February 28: BTQ Talent Show
The annual BTQ Talent Show, sponsored by Luther College’s Diversity Center and the Beta Theta Omega (BTQ), a women’s leadership and service group, will feature student talent at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus. The show will feature vocal and instrumental music, dance, and poetry.

March 5: Oneota Film Festival
The 2015 Oneota Film Festival is March 6-8 on the Luther College campus and downtown Decorah. The festival films will be shown in Valders Hall of Science, Room 206. Attendance at all festival films is free of charge. Since its 2010 inception, OFF (oneotafilmfestival.org) has brought together hundreds of film enthusiasts in scenic Northeast Iowa to enjoy award-winning films.

Note from the editor
Rachel Brummond ’15
After a fabulous January, both abroad and closer to home, Luther has welcomed students back for their spring semester. For first-years, it’s a time to build on the skills they learned during the first half of the year. For seniors, it’s a bittersweet time—exciting, fun, and a little scary. February brought some great events to campus, including a ballet and the Vagina Monologues. This month’s parent newsletter highlights many of these great events and news pieces. We have also added a financial piece to keep you informed about important financial dates and information. Check out All Thing$ Financial, and let us know what you think! As always, 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
Midsummer Night’s Dream Ballet
Happy February! What a change from last year in regard to temperature. Far fewer excessively cold days have been a blessing for many. The Luther squirrels seem particularly pleased with the change in weather. Last month, we presented Super Strengths Saturday, a mini-conference targeted to first-year students, which I wrote about in the previous month’s newsletter. Our guest speaker commented during his remarks about the Luther squirrels and a standoff he had with one on a sidewalk. He touched a chord with students and good-naturedly used information he learned during his preparations for his visit. On a more serious note, he commented how impressed he was with the opportunities students have at Luther. He urged them to be the “architects of their experience” and to take full advantage of all that Luther has to offer. READ MORE

**Spotlight On: KWLC**

KWLC is one of the oldest continuously operating college radio stations in the country, signing on December 18, 1926, when then-president of Luther Oscar L. Olson read the Gettysburg Address. **KWLC now broadcasts seven days a week** as a time-share station, sharing our frequency and hours with local commercial station KDEC-AM. Programming reflects the larger mission of the college, providing music and information programs dedicated to promoting the liberal arts. From jazz to rock to world to classical music, from sports to religious worship services to all-college events, KWLC serves a variety of audiences on campus, in Decorah, and beyond. Give them a listen!

**Multimedia Feature**

**The Things We Do: What Luther Students are Involved In**

In this great video Moran Lonning goes around interviewing students to see what kind of activities they are involved in. Take a peek at her quirky interview style and our students’ reactions. Subscribe to Luther College Visual Media on YouTube to see more great video pieces.

**Career Center Update**

**February 26: ELCA Summer Camp Fair**

**March 5: Spring Career Fair**

**March 10: Considering Graduate School**

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

**Luther College named top producer of U.S. Fulbright students**

Luther College has been named among the top schools in the United States for number of students granted a Fulbright award. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs recently announced the U.S. colleges and universities that produced the most 2014-2015 Fulbright U.S. students, and the list was highlighted in "The Chronicle of Higher Education." The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program.

"'Garden Hackers, Rogue Biologists, and Agricultural Anarchists'"

Tim Johnson, Seed Savers seed bank manager, discussed the biology of seeds, seed storage, a brief history of agriculture, and the cultural practice of seed saving as the first step toward agriculture in the lecture "Garden Hackers, Rogue Biologists, and Agricultural Anarchists: The Biodiversity and Culture of Seed Saving."

Johnson grew up daydreaming about working in conservation like his grandfather, canoeing in the Boundary Waters and fly-fishing. He joined the Seed Savers Exchange Preservation team in 2012. He has researched the seed physiology and breeding systems of threatened native orchid species and taught courses on plant conservation and plant micropropagation.

**Luther College V-Day presented benefit performances**

One of every three women in the world will be physically or sexually abused in her lifetime, according to information from the United Nations.

To raise money and awareness to stop violence against women and girls, 23 Luther students presented three benefit performances of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" Feb. 13-15. The performances included heartwarming, funny, poignant, and, at times, heartbreaking stories of women across the globe.

**All Thing$ Financial**

The Financial Aid Office and Office for Financial Services are excited to be able to offer a monthly column in the Parent Newsletter. The information we will provide has already been shared with your students and this is our opportunity to keep
Our priority FAFSA filing deadline for continuing students is March 15. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.gov.

We sent reminders to students on February 16 if they had reported an outside agency scholarship to us earlier this year and we have not yet received the funds.

Students who claimed exempt status on their 2014 Federal or State W-4 forms were sent email reminders on February 12 to complete new W-4's by March 1 if they wish to continue the exempt status. Those not completing new W-4's will have their exemptions changed to zero.

Enrollment deposits of $300 are due to the Office for Financial Services by April 1st. These must be paid before a student can register for Fall 2015.

Outstanding account balances must be paid before students can register for upcoming semesters. Please visit with the Financial Aid Office now if a student or parent loan is needed, as some loans can take 4 to 6 weeks to process.