Growing up in a technological age, students are constantly bombarded by social media tweets, posts, and photos. Sometimes social media is a blessing and sometimes it's a curse. On March 10, it was a blessing! Luther's first-ever Giving Day, #luthergives16, was a day when the Luther family joined together in sharing social media posts, meeting donor challenges, and tuning in to a live-stream of student performances and professor and coach interviews at Marty's. I find it refreshing to see Luther use social media to help support the awesome things it provides for its students. All students are affected by the Annual Fund, which supports scholarships, academics, and living at Luther, so coming together as a community to help Luther help its students is a pretty special thing!

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month's Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.
March Madness with its push to the Final Four creates opportunities for shared experiences among friends, families, and colleagues, there is much more that goes on this month. As a hockey fan, I am always interested in the college hockey tournament that gets little attention but creates a similar level of energy for an admittedly smaller fan base.

In terms of athletics, we are in the crossover period of closing the winter sports season and opening the spring sports season. Luther teams and individuals had successes this past winter with Drew Van Anrooy claiming a national wrestling championship. Twenty-three Norse athletes were named to Iowa Intercollegiate Conference’s Academic All-American team. As I write, Clare Slagel is preparing to repeat as national champion in the 100mbackstroke at the NCAA III National Swimming and Diving Championships.

**Spotlight On:**

**Men's Ultimate Frisbee**
Luther Men’s Ultimate Frisbee includes two teams: Luther Ultimate Flying Disc Association (LUFDA), Luther’s nationally competitive A-team that competes in Division I, and Pound, Luther’s less intense, yet still ambitious B-team that competes in Division III. Together, we are a group of athletes who practice and train to compete at the highest level in this sport we love. Read more

**Women’s Ultimate Frisbee**
Luther Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Team is named Freya. In Norse mythology, Freya refers to the goddess of love, beauty, and war. Each fall and spring, our team attends tournaments in the Midwest, and across the country, to prepare ourselves for the USA Ultimate College Series, which takes place in April and May. Read more

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**Luther College presented 'A Night in the Planetarium' concert**
The Luther College Composition Studio presented "A Night in the Planetarium," a concert of new electronic music on March 9, in the Emil C. Miller Planetarium in the Valders Hall of Science on the Luther campus. The concert featured music by 12 student composers, all of whom are studying electronic music this semester with Brooke Joyce, Luther associate professor of music and composer-in-residence. All of the pieces were created for the particular acoustics of the planetarium. Read More

**Luther College invited community to annual Ethnic Arts Festival**
Luther College invited the Decorah community to the annual Ethnic Arts Festival Saturday, March 5, on the Luther campus. Hosted by the Diversity Center, the event began with a country fair in Williams Lounge on the first floor of Dahl Centennial Union. The fair, open to the public with no charge for admission, featured presentations, programs, and displays from more than 30 countries. International students and students who have traveled abroad shared their experiences so guests could tour the world without leaving the Union, getting their Luther passport stamped at the different country booths. Read More
Luther Events Calendar

**Concert Band Homecoming Concert**
Thursday, March 31, 2016
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

**Dance Marathon**
Saturday, April 2, 2016
Regents Center

**Baseball - Wartburg (1x7, 1x9)**
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
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**All Thing$ Financial**

- Students who owe the college an outstanding balance or documentation to finalize their financial aid for the current academic year will not be allowed to register for fall 2016 classes until these items are received.

- If you have not filed the FAFSA yet, please do so as soon as possible. Families who have not yet completed their 2015 taxes can file the FAFSA using estimated financial information. The FAFSA will allow you to correct these estimates once the taxes are completed.

- Continuing students must pay their $300 enrollment deposit before they can register for fall 2016 classes. The registration deposit is due April 1.

- During the week of spring break, the Financial Aid Office will send missing document emails to students outlining the documents that they need to remit for us to process a financial aid award for 2016-17.

- Continuing students who have submitted all the required documentation will receive an award letter email in mid-May outlining their financial aid for the 2016-17 academic year.