When the School of Medicine's *a cappella* group, PalPITTations, was invited to sing the national anthem at the Association of American Medical Colleges annual meeting in November, the group also put together something special for an alumni gathering at the same meeting. The lyricists reworked Pitt's alma mater so it would be more to their liking. Some choice lines:

*Dear old Pittsburgh, Alma Mater, God preserve thee evermore*
*All our academic rivals may believe that they're the best*
*Please allow us to convince you why Pittsburgh can beat the rest*
*Once we hit the clinics it's a given that we shall excel*
*We can diagnose it all because we talked about it in a PBL*

*We're proud of our WISER center, home to artificial lives*
*We use mannequins to practice putting in our central lines*
*There we don't see real patients, but we're pretty sure we know*
*How to treat a heart attack if it happens in a robot like C-3PO*