Pitt in the News

Pitt has been in the news lately as one of America’s major research universities. The *Pitt Chronicle* reported that Pitt is ranked 8th in federally financed R&D expenditures among all U.S. public universities, and 13th among all public and private. Compared to 2004 rankings, Pitt moved up one spot, ousting Harvard from the 13th spot. Harvard fell to No. 19.

In a recent *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* cover story titled “Collegial Atmosphere,” both Pitt and CMU are ranked in the world’s top 100 universities and the U.S.’s top 50 universities. London-based *Times Higher Education* editor Phil Baty noted that the close proximity between Pitt and CMU can help “to encourage the serendipitous encounters between academics that may spark a new idea.”

It may be precisely this proximity that underlies CMU President Jared Cohon identifying the collaborative relationship he has had with Pitt and Chancellor Mark Nordenberg as a major accomplishment of his tenure at CMU. In an *online PG* article in which Cohon announced his plans to step down as CMU president, “he expressed particular pride in Carnegie Mellon’s collaborations with the University of Pittsburgh just down the road that spawned, among things, research ventures and spinoffs.” *Hail Pitt!*

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