Note from the editor

Emma Deignan '18

Parents, if you're interested in seeing evidence of the impact this college community has on its students, look to Luther alumni. Another successful homecoming weekend happened here a couple of weeks ago, and the alumni turnout was great. The number of alumni who choose to come back and show their support of Luther never ceases to amaze me. I have a personal example to share: This year I spent part of my fall break in Decorah to celebrate the wedding of my brother and his fiancée, both members of the class of 2014. It was a very special experience, because alumni flocked to Decorah as if it were homecoming! Friends and professors of the couple flew and drove back to their Luther home to celebrate love and the time they spent here. Luther fosters tight bonds, and experiences like homecoming and "Luther weddings" are great examples of that. Alumni come back because the community is real and special, even after graduating. I feel blessed to be a part of such a strong and vibrant community.

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

We just finished fall break, and hopefully students were able to get a break—physically, emotionally, or both—if even for just a littlewhile. An academic semester and all that comes with it can be an intense time for students. Utilizing with intention the built-in break points...
during a semester can better help students to achieve optimal personal well-being. It is a challenge, but one that is doable.

**Spotlight On:**

**Student Senate**

Student Senate is the primary means for students’ participation in the governance of the Luther College community. Our mission is to serve Luther students and student organizations by providing them with resources to achieve their goals, and to connect faith with learning and service with responsibility. Student Senate is Luther College's student government organization. Senate consists of 27 student representatives elected each spring, with the addition of 3 first-year representatives elected in the fall.

**Luther News**

**Luther College presented ‘Twelfth Night’**

Luther's Visual and Performing Arts Department presented William Shakespeare's “Twelfth Night,” Oct. 6-8, in the Jewel Theatre in Luther’s Center for the Arts. A contemporary take on this timeless show, Luther's production featured live music and two casts, male and female, playfully exploring gender performance.

**Neuroscience approved as newest major at Luther College**

Neuroscience is currently the fastest growing area in basic scientific research and, in terms of number of publications, ranks alongside the disciplines of physics, chemistry, economics, law, molecular biology, and medicine. In September, Luther College's Board of Regents unanimously approved neuroscience as the newest major in the college's curriculum.

**Luther Events Calendar**

**Women’s and Men’s Swimming and Diving - University of St. Thomas**
Saturday, October 29, 2016
1 p.m.
Home

**Jazz Orchestra Concert**
Sunday, November 6, 2016
4 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

**Wrestling - Luther Open**
Saturday, November 12, 2016
Registration holds have been applied for any student with an outstanding balance or missing financial aid documents. Encourage your students to check their web statement of account and missing documents on my.luther.edu.

Encourage your student to check out the GradReady website at Luther.GradReady.com. This money saving, student loan information site has great videos, tools, and resources to help your student get real-world ready.

J-Term Study Abroad final payments are due on December 1. Remind your student to watch for a notification from the course they will be involved in.

The Financial Aid Office is currently awarding endowed scholarships. In most cases, these scholarships do not increase a student's overall financial aid support; it is simply replacing a portion of the student's Luther grant by identifying the actual source of the funding in the financial aid package. Current levels of scholarship and grant assistance would not be possible without the generous support of donors.

Starting October 1, students and parents may complete the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Tax data for the 2017-18 FAFSA will be from the 2015 tax year.