Note from the editor

Emma Deignan '18

It's a special time of the year. For some students it's the culmination of a wonderful four years at Luther, for others it's the end of the first of four wonderful years here. Everyone is wrapping up and reflecting on the year—the new friendships gained and the old friendships strengthened. As I reflect on my own year, I can't help but smile. I have realized that this year was an incredible year of growth for many, including myself, and it is so hard to say goodbye. Luther has been my vehicle for change and, although I'm not ready to say goodbye to the people and places that have taught me so much about myself, I can be rest assured that this is not goodbye, it's see you later.

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

We are approaching the close of the 2015-16 academic year, and that means we are sending off the class of 2016 into the world. Godspeed! This class has contributed greatly to
the life of the college and will no doubt put their remarkable gifts, talents, and strengths to good use in the larger world. Whether they are heading off to their first job and beginning their career, planning for the start of graduate school, preparing to embark upon significant volunteer experiences, or discerning their next steps, our graduates make the world a better place. Read more

Spotlight On:

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 Juan Tony Guzmán calls the ensemble) are guaranteed to make any space come 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 will travel to Brazil again this summer, this time to the northeastern region. Read more

Luther News

Luther College’s Phoenix named Kuh Award winner
Luther College sophomore Iloria Phoenix of Pella, Iowa, was awarded the Kuh Family “Positively Luther” Award for the 2015-16 academic year. The award is given each year to a student whose character, leadership, and participation in co-curricular and other educationally purposeful activities enhance the quality of campus life. Read More

Filmmaker Alexandra Cousteau delivered Luther College’s 2016 Commencement address
Filmmaker, environmentalist and third-generation explorer Alexandra Cousteau shared insights gained from a lifetime of world travel and water advocacy during the Luther College Commencement address Sunday, May 22, in Decorah. Carrying on the family legacy of exploring and describing the natural world, Cousteau joined her parents on expeditions before she could walk. She has since traveled around the world, building her own legacy around water conservation and advocacy. Read More

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Luther Events Calendar

Senior Athlete Recognition Ceremony
Monday, May 23, 2016
Center for Faith and Life

Decorah Norse Athletic Association Benefit Golf Tournament
Monday, June 6, 2016
Oneota Golf and Country Club - Decorah, IA

Jazz Orchestra Brazil Tour Homecoming Concert: Minneapolis, MN
Thursday, June 16, 2016
Continuing students who have submitted all the required documentation by the March 15 priority filing date began receiving email notifications on May 9 that their financial aid package for 2016-17 is ready to view. This email directs students to my.luther.edu to view their financial aid awards for the 2016-17 academic year. Emails will be sent out on an ongoing basis 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 6.

A Cost Estimate Worksheet for the 2016-17 year is available in the Forms section of finaid.luther.edu and can be used to determine remaining cost after financial aid is applied.

Graduating seniors with student loans have received information about completing exit counseling for those loans. The counseling 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.