Luther Events Calendar

August 3-7: Iowa Private College Week
The week of Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7 is designated as Iowa Private College Week (IPCW) in Iowa, so our campus will be open to prospective students each day for either a morning (9:00 a.m.) or afternoon (1:30 p.m.) session that includes an introduction to Luther, a tour of campus, an academic department meeting, and a complimentary lunch. For more information about the week go to https://www.luther.edu/admissions/iowa-private-college-week/.

August 13-23: Luther College Booth at the Iowa State Fair
Stop by the Luther College Booth at the 2015 Iowa State Fair!

See full events calendar

Note from the editor

Anna Madrigal ’17
For most students, summer means a much-needed break from the intellectual rigor demanded during the academic year. For others, summer means the chance to dive headfirst into a challenging, yet fascinating, collaborative research project on campus. Spending the summer in gorgeous Decorah, student researchers have the great opportunity to work side by side with faculty members, participating in projects that will not only be published, but are allowing them to gain invaluable experience.

While Luther has given me so things, I truly value the deep connections I am able to make with professors most and can probably find this no less true for those participating in summer research.

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
Summer is rolling on... I take a look at the calendar and realize some students will begin to arrive on campus in less than one month. While I look forward to students being back on campus I do think about what I wanted to accomplish this summer. Some things are checked off, some are in process, and some I am not sure will get done. Of course, the most significant needs will be addressed by the time students arrive, whether work related or at home.

While I am anticipating the arrival of students, as parents you are likely pondering your student's arrival or return to campus. Whether you are a parent of an incoming first-year student or are now a three-year veteran, I'd like you to consider some questions about this transition. [READ MORE...]

Student Senate
Student Senate is the primary means for students' participation in the governance of the Luther College community. Its mission is to serve Luther students and student organizations by providing them with resources to achieve their goals and to connect faith with learning and service with responsibility. The organization consists of 27 student representatives elected each spring, with the addition of 3 first-year representatives elected in the fall. Student Senate serves as a liaison between Luther students and the administration, speaking on behalf of the student body on a variety of issues and contributing to the ongoing conversation of how to make Luther a great place to be a student.

Luther College by Air
Set in the majestic Oneota Valley along the Upper Iowa river in northeast Iowa, Luther College is surrounded by some of the prettiest land in the world. Don't believe us? Then check this video out. Still don't believe us? Then come see it for yourself!

Luther News
Luther College's Ann Mansfield Receives Healthy Iowa Award
Gov. Terry E. Brandstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds presented the 2015 Visionary Leadership award to Ann Mansfield, R.N., M.S.N., and Luther's project coordinator for NE Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative, as part of the Healthy Iowa Awards at the "Taking Back Our Health" conference June 18.

Luther Physics
Professor Todd Pedlar receives $150,000 NSF research grant
Todd Pedlar, Ph.D., Luther College associate professor of physics, has received a $150,000 grant renewal from the National Science Foundation for his research in elementary particle physics. This is Pedlar's fourth consecutive three-year grant from the elementary particle physics subdivision of the Mathematics and Physical Sciences division of the NSF, and will support his work and the work of his research students at Luther to better understand the building blocks of the universe.

Luther College's Tanya Gertz selected to participate in Association of Performing Arts Presenters' Leadership Fellows Program
Luther College is pleased to announce that Tanya Gertz, Luther director of Campus Programming, has been selected as one of 25 participants in the first class of the Association of Performing Arts Presenters' Leadership Fellows Program, presented in partnership with the University of Southern California Arts Leadership Program. Participants were selected from a variety of arts organizations and colleges from across the United States and Malaysia.

All Thing$ Financial
- Payments are due on August 10th for the Fall 2015 semester. Please plan accordingly as August 10th is a Monday.
Families in need of either a federal parent loan (PLUS) or a private student loan for the upcoming academic year should apply for those loans as soon as possible, as it can take 3-4 weeks for some private loan certifications to be received in the Financial Aid Office. Loans for study-away experiences should be applied for separately from those meant to cover the academic year.

- Please remember that work study will only be reflected on the billing statement if a Work Credit Plan Application has been completed with the Office for Financial Services.

- 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.

- Uff-Da! 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 him or her to review the "My Documents" section of my.luther.edu, it means that we still need at least one form.

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