



EVP Divisional News and Announcements

Summer 2018

Message from Craig

After the Eagles' Super Bowl victory so much happiness spread over greater Philadelphia it may have actually altered our sense of ourselves. I pondered how the feeling of winning shapes our identity. Cities use their sports teams to rally civic pride, because who doesn't want to be seen as a winner?

And, not to be glib, but Philadelphians can (on occasion) have an identity crisis when our sports teams are not competitive. But recently we have won the Super Bowl, Villanova's men's basketball won the NCAA championship, the ascending 76ers reached the playoffs, and the Phillies have one of the best records in MLB; and while we are on a roll, and as much as I love winning sports championships, I know it is not the most dependable way to ensure civic pride.

This thought came to me recently while presenting to city business and political leaders the Federal Drug Administration's approval of four different cell and gene therapies created at Penn and CHOP for combating cancers and diseases. In short, what these medical researchers do is extract the healthy cells of a sick patient, reprogram them, and return them into the patient where the healthy cells defeat diseases such as Leukemia or congenital blindness, to name two examples. One FDA approval in this field is a milestone, and four FDA approvals is a medical revolution. The combination of adult and pediatric care makes us specialized and unique. Talk about a winning season.

This pioneering medical work advances on our campus and in our facilities each day because it is supported by the critical administrative and support systems *you* lead. *You* keep our operations running smooth and successful. *You* purchase the equipment. *You* create and maintain the buildings and grounds, while keeping them efficient and safe. *You* ensure departments have the proper business and technological systems in place to process the needed financial resources from sponsored research and philanthropy. *You* hire and train the staff making sure they are paid and benefits are delivered; creating a quality work life experience. *You* are the backbone for realizing Penn's mission.

In medical circles Penn is known for these groundbreaking victories in Cell and Gene

Therapy, but it is the new business ventures translating these into drugs and therapies for the healthcare marketplace that could be a real game changer. Because of the teams at Penn and CHOP, we could be the city that attracts and builds the companies that produce more drugs for more doctors to heal more patients. The world could see Philadelphia as a perennially winning city because of Penn's cutting edge victories where they count the most - advancing knowledge to tackle society's most difficult challenges.

I hope you share the same sense of pride I have for being a member of this incredible team.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer,

Craig

PS. We are always proud at Penn when our homegrown talent showcase their skills in new roles. For example, 47 individuals, or 4.5%, of the new staff hired into the EVP Division this past Fiscal Year came to us from various schools and centers at Penn. And we congratulate recent promotions in the Division, including: Ben Evans to Associate Vice President (Finance); Mark Kocent to University Architect (FRES); Jeff Rowland to Executive Director, Staff and Labor Relations (HR) and Scott Schaefer to Chief University Privacy Officer, (Audit, Compliance and Privacy).

Craig's Tip of the Season

Visit Time in the Garden, the new exhibit at Morris Arboretum, which brings time - the essence of gardening and the natural world - to life through the fascinating and beautiful work of multiple artists. Penn Card holders gain free admission.

Craig's List

(not to be confused with Craigslist)

Are you looking for professional development opportunities? Career support from Penn is set up for Fall 2018. The Learning and Education Course Guide offers a line-up of practical and inspiring personal and professional development courses to help you meet your goals for 2018-2019.

Attention parents/guardians of rising high school sophomores to seniors. Human Resources and Undergraduate Admissions are hosting workshops on the college search process on Wednesday, August 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. You can register for the program [here](https://www.upenn.edu/admissions/college-search-workshops), or if you have questions please contact admrsvp@admissions.upenn.edu

Calling All SEPTA Commuters! A construction project at the University City Rail Station impacts the Media/Elwyn and Wilmington/Newark rail lines this summer, with the most significant stretch of time from Sunday, August 5 - Sunday, August 26. Please check www.septa.org for information and talk with your supervisor if this disrupts commuting to and from campus.
www.hr.upenn.edu/PennHR/wellness-worklife/flexible-work-options

Penn Budgeting 101. The Budget Office wants to help all Penn staff understand the Operating Budget, and the FY19 Budget Book is online: It provides an abundance of valuable information about the University; each school/center. If you are searching for more insight that you think may help aid you in your job, contact the Budget Office, whose staff are available to provide an in-person orientation.

Shop till You Drop. Penn has more than 75 unique retail offerings and the Shop Penn website has curated several experiences and itineraries such as: **Summer Arts & Culture Crawl**, **A Food Hall for All**, and **Errands Made Easy**. Follow on social media for the latest places around campus to shop, dine, play, and stay.

Public Safety and Prescription Meds. Ridding your medicine cabinet of unwanted prescription drugs has just become easier. The Division of Public Safety's prescription drug take-back boxes are inside their headquarters at 4040 Chestnut Street. DPS's new partnership with Penn Medicine and the State of Pennsylvania safely disposes of the medications and is the only one in University City.

The Workday@Penn project is going live in July 2019 and will have a positive impact on our operations. Learn more about its development [here](#).

Buying Local Matters: Penn's dedication to local economic inclusion was on full display May 23rd at The Penn Supplier Diversity Forum & Expo. This award-winning event brought together local and diverse suppliers, Penn buyers, and local agencies and organizations to showcase the resources available to local, diverse, and small businesses; and provided an excellent opportunity for business networking.

The Power of Penn Capital Campaign has kicked off and with it phase three of the Penn Connects campus development plan. Learn more about new construction projects and major renovations to be completed by 2021 that continue transforming our spectacular urban campus.

New Houston Market coming soon! Houston Market, located on the lower level of Houston Hall, is undergoing its first major renovation since 1998, including enhancements to the kitchen, serving and seating areas, and the introduction of new dining concepts. Construction is scheduled to be completed August 19th, with Houston Market and Beefsteak closed for the duration of the project.

