A younger demographic of student is spending time on campus over the summer through Luther's Discovery Camp program.

**ACADEMICS AT LUTHER**

**Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccination Program**

Luther’s Covid Response Team has determined what steps are necessary to return campus operations to normal for the coming academic year. Luther College will move to Alert Level 0: Blue (Normal) and remove mandates for face masks and physical distancing when no COVID-19 Indicators are activated AND 70% of the students, faculty, and staff scheduled to be on campus in the fall have voluntarily provided proof of vaccination for COVID-19. Individuals are requested to voluntarily submit vaccination information by August 1 in order to allow ample time for classroom operations on campus to be adjusted.

Students who voluntarily submit proof of vaccination by August 1 will be entered into a drawing for free textbooks for either the fall or spring semester.

For more information, including instructions on how students can submit their proof of vaccination, visit the Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccination Program page on the Being Community website.

**Spring 2021 Dean's List**

Luther College's Spring 2021 Dean's List includes 738 students: 64 first-years, 167 sophomores, 169 juniors and 338 seniors.
To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and must complete at least 12 credit hours with 10 hours of conventional grades (A, B, C, D). Read more.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Proactively Promoting a Safer Campus Culture

Luther continually works toward finding a solution for one of society’s largest issues, sexual misconduct. In response, Wellness, Student Life, and the Title IX office are excited to announce Luther College has partnered with a non-profit organization called Alteristic.

This established non-profit trains institutions to implement a curriculum (Green Dot) that has reduced sexual violence on other college campuses anywhere from 17-21%. The program relies on the premise that if everyone does their small part and commits to individual responsibility, the combined effect is a safe campus culture that is intolerant of violence.

Green Dot approaches all students, staff, administrators, and faculty as key stakeholders in preventing sexual violence on our campus. In May, 50 faculty and staff members participated in a virtual training and anticipate launching with our student population in Fall 2021! We hope you will encourage your student to learn more about this exciting initiative for Luther. Read more.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Financial Reminders

**New Monthly Payment Plan Applications** are required each year to participate. Please complete and return the pdf.

**529 Plan Payment Requests** should be completed by July 25 to ensure they arrive by August 10.

**Families in need of either a federal parent loan (PLUS) or a private student loan** for the upcoming academic year should apply for these loans by July 15. Loans for study away experiences should be applied for separately from those meant to cover the academic year.

**Continuing students** will receive an email on June 25 reminding them of any documents needed to finalize their financial aid file. Missing documents are outlined on a student’s Norse Hub account.

**The FAFSA filing deadline** to be considered for most state of Iowa programs is July 1.
Interest rates on Federal Stafford Loans first disbursed between July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022, will be fixed at 3.73%, while PLUS Loans disbursed during the same period will carry a fixed rate at 6.28%.

The college will be closed on Friday, July 2, in observance of Independence Day.

Book Shop Summer Sales Event June 21-30

Check out the Luther Book Shop's Summer Sales Event featuring clothing and drinkware items, along with a Surprise Me! tote. The tote will contain items of $100 value and will be available for $50. This is a great chance to order some new Luther gear! The sale starts tomorrow.

Luther Magazine Spring 2021

The spring 2021 issue of the Luther Magazine is now online! Read about the pandemic experiences of Norse living around the world. Learn about five 2020 grads who spent the year after graduation serving the Decorah community. Check out Luther alumni making an impact in the world through things like protecting a critical salmon habitat, closing health disparity gaps, writing a score with nearly 13 million Spotify plays, and serving people with disabilities in 44 counties.

CONNECT WITH CAMPUS

Center Stage Series Tickets

“We are so excited to bringing the Center Stage Series back to campus,” said Kristen Underwood, director of campus programming. “I think we’re all eager to have performing arts back in our lives, and I hope audiences will feel ready as we are to return to the theatre with confidence.” Read more.

Storytelling with Images during the Pandemic

We've had quite a story to tell this past year. Capturing engaging, personal, and vibrant video and images is already a challenge. Adding mask wearing, social distancing, cancellations, and last minute changes didn't make it any easier! Read more.