Crossley's successor by the spring of 2012.

"The School of Law has made significant strides in a wide range of areas under Dean Crossley's leadership," said Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, who served as dean of the Pitt law school from 1985 to 1993. "She has been a leader within the larger University, as well as in her school, and has earned great respect from all of the law school's many constituent groups, including its alumni and student body. We all look forward to working with her during her final year as our dean and feel very fortunate that she will continue to contribute to Pitt's progress as a member of our faculty when her deanship comes to an end."

"It has been my pleasure to work with Dean Crossley, both in her role as dean and as a participant in the activities of our Council of Deans," said Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson. "Her decision to step down from the deanship will conclude seven years of successful administrative leadership and service to the school and to the University. I am delighted that she will continue her academic career at the University as professor in the School of Law."

"Under Dean Crossley, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law developed a strong foundation in long-range strategic planning that has guided decision-making and assessment," Beeson continued. "She led the faculty through curricular review and reform which resulted in the revision of the first-year curriculum to make it responsive to changes in the legal profession. Progress in this area included the addition of courses focused on developing core professional competencies from the beginning of a student's legal education."

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## India's Ambassador to U.S. Urges Partnerships Between Indian, U.S. Higher-Education Institutions



From left, Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, Ambassador of India to the United States Meera Shankar, Carnegie Mellon University President Jared L. Cohon, and Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

By Amanda Leff Ritchie

India is working to partner with higher-education institutions in the United States, hoping to spur the growth of the Indian educational structure, Meera Shankar, Ambassador of India to the United States, told attendees at an April 29 luncheon cohosted by University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg and Carnegie Mellon University President Jared L. Cohon.

The luncheon was part of Shankar's two-day visit to Pittsburgh, where she focused on India's important relationships with the Pittsburgh region.

During her keynote speech, Shankar expressed her country's desire to achieve universal literacy across India's 600,000 villages by establishing both a legal framework and funding to provide free education to

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children between the ages of 6 and 14. India would also like to expand the country's higher-education system to meet the intense demand for undergraduate and graduate degrees, she said. Included as part of India's expansion of its educational structure are more robust vocational education and skill-development programs for those who wish to enter the job market without attending a university or college.

Following Shankar's speech, Chancellor Nordenberg noted that the ambassador had frequently used the words *collaborating* and *partnering*—"words that define the Pittsburgh of today," he said. "Pittsburgh is a city where people are committed to working together."

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E. Maxine Bruhns (left), director of Pitt's Nationality Rooms Program, talks with Rashmi Ravindra, cochair of the Indian Nationality Room Committee.

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Earlier in the day, Shankar visited Pitt's Indian Nationality Room for a roundtable discussion with Pittsburgh business leaders who have significant business interests in India. The Indian Nationality Room celebrates India's educational heritage and architecture during the 4th through 9th centuries—a period known as India's Golden Age—when literature, art, architecture, and education reached new peaks of creativity. The room is based on a 4th-to-11th-century monastery courtyard/classroom at India's ancient Nalanda University in what is now Bihar State. Designed by architect Deepak Wadhvani and dedicated in 2000, the room features replicas of stone columns, brick floors, walls, pilasters, and sculptures still visible at the archaeological site.

Shankar became the Ambassador of India to the United States in April 2009, moving to Washington, D.C., upon assuming that position. Since joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1973, she has held several important assignments. She served as direc-

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tor in the Indian Prime Minister's Office from 1985 to 1991, and, from 1991 to 1995, she was posted to Washington, D.C., to serve as commerce minister. Thereafter, she headed the Indian Council of Cultural Relations in New Delhi, overseeing India's cultural diplomacy. Subsequently, in the Ministry of External Affairs, she headed two important divisions, dealing with the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation and relations with Nepal and Bhutan. After being promoted to Additional Secretary in 2002, she oversaw United Nations and international security issues.

Immediately prior to serving in her current position, she was, from 2005 to 2009, Ambassador of India to Germany.

## Memorial Service for Dr. Thomas Detre Set for June 5 in Heinz Memorial Chapel

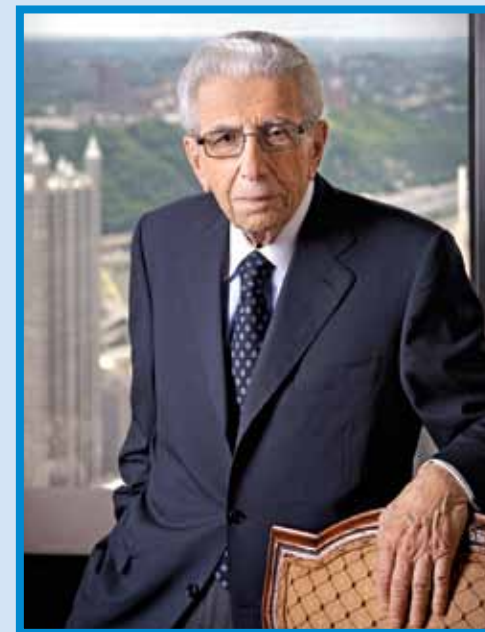
A memorial service celebrating the life of Dr. Thomas Detre will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 5, in Heinz Memorial Chapel. Dr. Detre was the academic leader whose ambition and determined efforts helped propel the University of Pittsburgh's schools of the health sciences to international prominence and the architect behind the transformation of the University's teaching hospitals into UPMC.

Dr. Detre was 86 years old when he passed away Oct. 9, 2010, following a long illness. Since 2004, he had held the titles of Emeritus Distinguished Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences and Emeritus Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh.

During Dr. Detre's tenure as the University of Pittsburgh's senior vice chancellor for the health sciences, he established an innovative funding cycle of driving dollars from clinical practice into interdisciplinary research and then applying the results of those endeavors to clinical advances. This approach led to the growth of the University's medical arm and the ultimate realization of what is now UPMC, and it positioned the University to become one of the nation's top 10 recipients of research support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a status it has maintained since 1997.

Memorial donations may be made to the Katherine Detre Scholarship Fund in Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health.

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Thomas Detre

## Jane Cauley, Jennifer Grandis Receive 2011 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring

Two University of Pittsburgh professors have received the 2011 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring, an achievement that recognizes faculty members for their mentoring of doctoral students. The awardees and nominees were honored during an April 26 reception in Pitt's University Club.

This is the sixth year the awards have been granted; each of the honorees received a cash prize of \$2,500. The winners were selected from a pool of nominees whose names were submitted by Pitt doctoral students and faculty.

"Training the next generation of academic leaders is a vital part of the University of Pittsburgh's mission," said Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson. "This award recognizes those most exceptional mentors who utilize their talents to engage, support, and encourage the personal and professional development of our doctoral students."

The honorees are **Jane Cauley** (GSPH '80, '83), a professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Graduate School of Public Health; and **Jennifer Grandis** (MED '87), the UPMC Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Cancer Surgical Research in the School of Medicine's Department of Otolaryngology and director of the Head and Neck Program at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute.

Cauley, who is also vice chair for research in the Department of Epidemiology, has spent the past 15 years as an investigator of numerous research projects examining the physical and psychological changes that occur in postmenopausal women. Her work has focused on the use of estrogen, the risks of hip fractures, and the bone density and cholesterol levels of women who are going through menopause. Cauley is a coprincipal

investigator for the Pitt site of the Women's Health Initiative, a National Institutes of Health-sponsored study. She has published more than 75 articles in journals such as *The Lancet*, the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *The New England*

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# "Don't Just See the Light, Be the Light."

(This is the print version of the May 1, 2011, University of Pittsburgh commencement address delivered by Pitt alumnus U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (A&S '64), a national leader regarding such issues as health care, retirement security, the environment, and fiscal policy. Prior to the address, Cardin received the degree of Doctor of Public and International Affairs Honoris Causa.)

I am happy and proud to acknowledge the outstanding leadership at Pitt: your chancellor, Chancellor Mark Nordenberg—what an outstanding chancellor we have at the University of Pittsburgh; the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, Dr. Patricia Beeson; and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Stephen Tritch.

Congratulations to you, the graduates, and thanks to all the families who made the sacrifices for you to reach this day.

When I asked Chancellor Nordenberg how long I should speak, he said, "As long as [you] want to, but do not exceed 140 characters"—OMG.

When I was sitting where you are when I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with my family in attendance, I never expected to be invited back one day to give the commencement address. Of course, I expected to return for reunions, to see a football or basketball game, or to watch my Baltimore Ravens take on their nemesis, the Pittsburgh Steelers ... just making sure you were listening.

But now I have been given the privilege to receive an honorary degree from Pitt. My mother would be so proud, and my father would be relieved that he does not have to write yet another check to Pitt for this degree.

My years at Pitt were very special. I loved going to a university that was part of a city. I loved going to football games with my fraternity brothers. I loved going to a school that prepared me for my profession. And I loved being able to take interesting electives that were not part of my major.

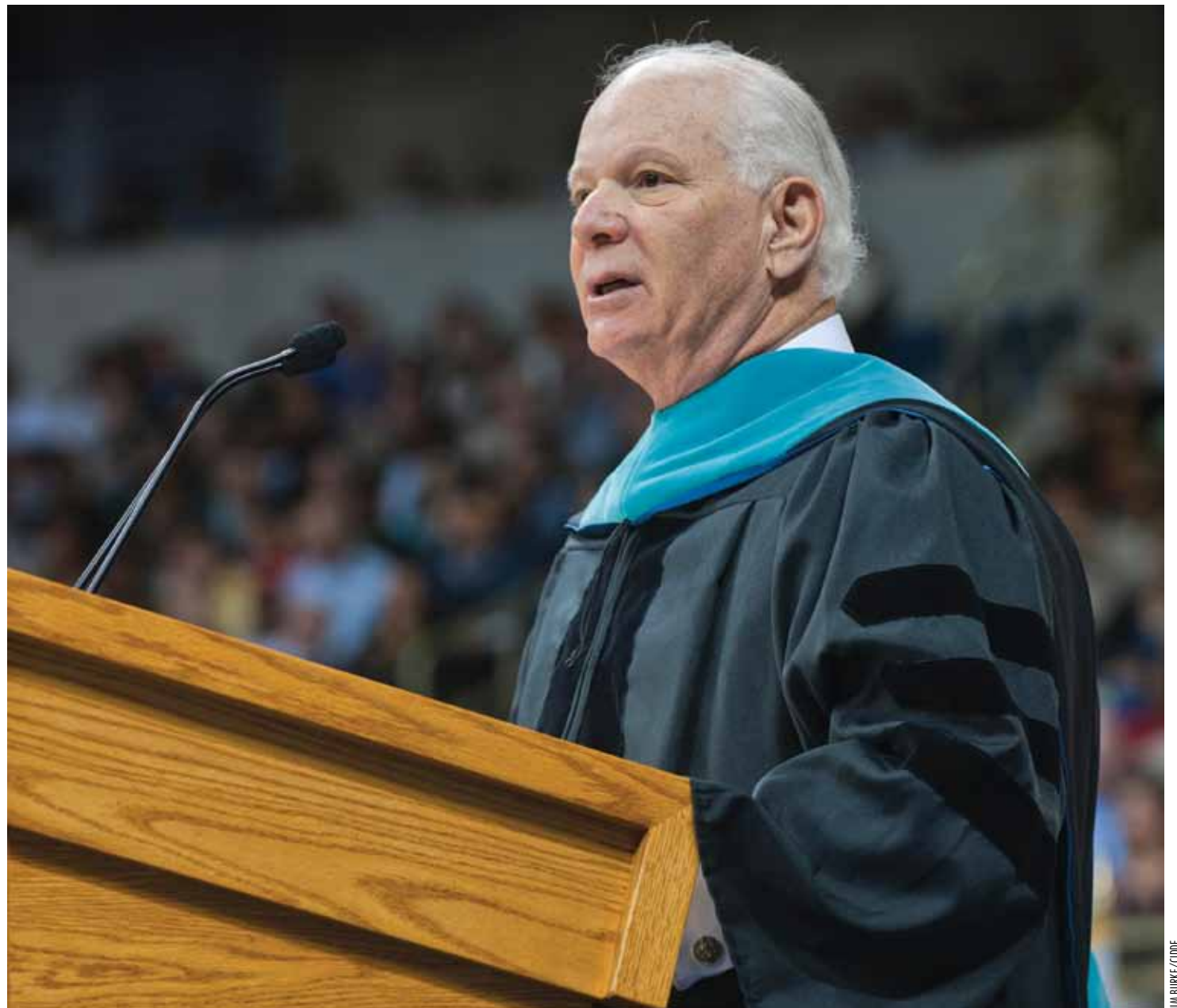
Pitt allowed me to explore different interests. Those who know me well will attest that I am challenged in the creative arts. Maybe that's why I went into politics.

Pitt encouraged me to take courses outside of my comfort zone, such as the Introduction to the Arts, where I learned the difference between Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian columns; but more importantly, I learned to appreciate the beauty and creativity of the arts.

So after an ugly Senate debate on the merits or demerits of a government shutdown, I can re-center myself, appreciating the beauty of the U.S. Capitol building. Thank you, Pitt.

While I certainly did not know then that my career would be spent in politics, I can say with confidence that the student government at Pitt was a great preparation. We formed political parties, won hard-fought campaigns, and encouraged tolerance for different views.

But the most important part of Pitt is the lifelong friends I made. We get together for reunions and to reminisce about our days here. We celebrate Pitt's victories with texts



U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin

and e-mails. We take vacations together. And my Pitt friends even came to Maryland five years ago to help me campaign for the United States Senate.

Many of them are here today to share this very special occasion with me. I am grateful for their friendship and hope that you, too, will keep your friends from Pitt to share all of life's adventures.

So much has changed since my friends and I were on campus, but the challenge for *your* generation is the same as it was for mine.

**President John F. Kennedy made that clarion call summoning my generation to public service. He said in his inaugural address, "Let the word go forth that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans... To those people in the huts and villages... struggling to break the bonds of mass misery, we pledge our best efforts to help them help themselves..."**

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Two months later, he created the Peace Corps, now celebrating its 50th anniversary. The founder and first director of the Peace Corps, Sergeant Shriver, said on its 25th anniversary, "Be

servants of peace. Weep with those who are sorrowful, rejoice with those who are joyful, teach those who are ignorant. Care for those who are sick. Serve your families. Serve your neighbors. Serve your cities. Serve the poor. Join others who serve. Serve, serve, serve! ...For in the end, it will be the servants who save us all."

Recently, while traveling in Morocco, my wife, Myrna, and I visited a rural community, where we met with a Peace Corps volunteer. She was teaching Moroccan women how to be entrepreneurs, so they could receive fair profits from their work as artists. In too many countries in that region of the world, women laborers are abused and not fairly compensated for their work. In Morocco, that Peace Corps volunteer is making a difference.

The Peace Corps captures the essence of our country at its best—highlighting America's strengths and demonstrating that each of us can make a difference. We live in a country that rewards innovation and risk taking, where creative people can make a dream real. After all, we are the nation that gave the world Apple, Google, Facebook, Twitter, and Lady Gaga.

Pitt has given you the foundation for

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pursuing a vocation that is both satisfying and rewarding. You are now part of a select group. Did you know that fewer than one in three Americans have a bachelor's degree? Or that worldwide, fewer than one in 15 graduate from college? But with privilege comes responsibility.

While you are all necessarily focused on what your vocation will be, I would like to take a few moments to talk about your *avocation*. Regrettably, society doesn't always recognize *avocation* as something to value. Winston Churchill summarized the distinction best by saying, "We make a living by what we *get*, but we make a life by

what we *give*."

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and cultivate that calling, and to act on it. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve."

We don't cultivate that calling in a vacuum. Rather, we are impacted by the people and the communities in which we live. The University of Pittsburgh is a unique institution that instills in each of you an individual responsibility to challenge yourself to do more. I am proud of the fact that Pitt was the top-ranked public "Best Neighbor" educational institution in the most recent edition of "Saviors of Our Cities." Give yourselves a round of applause for that!

Several criteria are used to rank the schools. Student and faculty involvement in community is one.

- On one day alone last October, nearly 2700 Pitt students participated in service projects in 59 metropolitan Pittsburgh neighborhoods, providing over 7800 hours of volunteer service.

- Some 500 students participated in Pitt Project Oakland, helping to clean up local neighborhoods.

- Last fall, students collected 21,000 units of food for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to benefit the Oakland Food Pantry, which is staffed by Pitt student volunteers.

- You are making a positive difference in this community.

I grew up in Baltimore and attended the Baltimore City public schools. When I was in elementary school, students were denied their full rights because the public schools in Baltimore were segregated by race. But individuals stepped forward to correct that injustice.

One was a fellow Baltimorean, Thurgood Marshall. Through his efforts, millions of children of my generation were given the opportunity that otherwise would have been denied to them. Thurgood Marshall made a difference by advancing civil rights for all Americans.

He also inspired many people to action, including his law clerks. One of his law clerks is our newest member of the Supreme Court, Justice Elena Kagan. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I had the opportunity to participate in her confirmation hearing.

Listening to her responses to Senators' questions, I could better appreciate how Thurgood Marshall inspired others.

Yes, each of us can make a difference for the good of our community. And we all need to help make that difference. For as Theodore Roosevelt said, "This country will not be a good place for any us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

One only has to scan the news to see that even the strongest governments and most sophisticated economies can be overwhelmed. Into the breach come volunteers. People of all colors, creeds, and nationalities to lend a hand or make a donation; to provide shelter and food, water, and clothing; to bandage wounds; and to help begin the process of rebuilding.

**Right now, there's a child who needs you to teach him how to read. Right now, there's a family that needs you to help build them a home. Right now, there's an elderly or disabled or lonely person who needs you to comfort her.**

**Be the light to help a neighbor get through a difficult challenge. Be the light for your neighborhood's environmental renewal. Be the light for your nation's leadership to make the world a friendlier and healthier place to live. You can make a difference.**



Senator Benjamin L. Cardin received the degree of Doctor of Public and International Affairs *Honoris Causa* during Pitt's May 1 commencement. From left, Pitt board chair Stephen R. Tritch, Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson, Cardin, and Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg.

But here's my point: Humankind **always** needs volunteers. Don't wait for the next disaster... Think about it:

**Right now**, there's a child who needs you to teach him how to read.

**Right now**, there's a family that needs you to help build them a home.

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A rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day had begun. "Could it be," asked one student, "when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it's a sheep or a dog?" "No," answered the rabbi. Another asked, "Is it when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it's a fig tree or a peach tree?" "No," replied the rabbi. "Then when is it?" the students demanded. The rabbi replied, "It is when you can look on the face of any person and see that it is your sister or brother. Because if you can't see this, it is still night."

Don't just *see* the light, *be* the light. Throughout my career, individuals and groups have inspired me and have

been that light.

**Be the light.** A senate staff person who

travelled frequently to Europe brought to the Helsinki Commission, which is known for its commitment to human rights, the plight of the Roma (Gypsies) living in Europe. The Roma have no homeland, and their children have been denied education.

I now hold the position as the Senate Chair of the Helsinki Commission, and I put an international spotlight on that issue. Although much more needs to be done for the Roma community in Europe, during my recent trip to Spain, I saw Roma children in school. Progress is being made.

**Be the light.** In Maryland and Pennsylvania, individuals and groups, such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, have come together to save the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in North America. The Bay is in trouble because of pollution. Working together with these dedicated advocates, we have asked developers and farmers to do more to save the Bay for future generations. Although this year's harvest from the Chesapeake Bay has improved, it will need our constant attention for many years to come.

**Be the light.** The people of Baltimore had wonderful neighborhoods designed by Frederick Olmsted, the same landscape

architect who designed Central Park in New York City. Baltimore's neighborhoods were originally connected by green space, which, over time, became developed. Neighborhood leaders decided to do something about this, so they came to their representative in Congress. I was able to divert some highway money to reconnect neighborhoods with walking and bike paths. Green space has been returned.

Every day I work with people who follow their passion to be a light. Follow *your* passion.

**Be the light** to help a neighbor get through a difficult challenge.

**Be the light** for your neighborhood's environmental renewal.

**Be the light** for your nation's leadership to make the world a friendlier and healthier place to live. You can make a difference.

The challenge to my generation was to seek a safer world where all inhabitants had decent housing, food, and opportunity. These goals remain the challenge to *your* generation.

We live in a technologically advanced society, yet we have not found the way for people to live in peace. We live in a world

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with abundant resources, yet too many children go to sleep hungry at night. We have seen advancements in health care that were unimaginable just a decade ago, yet far too many of our neighbors die each year because they cannot get access to that medical care.

Each of us can make a difference—not only in Pittsburgh, but around the world. It requires us to get involved. It is said that if you speak two languages, you're multilingual; if you speak several languages, you're polylingual; and if you speak only one language, you are an American. You can change that—make the effort to better understand the world in which we live.

Your *individual* actions can also motivate *others* to action.

The University of Pittsburgh builds leaders. Leadership goes beyond the individual to get others to join in the effort. A friend once told me, if speed is your goal, go by yourself. But if your goal is to get results, motivate others to join you. Be leaders by building collective action to bring about meaningful change for our community.

The challenges our families, our communities, our nation, and the entire world face are daunting—make no mistake about that. Yet, when I look out at you, I am hopeful. You are part of the Millennial Generation—those people born after 1980. You are more racially and ethnically diverse than previous generations, and you're on course to become the most educated generation in America's history.

Despite entering adulthood during the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression, you remain optimistic about your future and the nation's future. Yours is the first generation to grow up using social networking technology. You are more tolerant of diversity; you are inclusive and collaborative. These are wonderful attributes.

Last June, in a *New York Times* column entitled "Save Us, Millennials," Timothy Egan wrote, "When the big issues of the day are mired in tired minds, it's time to turn to the great, renewable resource of any vibrant democracy: the kids." I think Egan is on point when he wrote that you are wise beyond your years and ahead of every other generation on the major issues.

The University of Pittsburgh has trained you well to meet the challenges of your generation. Returning to President John F. Kennedy—the torch has been passed to your generation. Use the knowledge and experience gained at Pitt and the unique opportunities we have living in America to make a positive difference. Take the torch—provide the light of hope and sustenance to your neighbors—here and around the globe.

So if one day you are as fortunate as I have been, and you are asked to give the commencement address at Pitt, you will say with pride that your generation answered the call and advanced the universal goals of peace and prosperity.

Thank you! Congratulations to the Class of 2011! Go Pitt!

# Commencement 2011



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Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg



Above: Student commencement speaker David Gau, who graduated from Pitt May 7, was named the 2011 Omicron Delta Kappa Senior of the Year. He also received the 2011 Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program award as well as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, which will allow him to study at the University of New England in New South Wales, Australia.



## Jane Cauley, Jennifer Grandis Receive 2011 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring



MARY JANE BENT/CUDDE

From left, Pitt Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Alberta Sbragia, Professor Jennifer Grandis, Professor Jane Cauley, and Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson.

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*Journal of Medicine*. Her doctoral students have received fellowships and awards in recognition of their dissertation work—and have become accomplished faculty members and researchers holding leadership positions in their schools and in government research institutes. Cauley has also mentored students in other health-related disciplines, including nursing, audiology, and physical and occupational therapy.

**Grandis**, who is also the assistant vice chancellor for research program integration in the schools of health sciences, began to focus on the biology of head and neck cancers during her medical training at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. A physician-scientist, she has devoted her research career to studying the

critical genetic alterations that characterize those cancers, with the ultimate goal of improving patient treatment and survival. Grandis is senior editor for *Clinical Cancer Research* and the scientific editor for *Cancer Discovery*. She was recently elected to serve on the American Association for Cancer Research's board of directors for the 2010-13 term. Many of her doctoral students have developed successful careers as faculty members in tenure-stream positions and as researchers at prominent cancer centers and hospitals. On the national level, Grandis secured funding in 2005 for a conference on research training, which resulted in a new National Institutes of Health funding opportunity aimed at training ear, nose, and throat physicians to conduct research.

## Pitt Plans 21st Annual Kennywood Day for July 30



University of Pittsburgh faculty, staff, and students and their families are invited to Pitt's 21st annual Kennywood Picnic Day on Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Pitt's Staff Association Council (SAC), which is coordinating the event, is selling discounted tickets for the Kennywood event—as well as for other Western Pennsylvania water and amusement parks.

The price of an all-day FunDay Pass and catered meal at Kennywood on July 30 is \$22. For seniors 55 years and older, the price for the pass and catered meal is \$15. Children ages 2 and younger are free. Tickets are on sale in the William Pitt Student Union through July 29; payment

must be made in cash.

SAC is also selling discounted tickets to Kennywood for use on other days this summer; each ticket costs \$23. There is an additional \$10 fee at the door if the tickets are used on weekends in July or August.

Discounted tickets to Sandcastle Waterpark in Homestead and Idlewild in Ligonier are also available in the William Pitt Student Union. Sandcastle Waterpark passes are \$20 each, Idlewild FunDay passes, \$23 each. Both parks' passes are valid any day of the 2011 season, with no surcharge.

Additional information is available through the SAC Office, 412-624-4236.

## Crossley to Resign as Pitt Law School Dean

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She successfully recruited a number of new faculty, continued to build on the strength of the school's clinical program through the addition of an Immigration Law Clinic and a Securities Arbitration Clinic, and created the Innovation Practice Institute, which engages in local economic development efforts by training law students to advise innovators."

Crossley's other accomplishments as dean included initiating the Pitt School of Law's Washington, D.C., program to increase employment and alumni outreach as well as to pursue student externships with government agencies and nonprofit organizations; she also guided the law school in its achievement of significant progress toward its capital campaign goal, including gifts to support faculty excellence and cutting-edge programming in areas relating to energy, innovation and the life sciences, and support for students pursuing public interest or public service careers. In addition, she spearheaded the development of a collaborative diversity pipeline program, improved law school facilities, and taught law classes and published each year while she served as dean.

A widely respected scholar in disability and health law, Crossley has written and spoken on some of the most pressing legal issues presented by advances in medical science. These topics include discrimination in the treatment of infants with HIV infection and newborns with disabilities; the ramifications of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including the relevance of the ADA to health care rationing, insurance law, and

Medicaid managed care; the implications of the genetics revolution for our understanding of disability and criminality; and issues of inequality in health care generally. Her scholarly articles have appeared in such journals as the *Columbia Law Review*, the *Hastings Law Journal*, *Issues in Law and Medicine*, the *Journal of Gender, Race and Justice*, the *Notre Dame Law Review*, the *Rutgers Law Journal*, and the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

Crossley earned her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Virginia and her Juris Doctor degree from Vanderbilt University. She began her professional career as a judicial clerk with the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and then practiced health care and corporate law as an

associate at law firms in San Francisco and Connecticut. She began her faculty career at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she rose through the ranks from assistant to full professor and served as associate academic dean. Before joining Pitt's faculty as dean of the School of Law in July 2005, she was the Florida Bar Health Law Section Professor at Florida State University College of Law.

Crossley has served as a member of the editorial board of the *Florida Practitioner's Health Law Handbook* and is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of California, and the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics. She has been admitted to practice before the Tennessee, Connecticut, and California bars.

**A widely respected scholar in disability and health law, Crossley has written and spoken on some of the most pressing legal issues presented by advances in medical science.**

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Court. She also tutors and works with students at Arsenal Middle School through the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

Ramser, from Gibsonsia, Pa., also is pursuing a certificate in public and professional writing. He was the creator and host of *The Gay Agenda*, an LGBTQ-focused news program on Pitt's WPTS radio, and video intern for *Sampsonia Way Magazine* in Spring Term 2011. At the magazine, Ramser was responsible for planning, shooting, and editing interviews as well as archiving existing video footage.

President of The Sprocket Guild, a club that promotes and fosters independent filmmaking, Ramser develops and oversees the club's agenda. He is collaborating on a documentary that explores cross-generational perspectives on universal issues related to gay identity and culture in Pittsburgh.

A community activist, Ramser served as an independent organizer and documentarian during the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh in 2009. He collaborated with

the former Sprocket Guild president to create a documentary about grassroots-level protests with a particular interest in student activism. A photo Ramser shot during the summit was selected for *The New York Times*' online gallery "Documenting the Decade," published on Dec. 30, 2009.

Ramser is a training coordinator for Pitt's Telefund.

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their experiences with HIA to further careers in such fields as education, civil service, journalism, law, and art.

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# Happenings



**Morpho: Remembrance of Things Past by Andrey Avinoff, Andrey Avinoff: In Pursuit of Beauty, Carnegie Museum of Art, through June 5**

## Concerts

**The Foreign Exchange**, R&B/electronica/hip hop duo, 8 p.m.

**May 20**, August Wilson Center for African American Culture, 980 Liberty Ave., Downtown, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org), PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, [www.pittarts.pitt.edu](http://www.pittarts.pitt.edu).

**Mahler's Legacy** with Manfred Honeck conducting *Symphony No. 5*, and Michelle DeYoung, mezzo soprano, as soloist in *Kindertotenlieder*, **May 20-22**, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Mellon Grand Classics 2010-2011 Season, [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org), PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, [www.pittarts.pitt.edu](http://www.pittarts.pitt.edu).

**Alash Ensemble**, Tuvan throat singers from Central Asia, 7:30 p.m. **May 26**, First Unitarian Church, 605 Morewood

Ave., Shadyside, Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society, Silk Screen, 412-361-2262, [www.calliopeshouse.org](http://www.calliopeshouse.org).

## Exhibitions

**Carnegie Museum of Art, You Are Here: Architecture and Experience, through May 29; Andrey Avinoff: In Pursuit of Beauty, through June 5; Ragnar Kjartansson: Song, through Sept. 25;** 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3131, [www.cmoa.org](http://www.cmoa.org).

**Heinz History Center, Ben Franklin: In Search of a Better World**, explores personal side of one of our founding fathers, **through July 31; America's Best Weekly: A Century of The Pittsburgh Courier, through Oct. 2;** 1212 Smallman St., Strip District, 412-454-6000, [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

## Lectures/Seminars/Readings

**"Kids, Wealth, and Consequences: Financial Parenting for the Business Family,"** Jayne Pearl, author and financial parenting expert, 5:30-8 p.m. **May 19**, Pitt's University Club, Pitt Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence, 412-648-1544, [www.entrepreneur.pitt.edu](http://www.entrepreneur.pitt.edu).

## Miscellaneous

**Introduction to CourseWeb**, workshop on getting familiar with using CourseWeb, 9 a.m. **May 17**, B23 Alumni Hall, Pitt CIDDE, register online at [www.cidde.pitt.edu](http://www.cidde.pitt.edu).

**CourseWeb Level 1**, workshop to learn how to further customize the Blackboard 9.1 Course Menu to meet instructional needs, course objectives, 9 a.m. **May 19**, B23 Alumni Hall, Pitt CIDDE, register online at [www.cidde.pitt.edu](http://www.cidde.pitt.edu).

**"Job Hunting,"** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **May 21**, 4th Floor, Lecture Room 2, Scaife Hall, Pitt Survival Skills and Ethics Workshop, 412-578-3716 or [survival@pitt.edu](mailto:survival@pitt.edu).

**CourseWeb Level 2**, workshop on application of Blackboard 9.1 Learning Management System's Web-based instructional technologies to enhance student participation and encourage active learning, 9 a.m. **May 25**, B23 Alumni Hall, Pitt CIDDE, register online at [www.cidde.pitt.edu](http://www.cidde.pitt.edu).

## Opera/Theater/Dance

**Antony and Cleopatra** by William Shakespeare, story of epic love affair that changed the world, **May 17-21**, the Charity Randall Theatre in the Stephen Foster Memorial, Pittsburgh Irish & Classical Theatre, 412-394-3353, [www.pictheatre.org](http://www.pictheatre.org), PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, [www.pittarts.pitt.edu](http://www.pittarts.pitt.edu).

**West Side Story**, script by Arthur Laurents, music and lyrics by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, modern-day *Romeo and Juliet*, **May 17-22**, Benedum Center, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, PNC Broadway Across America, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org), PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, [www.pittarts.pitt.edu](http://www.pittarts.pitt.edu).

**The House That Carol Built** by Frank Floyd Hightower, family drama set in 1999 in Penn Hills, **through May 21**, Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company, 542 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pitt's Kuntu Repertory Theatre, 412-624-7298 [www.kuntu.org](http://www.kuntu.org).

**Kyle Abraham/Abraham.in.Motion**, emerging choreographer who got his start at Pittsburgh CLO Academy and Pittsburgh CAPA, 8 p.m. **May 21**, August Wilson Center for African American Culture, 980 Liberty Ave., Downtown, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org), PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, [www.pittarts.pitt.edu](http://www.pittarts.pitt.edu).

**The Marvelous Wonderettes** by Roger Bean, a return to the '50s and '60s, **through Oct. 2**, CLO Cabaret, 719 Liberty Ave., Downtown, 412-281-3973, [www.pittsburghclo.org](http://www.pittsburghclo.org), PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, [www.pittarts.pitt.edu](http://www.pittarts.pitt.edu).

## Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses

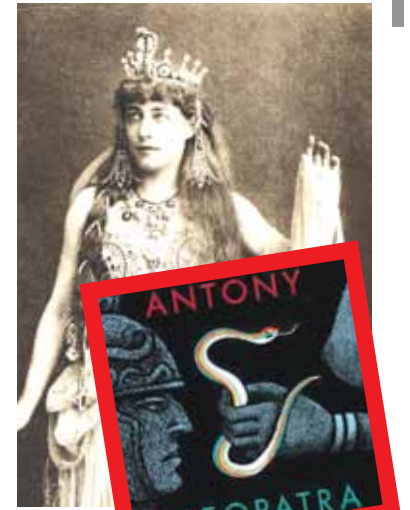
**David W. Seitz**, School of Arts and Science's Department of Communication, noon **May 17**, "Grave Negotiations: The Rhetorical Foundations of American World War I Cemeteries in Europe," 1128 Cathedral of Learning.

**Paul Middlebrooks**, Center for Neuroscience, 10 a.m. **May 18**, "Neuronal Correlates of Metacognition in Frontal Cortex," 2nd-floor auditorium, Learning Research and Development Center.

**Ryan M. Stayshich**, School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Chemistry, noon **May 18**, "Sequence Engineering: Fine Tuning Material Properties at the Microstructural Level," Room 307, Eberly Hall.

**Xiaohong Pan**, School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Chemistry, 1 p.m. **May 18**, "Design and Synthesis of Chiral N-Heterocyclic Carbenes With Applications to Asymmetric Syntheses and Synthesis of Dibenzazepinones by Palladium-Catalyzed Intramolecular Arylation Of O-(2'-Bromophenyl) Anilide Enolates," Room 325, Eberly Hall.

**Dongwan Kang**, Graduate School of Public Health's Department of Biostatistics, 10 a.m. **May 20**, "Statistical Issues in Combining Multiple Genomic Studies: QualityAssessment,



**Antony and Cleopatra, Charity Randall Theatre, May 17-21**

Dimension Reduction, and Integration of Transcriptomic and Phenomic Data," 308 Parran Hall.

**SooYoon Shin**, Center for Neuroscience, 10 a.m. **May 20**, "Role of the Primate Basal Ganglia in Eye Movements," 2nd-floor auditorium, Learning Research and Development Center.

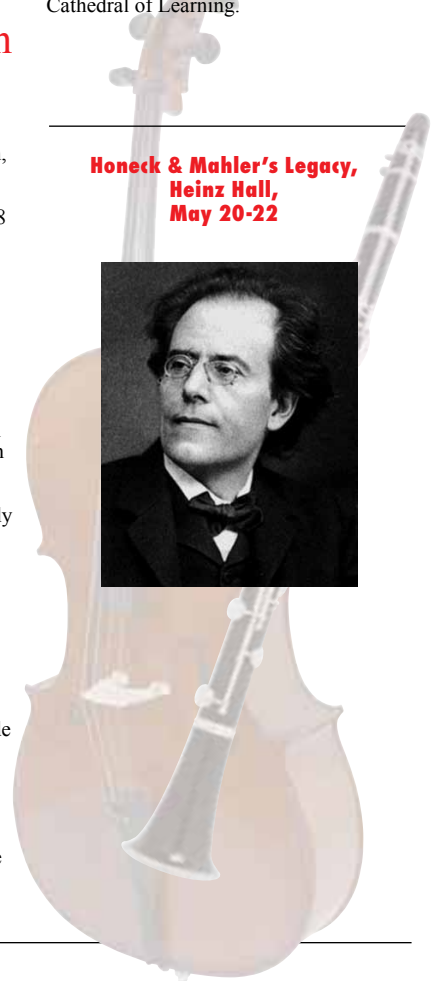
**James Palmiero**, School of Education's Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, noon **May 24**, "A Study of School Board Members' Views on Affiliations With Private Charitable Foundations Supporting Public Education: A Regional Study Situated in Pennsylvania's Allegheny County," 4321 Posvar Hall.

**Ahmad A. Tahrini**, School of Medicine's Clinical and Translational Science Doctoral Program, 5 p.m. **May 25**, "Overcoming Melanoma Immune Tolerance: Non-specific CTLA-4 Blockade/IFN- $\alpha$  Therapy and Antigen Specific Immunization with TLR-9 Stimulation/Local GM-CSF Adjuvants as Components of a Melanoma Immunotherapeutic Strategy and Associate Biomarkers of Therapeutic Benefit," 5th-Floor Executive Board Room, UPMC Cancer Pavilion, 5150 Centre Ave., Shadyside.

**Erin O'Bryan**, School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Classics, 11:30 a.m. **May 27**, "From Ignobile Vulgus to Rerum Dominos: The Emergence of the Roman Crowd in Vergil's Aeneid," 116 Cathedral of Learning.



**Alash Ensemble, First Unitarian Church, May 26**





# Newsmakers

## NELLIE LEADERSHIP AWARDS



MARY JANE BENT/CODE

Three Rivers Youth (TRY) honored Robert Hill (right), Pitt vice chancellor for public affairs, and George Miles Jr. (left), a Pitt trustee, executive chair of Chester Engineers, and former president and CEO and now a trustee emeritus of WQED, during the TRY's Sixth Annual Nellie Leadership Awards held May 6 in the USX Tower Upper Lobby. Nellie honorees are selected for their leadership, personal achievements, and positive impact on the quality of life for the region's youth and families. Hill received his award in the education and civic engagement category, while Miles was honored in the public broadcast and education category. Invited guests were to wear 1940s-era attire in keeping with the event's "An Evening at the Cotton Club" theme. Pitt alumnus Peggy Harris (center) is president and CEO of TRY, which assists at-risk youth and families, and a member of the Board of Visitors of Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, from which she earned the MPA degree in 1978. Nellie was the name of the first resident of a 19th-century local orphanage for Black children that is today Three Rivers Youth.

## STEEE-RIKE!!!



JIM BURKE/CODE

John M. Petersen calls the first strike on April 9, opening day of Pitt's new Petersen Sports Complex, which stands on 12 acres at the peak of Pitt's upper campus and provides state-of-the-art homes for the Panthers' baseball, softball, and men's and women's soccer teams. Petersen, a 1951 graduate of Pitt with a bachelor's degree in business administration, and his wife, Gertrude, have long maintained a strong relationship with the University, supporting scholarships and other activities in the College of Business Administration and the Pitt Department of Athletics. The Petersens' generosity helped make a reality the Petersen Events Center, which has dramatically enhanced student life on campus since its completion in 2002.

## ENTREPRENEURIAL ACCORD



JIM BURKE/CODE

Local government officials from Samara, Russia, and instructors from the International Market Institute (IMI), also in Samara, visited the Pittsburgh region for 10 days recently as part of a U.S.-Russia Foundation grant awarded to Pitt's Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES). The grant enables IMI and REES to participate in the "Entrepreneurship, Economic Development, and Rule of Law" program, which comprises three weeklong exchanges—two held in Samara and one in Pittsburgh—for Pitt and IMI faculty members as well as local government officials from the Samara region. The Russian officials' visit to Pittsburgh included intensive training and site visits focused on local government's role in promoting economic development. Program activities were organized by Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, REES, and Pittsburgh's Local Government Academy. On May 4, Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg (right) met with Vadim Chumak, IMI rector, to sign a memorandum of understanding between the two universities.

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