Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18

Thank goodness Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow! I think I can safely say most of the students around campus are ready for spring. Don’t get me wrong, great things happen during the winter but there is so much to look forward to in the spring—especially the melting of snow and first sight of grass! The spring semester is in full swing: students are figuring out their new class schedules, looking forward to Panic! At the Disco coming to campus in April, and counting down the days until spring break! As with every beginning of a semester, there are challenges. I notice many students rushing to figure out summer plans, such as working at home, finding internships, or choosing study abroad options. The spring brings its challenges but promises so much excitement. Keep your student and the campus in your thoughts during this crazy time of transition and growth!

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

Over the past several months, Iowans experienced a wave of advertisements, phone calls, canvassers (I was one myself), and visits from political candidates. It is at times exhausting, but also invigorating and fulfilling. Democracy is intended to be messy and from
afar one could submit this presidential election season is exactly that. However, there is a risk in that conclusion. Underneath the surface lies the work of many volunteers who give of their time, gifts, and talents toward a candidate and positions they support.

For students who engage in the political process, the learning that can occur is profound. To be a student at Luther College during a presidential election season provides a close-up view of the democratic process that goes far deeper than simply casting a vote during an election; something I hope all students who are eligible to vote do. Their voice matters—a lot! Read more

Spotlight On:

Eklipse
Eklipse Hip-Hop Dance Team is a student-run group advised by Professor of Dance Jane Hawley. As a zany, fun, co-ed group, they choreograph and perform routines using a wide variety of genres, such as pop, rap, electronic, and dubstep. All members have a deep passion for dance, yet, many members have never danced before joining Eklipse. The members of Eklipse feel that dance is great way to exercise, socialize, and work toward something unrelated to academics. The group believes dance is important to live a healthy and meaningful life. Read more

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Hip-hop scholar Tricia Rose spoke on 'Making Black Lives Matter'
Luther College's Africana Studies department celebrated Black History Month with a visit by hip-hop scholar Tricia Rose, professor of Africana Studies and director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University. Rose delivered the lecture "Making Black Lives Matter" Thursday, Feb. 11. The lecture explored the contentious issues revealed by the Black Lives Matter movement and connected them to forms of structural racism within housing, criminal justice, education, wealth, and the media. Read More

Luther College hosted Wu Man and the Shanghai Quartet
Combining traditional and contemporary Chinese musical styles, Wu Man and the Shanghai Quartet performed as part of the Luther College Center Stage Series on Thursday, Feb. 18. A Grammy-nominated musician, Wu Man is recognized as the world's premier virtuoso of the pipa, a lute-like Chinese instrument with a history stretching back more than 2,000 years. She has premiered hundreds of new works for the pipa while spearheading projects to preserve and create awareness of China's musical traditions. Read More

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Luther Events Calendar

Center Stage Series: Celtic Nights
Thursday, February 25, 2016
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

Women's and Men's Track and Field Iowa Conference Indoor Championships
Friday, February 26-27, 2016
Storm Lake, Iowa
All Thing$ Financial

- Continuing student enrollment deposits of $300 are due to the Office for Financial Services on, or before, April 1, 2016. Continuing students cannot register for Fall 2016 classes until the deposit is paid.

- Please remember to file the 2016-17 FAFSA online at https://fafsa.gov. The FAFSA deadline for continuing students in 2016-17 is March 15, 2016.

- Please visit our web page for information on many outside scholarships that may pertain to your student(s).

- Reminder slips were sent to students who reported outside agency scholarships to us earlier in the year if we have not yet received payment from the agency.

- Please encourage your student(s) to start looking for a work study job for next fall. Continuing students are required to have their job secured before May 15.