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Communicator & Advocate Honored with UT Accomplished Alumni Award

Wendell Potter (BS/JEM ’73), a veteran journalist, public relations executive, author, and advocate for health care and insurance reform, recently received a UT Accomplished Alumni award. Read more
### CCI Benefits from Two Estate Gifts

The College of Communication and Information has received two estate gifts. The estates of Tutt Bradford and Eugene and Sammie Lynn Puett have provided much needed funds through their generous estate planning. [Read more](#).

### CCI 2013 Faculty Awards

The 2013 CCI Faculty Awards have been announced and will be presented at the upcoming CCI Awards & Scholarship Donor Appreciation Banquet on Nov. 8. [Read more.](#)

### Changing Lives through Study Abroad

Five College of Communication and Information study abroad classes made trips to England, Cyprus, France, Italy and Belgium during this past summer. These faculty-led study abroad courses are designed to provide CCI students with transformational learning experiences. As one student expressed, "My time in Cyprus forced me to re-evaluate what I think about the world." [Read more](#)

### Dean Wirth Serves as Honorary UT Football Coach

Dean Mike Wirth was selected as one of two honorary coaches for the UT vs. Western Kentucky football game. His duties began on the Thursday before the game when he sat in on the quarterbacks meeting, toured the football training facilities and the Thornton Center, attended practice and met with UT Coach Butch Jones. [Read more](#)

### Big Data Experiences for CCI Students

An increasing number of news stories highlight the challenges and potential abuses associated with the collection and use of "Big Data." The exact issues surrounding Big Data include but are not limited to: ethics, literacy, disclosure, confidentiality, security and responsibility. [Read more](#)

### You Can Impact CCI's Big Ideas

Crowdfunding has become increasingly popular with the rise of social media. In general terms, crowdfunding uses electronic media to communicate the needs of individuals or groups and allows interested people or organizations to fill those needs. The University of Tennessee’s Alumni Association has launched a new initiative to offer alumni and
friends the opportunity to contribute to creative ideas and solutions on a smaller, more intimate scale. The new crowdsourcing program is called Impact Big Ideas. Read more

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Alumni News: Eaker, Littleton, Leek, Ponnappa, Christensen
Read the latest achievements of five CCI alumni: Chris Eaker, Dean Littleton, Wallene Leek, Suresh Ponnappa and Abbigail Christensen. Read more

Faculty News: Gross, Pettigrew
Read the latest news about JEM Professor and Director Peter Gross, and CS Assistant Professor Jonathan Pettigrew. Read more