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Josh Simpson, Terrence McNally, and Other Alumni in the News

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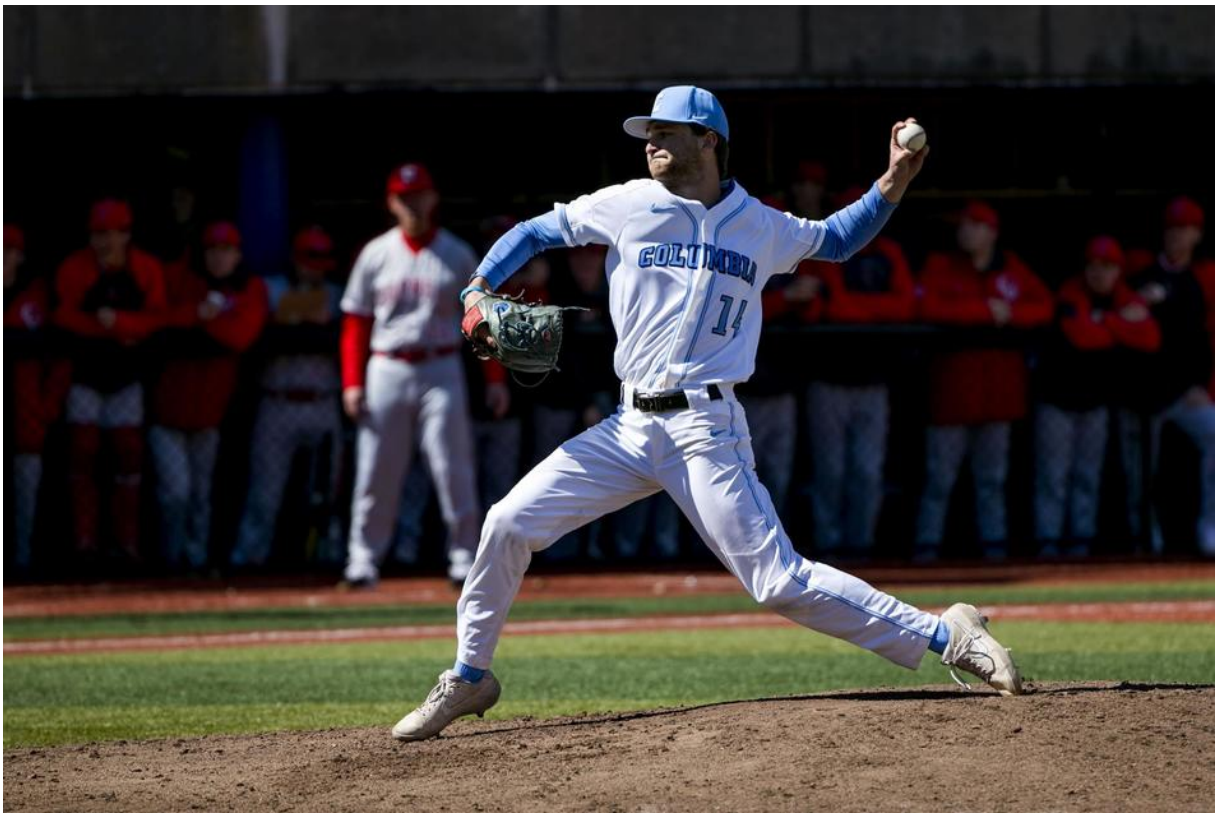

Josh Simpson. Photo: Columbia University Athletics

Josh Simpson ’19CC was selected by the Miami Marlins in the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft. Simpson, a left-handed pitcher, is the first Lion to be drafted since 2016.

Henry Buchwald ’54CC, ’57PS received the Jacobson Innovation Award from the American College of Surgeons for his pioneering work in the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery. Buchwald, eighty-seven, still practices medicine and conducts research at the University of Minnesota.

Terrence McNally ’60CC won a lifetime-achievement award at this year’s Tony Awards. McNally is a playwright, librettist, and screenwriter who has won four other Tonys over the course of his career. At this year’s ceremony, director **Rachel Chavkin ’08SOA** also won for best direction of a musical.

Washington Post Global Opinions editor **Karen Attiah ’12SIPA** was named 2019 journalist of the year by the National Association of Black Journalists. The group recognized Attiah for, among other things, turning the murder of her colleague and friend Jamal Khashoggi into an opportunity to bring greater attention to the issue of press freedom around the world.

Ann Kim ’95CC won the 2019 James Beard Award for best chef in the Midwest. Kim is the owner of the Minneapolis restaurants Young Joni, Pizzeria Lola, and Hello Pizza and is known for blending flavors from her native Korea with classic Italian dishes.

The *Nation* magazine has named **D. D. Guttenplan ’78CC** as its next editor in chief. Founded in 1865, the *Nation* is America’s oldest continuously published weekly magazine. Before the appointment, Guttenplan was the magazine’s London correspondent.

Alicia Graf Mack ’03GS was appointed director of the dance program at the Juilliard School. Mack is a former lead dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Dance Theatre of Harlem. She is Juilliard’s first Black dance director.



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