



EVP Divisional News and Announcements *Spring 2017*

Message from Craig

We can all agree that recognition, whether a kind word from a supervisor or colleague, or being honored in a public ceremony, gives us a sense of pride and confidence. And as we head into spring, I am feeling proud.

First, I am delighted with Penn's recognition by WorldatWork with its 2017 Seal of Distinction award. This nonprofit HR association has recognized Penn for our total workplace experience including a combination of base pay, benefits, and quality of life programs such as balancing work and life, health and wellness, and retirement planning to name just a few. Penn HR leaders will attend a ceremony in Washington DC this May, as one of 160 organizations in North America being recognized. For the complete list of 2017 Seal of Distinction recipients visit

<https://www.worldatwork.org/waw/adimLink?id=81107>.

Second, I wanted to acknowledge the work of many of our colleagues; which were highlighted at the 2017 Models and Pillars of Excellence. Now in its 18th year, this program is as satisfying an event you will attend at the University. This event held last Tuesday was no exception as peers honored their colleagues, for both group and individual achievements, and supervisory excellence. Looking at 2017, and all the preceding years, Models of Excellence is a snapshot of how we earn the status as a world-class research institution that advances knowledge to serve society - the event acknowledges the power of collaboration and human capital. For more information about this year's honorees visit <https://www.hr.upenn.edu/myhr/appreciation/models>.

The WorldatWork Seal of Distinction and the 2017 Models and Pillars of Excellence, when taken together, remind me of how fortunate we are to work at a place that makes a difference in the world, and does so with such talented and dedicated people as all of you, who, in my opinion, exemplify excellence.

Craig

Craig's Tip of the Season



The City of Philadelphia, in Spring is blooming (sorry) with what seems to be an endless array of amazing culture, sports, entertainment and restaurants. Check out this round up of the 60 Awesome Festivals coming to Philadelphia this Spring.

Craig's List *(not to be confused with Craigslist)*

Learn more about how the Division of Information Systems and Computing has installed a new **University Firewall** which has blocked 13.3 million threats to our network, keeping us safe as individuals and an institution in the critical field of cyber security.

Register for one of the May workshops offered by **Penn Home Ownership Services** to learn about this benefit and program which supports staff in purchasing a home in the local community.

Congratulations to FRES for the Pennovation Center being honored with the **2017 Grand Jury award from the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia** for outstanding achievement in historic preservation by transforming a 20th century paint factory into a 21st century innovation hub.

Visit the brand new **SEPTA Travel Center @Penn**, located on the first floor of the Penn Bookstore at 36th and Walnut Streets, for information about navigating the city and region via public transit.

This spring, Penn is again partnering with **Philadelphia Parks and Recreation** to distribute a limited number of free trees on a first-come, first-served basis to interested Penn and UPHS staff and faculty who pre-register. You are eligible for a tree if you live in the City of Philadelphia or in the suburbs in PA, Delaware and New Jersey.

DPS hosted 160 children from the **Police Athletic League** at the Palestra in February for an annual tradition that mixes fun and fitness activities.

