May 24: Luther College Commencement
On Sunday, May 24, Luther College will hold its annual commencement for graduating seniors. The event begins at 10 a.m. in Carlson Stadium and will have accompanying events for families of the participants.

More Summer Events to Come!

Note from the editor

Anna Madrigal ‘17
Summer is finally here! My name is Anna Madrigal and, as the new editor of the Parent Newsletter, I'll continue to keep you connected to the Luther community over these lazy summer months. I am an upcoming junior at Luther College, studying both economics and English, while playing for the Luther women's basketball team. Around here, students are departing in every direction to pursue amazing opportunities, and we are welcoming warm weather and new activity to campus. As I say goodbye to graduating colleagues, teammates, and friends, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to be part of a community that values these lasting connections. Please don't hesitate to encourage your student to thank those who have made a lasting impact on their college career!

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
Career Center Update

Look for more updates from the Career Center at the start of the fall semester.

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

Spotlight On: Luther College Jazz Orchestra

Whether they're swinging to the tunes of Duke Ellington and Count Basie, making a Brazilian samba come alive, or simply laying down a heavy funk groove, the musicians of the "Superband" (as director Dr. Juan Tony Guzmán calls the ensemble) are guaranteed to make any space alive with musical energy.

As one of Luther's four major touring ensembles, the Jazz Orchestra travels annually and tours abroad every four years-most recently in 2012 to Brazil, where it was featured in the "Festival No Improviso" in Curitiba and performed for packed audiences in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. The band also performed live on Brazilian national radio in 2008, and in 2004 and 2000 traveled to the Dominican Republic, sponsored by the Dominican Republic's President's Council of Culture and the National System of Youth Symphony Orchestras. The band will travel to Brazil again in 2016, this time to the northeastern region of the country.

Multimedia Feature

On The Job: A Glimpse of Luther College Work Study

Luther College offers a variety of work study opportunities to 100% of interested students. Like this video? Subscribe to Luther College Visual Media on YouTube to see more great video pieces.

Luther Spring Opera presented The Magic Flute

Imagine a fantastical realm ruled by an evil queen, populated by bird people and mystical animals, with a prince attempting to rescue a princess as the Luther College Music Department presented Mozart's The Magic Flute at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 8-9, in the Main Hall of the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus.

The Fear of Islam: An Introduction to
required documentation by the March 15 priority filing date began receiving email notifications on May 15 that their financial aid packages for 2015-16 are ready to view. This email directs students to my.luther.edu to view their financial aid awards for the 2015-16 academic year. Emails will be sent out on an ongoing basis after May 15, as award packages are completed.

- Students who need to submit documents in order to receive a financial aid package were notified of the missing documents via email on May 14.

- A Cost Estimate Worksheet for the 2015-16 year is available in the Forms section of finaid.luther.edu and can be used to determine remaining cost after financial aid is applied.

- Federal Student Aid discontinued use of the PIN number process on May 10. Students and parents will be prompted to create an FSA ID the next time they log on to a federal financial aid webpage to electronically sign documents or view information.

- Graduating seniors with student loans have received information about completing exit counseling for those loans. The counseling session informs borrowers of their rights and responsibilities and prepares them to enter repayment.

- The Financial Aid Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm during the summer, to answer your questions and process financial aid.

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Islamophobia in the West

Luther College’s Todd Green combats Islamophobia in his new book *The Fear of Islam: An Introduction to Islamophobia in the West*. The book, published May 1, is available through Fortress Press, Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and IndieBound.

In *The Fear of Islam*, Green surveys Islamophobia, the fear and prejudice of Islam and those who practice it, in the Western world.