Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18
As I wrote last month, I am beginning a project in which I interview various seniors on campus about their four years here at Luther. The first senior I spoke with is Greta Schmitt. Greta is from Orono, Minnesota and will graduate with majors in psychology and German. She participates in Ultimate Frisbee and Nordic Choir, and is on the executive board of Dance Marathon.

What has been your favorite part of Luther (or college in general)? My favorite thing about Luther has been the number of unexpected experiences I’ve had. I’ve met incredible friends who I will have with me for the rest of my life, I’ve enjoyed the caliber of music we are able to create in choir, and I’ve gained an appreciation for many different academic disciplines and been able to be a flexible student. Read more.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month’s Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.

Message from Corey Landstrom
Vice President and Dean for Student Life
Happy February! What a change this weekend has brought in regard to temperature; I wore shorts out to dinner on Friday night. While it's nice to for it to be warm, the broader implications of the changing climate are nonetheless concerning. With the warmer weather, the snow has mostly melted and the increased amount of daylight has provided a strong indication that spring is on the way.

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**Luther News**

**Luther hosted a conversation with Charles Burnett**

Acclaimed film director Charles Burnett joined Novian Whitsitt, Luther College professor of Africana studies and English, for a conversation on African Americans in cinema on Thursday, Feb. 16. Part of Luther's observation of Black History Month, Burnett and Whitsitt's conversation focused on Burnett's award-winning documentary, "Nat Turner: A Troublesome Property," and the new Nate Parker fictional film on the same subject, "Birth of a Nation."

**Two Luther students selected for Lanesboro Arts Emerging Artist Exhibit**

The art of Luther College sophomores Ryan Koning and Joseph Cowan has been selected to be featured in Lanesboro Arts’ annual Emerging Artist Exhibition. Selected by a jury process, the exhibit features portraits by Koning and still-lifes by Cowan. The show opens with an artist reception at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, and the exhibition runs through March 19.

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**Spotlight On:**

**Focus**

Focus is Luther College's student-led, Christian, non-denominational Sunday night worship service. Focus strives to be an open community of faith where all are welcome. Come praise, love, and worship God however you feel comfortable, and share in music, drama, and prayer, and hear a variety of speakers who share God's good news!

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**Luther Events Calendar**

**G Yamazawa**

Friday, February 24, 2017
9 p.m.
Home

**Ethnic Arts Festival**

Saturday, February 25, 2017
1 p.m.
CFA and CFL
Theatre Performance: *The Nether* by Jennifer Haley
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
8 p.m.
Center for the Arts: Jewel Theatre

See all events

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**All Thing$ Financial**

- Continuing-student enrollment deposits of $325 are due to the Office for Financial Services on, or before, April 1, 2017. Continuing students cannot register for Fall 2017 classes until the deposit is paid.
- Please remember to file the 2017-18 FAFSA online at [https://fafsa.gov/](https://fafsa.gov/). The FAFSA deadline for continuing students in 2017-18 is March 15, 2017.
- Please visit our web page for information on many outside scholarships that may pertain to your student(s).
- Reminder slips were sent to students who reported outside agency scholarships to us earlier in the year, if we have not yet received payment from the agency.
- Please encourage your student(s) to start looking for a work study job for next fall. Continuing students are required to have their job secured before May 15.
- The Financial Aid Office has sent missing document emails to students, outlining the documents they need to remit in order for us to process a financial aid award for 2017-18.

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