Note from the Editor
Emma Deignan '18
As parents of Luther students, you have no doubt heard of Paideia. All incoming first-years are required to take this course to get acquainted with college-level reading, writing, and thinking. While some students disliked Paideia, it was one of my favorites. I loved reading relevant literature, and I enjoyed the challenge of answering the main question of the class, "what does it mean to be human?". Fast forward to today, and Paideia is again one of my favorite classes. As part of our senior year, students are asked to capstone their experience with Paideia 450. It gives students a chance to celebrate their growth as students and individuals. My Paideia class this semester, "Energy, Ethics, and Climate Policy," not only fulfills that expectation, but it also stretches my understanding of climate change and how I can--and should--care about climate policy and ethics in my future role as a social worker and world citizen.

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

As this semester moves forward, students will also need to make decisions about next year: What classes will I take in the fall? Where will I live next year? Who will be my roommates? As students navigate these decisions, they will find that Luther is here to support them every step of the way. Whether it's through counseling, academic advising, or simply being a listening ear, I encourage students to reach out to us as they plan for the future.
my roommate if I have one? Students recently received room draw information and it’s important to recognize different housing options may have different room rates as well as requirements about meal plans. Read more.

Luther News

'Choral Singing in Namibia and South Africa'

Having recently returned from their January Term trip to Namibia and South Africa, 21 Luther College students who participated in the Music 245: "Choral Singing in Namibia and South Africa" course presented a program on Friday, Feb. 9, in Noble Recital Hall, of Jenson-Noble Hall of Music. During the three-week trip, the music students traveled from Decorah to Chicago to Namibia, where they visited the cities of Windhoek and Ondangwa, and Etosha National Park in Namibia and then traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, before returning to campus. During the course, students took music from Western cultures and taught it to local children. Read More

Luther College awarded $200,000 Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust grant

Luther College was awarded a $200,000 grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust to enhance curriculum and provide educational laboratory experiences for students in the new neuroscience major. Luther will purchase technology that addresses neuroscience education on three levels: cellular, organismal, and cognitive. In addition to benefiting the neuroscience major, the new equipment will enhance the teaching of current and future biology and psychology courses. Read more.

See all headlines.

Luther Events Calendar

Spring Career Fair
Thursday, March 1, 2018
10 a.m.
Dahl Centennial Union, Main Lounge

Ethnic Arts Festival, Country Fair and Food
Saturday, March 3, 2018
2 p.m.
Center for the Arts

Center Stage Series: EVIDENCE—A Dance Company
Saturday, March 17, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall
• Continuing-student enrollment deposits of $325 are due to the Office for Financial Services on or before April 1, 2018. Continuing students cannot register for Fall 2018 classes until the deposit is paid.

• Please remember to file the 2018-19 FAFSA online at https://fafsa.gov/. The FAFSA deadline for continuing students in 2018-19 is March 15, 2018.

• Please visit our web page for information on many outside scholarships that may pertain to your student(s).
  http://www.luther.edu/admissions/financialaid/scholarships/?policy_id=529194

• Reminder slips were sent to students who reported outside agency scholarships to us earlier in the year, if we have not yet received payment from the agency.

• Please encourage your student(s) to start looking for a work study job for next fall. Continuing students are required to have their job secured before May 15.

• The Financial Aid Office has sent missing document emails out to students that outline the documents they need to remit in order for us to process a financial aid award for 2018-19.