Connecting Veterans with Jobs

A new website aims to connect veterans and reservists with jobs at Rochester. The site helps job applicants with military experience and knowledge to find positions at the University that match well with their qualifications. It builds on support services offered throughout the University designed to ease the transition from active service to employment or degree programs. Among them are the Veterans Alliance—an affinity group that helps active military and veteran students, staff, faculty, alumni, and their families succeed in higher education—and the Veteran and Military Family Services Office, which supports veterans as they transition from military life to the classroom.

Visit the new site at Universityofrochester-veterans.jobs.

University Launches Antiracism Campaign

A new antiracism campaign, “We’re Better Than That,” was launched this spring as part of a larger effort to address issues of race and diversity at the University. The catalyst for the campaign came last November, when about 150 students and supporters marched peacefully across campus to protest racism at the University. And in March, about 1,000 people came to a launch event in March at Strong Memorial Hospital. The campaign’s goal is to make Rochester a better place to live for everyone, and the University a place where people who look different can feel welcome.

For more information, visit Rochester.edu/better-than-that.

Top Marks for Health Care Equality

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation—the educational arm of the nation’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization—has recognized UMR Medicine’s Strong Memorial and F. F. Thompson Hospitals as “Leaders in LGBT health care equality.” The foundation annually surveys health care organizations across the country about their inclusive policies and practices related to LGBT patients, visitors, and health care employees. Both Strong and Thompson earned top marks in meeting nondiscrimination and training criteria, demonstrating a high commitment to providing equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families.

Talking Strategy at Simon

The 16th annual Strategy and the Business Environment Conference was held at the Simon Business School in April. The conference, which has been held at Harvard, Stanford, and the Kellogg School of Management in recent years, featured papers from multiple disciplines, on topics including political risk, corporate governance, corporate social performance, activism, and regulation.

Apple Taps Parkinson App

An iPhone app developed by Sage Bionetworks and Medical Center neurologists to improve the study of Parkinson’s disease was highlighted by Apple during the company’s semiannual product launch event in March. The mPower app, first unveiled in March 2015 during Apple’s “Spring Forward” product launch, gathers real-time data from patients to more fully understand Parkinson’s and how it affects daily life. The app also allows patients to track symptoms and how treatments are affecting the progression of the disease. With more than 12,000 registered users, it represents one of the largest studies of the disease.