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WELCOME TO 2020

a message from Dean Renée Cheng

Hello,

Happy February 2020. It's both hard to believe January is already over and that 2020 is only one month old. In spite of a challenging global context, CBE's academic mission is off to a great start.

- Congratulations to [Vikram Prakash](#) who received the [Distinguished Professor Award from the ACSA](#), which is only awarded to a very select few
- Congratulations to [Kate Simonen](#) who was selected as one of [Engineering News Record's Top 25 Newsmakers of the Year](#)
- Congratulations [Neile Graham](#) on publishing her fourth book of poetry



I am thrilled at the achievements of our amazing staff and faculty. If you have news you want to get out about the College, please use our handy [Communications Project Request Form](#) found on the Intranet.

As we move forward into 2020, I plan to bring you bi-quarterly newsletter like this one. In it I hope to provide you with CBE wide news and resources, such as:

- Our college wide strategic planning process
- Upcoming events
- Student, faculty and staff stories

UW has been welcoming many new deans recently and one of the ways we are supported is with some startup funds. The two favorite investments of my funds are the Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) training and the [award-winning Spun Chairs](#) designed by Thomas Heatherwick. These chairs transform Gould Court visually and inspire a wide variety of social uses. I love how they invite play and I trust you to use them responsibly!

I hope to see you at the [Out/ In/ Front Opening Reception today, Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Gould Court](#). The exhibit is used to inspire students and professionals by exposing them to various ideas, mediums, spaces and artistic visions of landscape architects, landscape architecture and our built environments.

Happy 2020 College of Built Environments. I hope you all have a wonderful year ahead, and of course, let me know how I can help make sure it is a banner year for CBE.

- Renže

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