Luther Summer Grounds Crew

Luther Events Calendar

September 1: Luther Soccer at St. Olaf
The Luther College women's and men's soccer teams will play at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. The games start at 1 p.m. for women and 3 p.m. for men.

September 3: Opening Convocation - Cristina Henríquez
Luther College's Opening Convocation Speaker, Cristina Henríquez, will speak about identity and address common narratives about immigration. Henríquez is the author of The Book of Unknown Americans, one of the New York Times' Notable Books of

Note from the editor

Anna Madrigal '17
Changes abound at Luther College! In preparation for students to arrive, the campus has been transformed over the summer—new faculty and staff are settling in, the installation of solar panels on the roof of Preus Library is finishing up, and library lawn is beginning to resemble a green oasis, courtesy of the summer grounds crew. Perhaps the biggest change of all will be faced by the class of 2019 as they soon move in and adjust to life at Luther. But if their experience is anything like mine, it will be chock-full of incredible friends and memories!

There's one more change. To make our newsletter easier to read on your mobile-device, the Parent Newsletter will get a new look next month! We will deliver the same content, just in a new format.

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September 12: Science Exploration Day & Environmental Studies Visit Day
These two events are designed for students with interest in biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental studies, mathematics, nursing, physics, or psychology. The day will include opportunities to interact with professors and students, and hands-on experiences in many of our science-related fields, including environmental studies.

See full events calendar

Caf to Community Food Donation

Career Center Update
Look for more updates from the Career Center at the start of the fall semester.

To learn more about the services offered, visit the Career Center’s website.

Message from Corey Landstrom, vice president and dean for student life
Thirty years ago at about this time, I was preparing to begin my first year of college. I was the first in my family to attend a four-year institution, and while I was intellectually curious, I had no basis to fully understand what I was about to experience. Some of my high school friends were heading off to places like St. Olaf, Carleton, Carnegie Mellon, and Case Western, but I was staying put. I had decided to attend college in my hometown of Duluth, Minnesota, after strong consideration of Gustavus Adolphus College. I attended the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD) and lived at home. Gustavus and UMD were the only schools to which I applied-a narrow search compared to what some students do today. Some of my closest friends also applied to few schools and chose to stay home and attend UMD. Our social network remained mostly the same as we transitioned from high school to college. We hung out together during breaks in our schedule, car-pooled, and socialized together. READ MORE...

Spotlight On: Student Activities Council
The Student Activities Council (SAC) is dedicated to enriching life on the Luther College campus by providing quality programming to students and the Decorah community. SAC’s various committees encourage student input and participation in planning musical performances, cultural cooking classes, comedy, leadership and motivational speakers, movies, and a variety of other alcohol-free events. Through SAC, students will develop leadership, program management, social responsibility, and interpersonal skills. Since our funds come from student money, SAC makes it a priority to organize events both appealing to students and diverse in nature.

Multimedia Feature
Summer Research - Composing Music
Composer-in-residence Brooke Joyce guides student composer Pablo Estevez Gomez in writing a piano suite to accompany a children’s story.

Luther College welcomes Nebraska Wesleyan to Iowa Conference
Luther College is pleased to welcome Nebraska Wesleyan University to the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, as the conference expands to nine member institutions. In a press conference Monday, July 20, IIAC officials announced that Nebraska Wesleyan University accepted an invitation to join the conference beginning the 2016-17 academic year.

Luther senior develops program to turn unused dining dollars into food
Luther senior Blaise Schaeffer offered fellow Luther students an alternative to losing their end-of-the-year surplus meal money by pairing Luther’s Dining Services with Decorah First Lutheran Church Food Pantry. The Decorah High School graduate worked on a “Change Project” for his work with Launching Luther Leaders to help get that leftover money turned into food for those who need it.

Minnesota Public Radio highlights the life of Weston Noble '43
Weston Noble, Luther College class of 1943, and 57-year faculty member and conductor at Luther, is the subject of an article and audio segments on Classical MPR.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month’s Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.
The Financial Aid Office will be open on Saturday, August 29th, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for New Student Move-In.

Remind your students to give you financial access to their my.luther.edu account. On this site you can view your student's financial aid award, check for missing documents, and see any balance due.

Please ask your students if they have turned in all of their financial aid documents for the upcoming year. If your student receives an email from our office asking them to review the "My Documents" section of my.luther.edu, it means that we still need at least one form.

To avoid additional late fees, remember that you can still apply for federal parent or private student loans. Please ask the Financial Aid Office for assistance. You can also fill out the Work Credit Plan to apply student work earnings to tuition or set up a monthly payment plan with the Office for Financial Services.

If this is the first time your student will be working on Luther's 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.