Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18

When I think back to my first ROAD day, all I can do is smile. I remember walking around the campus and finding it easy to imagine my first year as a college student. I was greeted by friendly upperclassmen. I met fellow future Norse and felt right at home. Each summer, ROAD introduces future Norse to life at Luther. As I begin my junior year, I can't help but notice how the time has flown since my ROAD day. I'm very excited to see how this third year works out for me and the year unfolds for our new students!

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

I have been blessed and privileged to work with some great colleagues across the four colleges where I worked prior to Luther. As my career has progressed over the past 23 years, I’ve been seeing the collective wisdom of bright, seasoned, and committed educators appear in written form. As the new academic year nears, we often see news stories, opinion pieces, and other contributions about the college experience, the first year of college, the liberal arts, leaving home, etc. Some of these dispense good information and are worth engaging. I’d like to tell you about three former colleagues who are writing about their experiences and expressing their care for students (at their own institution or the population at large).
**Spotlight On:**

**SAC**

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.

**Luther News**

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation grants Luther College $300,000**

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has granted Luther College’s Center for Sustainable Communities $300,000 to be used over the next two years to provide support to early childhood care environments in northeast Iowa.

**Luther hosts event for Chargepoint electrical vehicle charging station**

In May 2016, Luther College installed a Chargepoint Electric Vehicle Charging Station behind the F.W. Olin Building. Luther hosted Chris Schneider, president of Honda Motorwerks of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Friday, Aug. 12, and discussed the benefits and environmental impact of having a charging station on campus.

**Luther Events Calendar**

**Opening Convocation: Karen Joy Fowler**

Thursday, September 1, 2016

Center For Faith and Life

**SAC Showcase: ComedySportz!**

Friday, September 2, 2016

Center for Faith and Life

**Football: UW-La Crosse**

Saturday, September 3, 2016

1 p.m.

Home
The Financial Aid Office will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27 for new student move-in.

Remind your student to give you financial access to his or her 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.

New Luther students will need to participate in a mandatory financial aid session offered on Tuesday, August 30, in the CFL Recital Hall. Times are listed in the New Student Orientation 2016 booklet.

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

Checks for outside scholarships must be brought to the Financial Aid Office so that they can be credited to the student's account.

Students working on the Luther campus for the first time must 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.