Note from the editor
Anna Madrigal ’17
This year, we welcome 655 new members to the Luther community, and I couldn’t be more excited for them. The class of 2019 has so much to look forward to—potential plans for the renovation of Main Building and the Regents Center are being reviewed, new academic programs and possibilities are being discussed by faculty members, and Luther alumni are continuing to report success and satisfaction post-graduation. Our community is thriving! To experience it for yourself, join us for Family Weekend, September 25-27. Check out the Schedule of Events to plan your vibrant weekend on campus.

We want to hear from you! In addition to any questions, comments, or concerns about this month’s Parent Newsletter, we’d love to receive your feedback about our new mobile-friendly layout! I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu with any remarks.

Message from Corey Landstrom
Vice President and Dean for Student Life

September arrived and so did our students. It is wonderful to see our beautiful campus now repopulated with students—both returning and new. The burst of energy that comes with students here is palpable, and we are seeing many of the early fruits of their commitments. We see success on the athletic fields, music coming to life in ensembles and practice rooms, class and senior projects under way, and more. Our students are building or deepening their personal and social networks and meeting new faculty and staff along the way. As the third week of the semester is beginning, I want to illuminate another consequence of students’ return: stress and anxiety. Read more
Spotlight On:

**The Luther Football Team - Thrivent Action Team for an Afternoon**
The Luther College football team collectively donated over 400 hours of community service to non-profit organizations in the Decorah community on Monday, Aug. 24. Head coach Aaron Hafner, his staff, and the football team, divided into five groups and provided much-needed work for Decorah Parks & Recreation, Aase Haugen Senior Services, the Humane Society of Northeast Iowa, Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. [Read more](#)

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**Luther News**

**President Carlson's 2015 State of the College address**
President Paula Carlson gave her State of the College address to the Luther community Thursday, Aug. 27, in the Center for Faith and Life Main Hall. [Read on](#) as she welcomes new members of the community and discusses enrollment, hiring, student outcomes, outreach and gifts, the year ahead, community, academic excellence and innovation, campus, and stewardship and sustainability.

**Luther College awarded $1.5 million federal TRIO grant**
The grant allows Luther to continue to enhance the TRIO program, which currently serves 185 students, including nearly 60 students entering Luther this fall. [Read more](#)

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**Luther Events Calendar**

**Volleyball - Simpson College**
Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
**Location:** Home

**Family Weekend**
Every day from September 25, 2015 to September 27, 2015.

**Homecoming**
Every day from October 16, 2015 to October 18, 2015.

[See all events](#)

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**All Thing$ Financial**

- Remind your student to give you financial access to their my.luther.edu account. On this site you can view your student’s financial aid award, check for missing documents, and see any balance due.

- Registration holds will be applied in October for any student with an outstanding balance or missing Financial Aid documents. Encourage your student to check the
- Encourage your student to check out the Grad Ready website at Luther.GradReady.com. This student loan information site has great videos, tools, and resources to help your student get real-world ready.

- J-term study abroad payments are due in three installments: September 15, October 15, and the final on December 1.

- If this is the first time your student will be working on the Luther campus, please make sure he or she brings *original* documents to fill out the Federal I-9 form. You may go to the finaid.luther.edu website and to the forms page to see a list of acceptable documents.