Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18
This year I was privileged to be part of Luther’s "Blue Crew," also known as the orientation staff. There are many perks to being a Blue Crew member: moving in early, seeing my best friend sooner, and hanging out with an amazing group of people. Even though those were all major incentives for me to apply, I now realize those were not the best parts of my experience. During orientation week I played "Norseopoly" with some awesome international students; I got to shake the hands of every first-year student alongside President Carlson at the social hour; and I helped move in hundreds of excited new students. I felt like I was a part of the huge life moment that is college move-in and, most importantly, I had the chance to share my love of Luther with the newest members of our family.
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
This weekend, September 16-18, is Family Weekend at LutherCollege. For students, this
is a welcome opportunity to spend time with family, perhaps including a meal off campus. It also provides students an opportunity to share their experiences with parents. First-year students will have had powerful experiences even in their short time here, and returning students may find this an opportunity to share their local discoveries such as the Farmers Market, local art studios, and the many options for hiking (Malanaphy Springs anyone?).

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Spotlight On:

Greek Life

Greek life is a great way for students to become more involved in the Luther community. It allows students to

- have a positive impact on local communities by volunteering and fund-raising,
- develop communication and leadership skills by serving in the student-led executive boards, and
- create lasting friendships and memories.

Six Greek groups exist on campus, all student-led with assistance from a faculty adviser. Within each group, members are elected by their peers to serve on an executive board that works together to make the sorority or fraternity successful and enjoyable. In addition, members of each Greek group are chosen to serve on the Inter-Greek Council, which unites all Greek life and directly affects the Luther community by planning campus Greek events. Read more

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Center Stage Series: Reduced Shakespeare Company performed 'The Complete History of America (abridged)' at Luther

One of London's longest-running comedies brought a new take on American history to the other side of the pond in "The Complete History of America (abridged)." The show is performed by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, a three-man comedy troupe that takes long, serious subjects and abridges them to short, sharp comedies. The show features a variety of short skits that spoof pivotal moments throughout 600 years of American history, all in 6,000 seconds. Read More

'Behind Happy Faces'

Ross Szabo, award winning mental health speaker and author, gave the presentation "Behind Happy Faces-Talking About Mental Health," on Tuesday, Sept. 13, on the Luther College campus. A strong advocate for mental health, Szabo's hope is to inspire students to evaluate and improve their own mental health. Read More

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Luther Events Calendar

Men's Soccer - Macalester
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Luther Writers Festival Keynote Presentation: Erik Larson, Luther Distinguished Lecture
Friday, September 23, 2016
7:30 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

Football - University of Dubuque
Saturday, September 24, 2016
1 p.m.
Home

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All Thing$ Financial

- Information regarding two major changes to the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was sent via email recently to underclassmen who filed a FAFSA for the 2016-17 year. The changes include being able to file the FAFSA for 2017-18 in October and utilizing tax data from a different tax year.

- Registration holds will be applied in October for any student with an outstanding balance or missing Financial Aid documents. Encourage your student to check their web statement of account and missing documents on my.luther.edu. Students were sent email notification on September 13 if they had missing documents.

- J-Term Study Away payments are due in three installments: September 15, October 15, and the final on December 1.

- Students with an outstanding balance due for Fall semester or a J-Term Study Away need to secure a Federal PLUS or private loan now if they have not done so already.

- If this is the first time your student will be working on the Luther campus, please make sure they bring ORIGINAL documents to fill out the Federal I-9 form. You may go to the finaid.luther.edu website and to the forms page to see a list of acceptable documents.