Note from the Editor
Emma Deignan ’18
This month I had the privilege of spending a week in Nicaragua on a service trip with my parish from home. During that week we did various things, like building stairs or handing out donations, to help establish a new parish in a town called Boaco. To us, building stairs might seem trivial, but to the people of Boaco it meant easier access to the one place they gather as a community, church. Aside from being incredibly fun and fulfilling, this trip made me think of the ways our community gathers. At Luther, we gather around food, in the choir room, at the football stadium, in the classroom, and at chapel to list a few. This trip taught me that no one way of life is better but that gathering as a community is universal. I can’t wait to get back to Luther, to gather with my friends and classmates in the place that feels like home!

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
This month we experienced our first official college visit with our daughter who will begin her junior year in high school this fall. During the ROAD programs, I have referenced her and the closing proximity to my role and those of you, parents. Soon, I will be both a dean and a parent of a college student. This is an exciting time but also one that comes with uncertainty, anxiety, and I am sure, exhaustion. But, I look to the energy of the exploration, discernment, and ultimately, decision making to carry me through the next two years. I trust many of you have good advice and wisdom to share from your experiences and I look forward to hearing them. Read more.

Luther News
Slagel and Kreiter receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships
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The National Collegiate Athletic Association has announced that Luther College alumni Clare Slagel '16, swimming, and Justin Kreiter '17, wrestling, have each been awarded a 2017 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must be nominated by his or her athletic department, have an overall grade point average of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent, and must have performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport in which the student-athlete was nominated. Read More

Luther College names new dean for institutional equity and inclusion

Luther College President Paula J. Carlson has announced the appointment of Lisa M. Scott as interim dean for institutional equity and inclusion. Scott will serve as the first dean for institutional equity and inclusion at the college, a re-visioning of the former position of executive director of the Diversity Center. As a member of the senior administrative leadership team, Scott will provide key leadership and a strong voice on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion across the college. Scott will begin her service at Luther in August. Read More

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2017-18 Academic Year Info

Textbooks

Fall textbooks can now be ordered from Luther's Book Shop website through Monday, August 28. By ordering textbooks early, students have the best opportunity to buy or rent used textbooks, saving you money. If students would rather wait to purchase your books, no problem. They can simply stop in the Book Shop anytime after Wednesday, August 16.

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- Fall semester payments are due on August 10. Payments must be received by the Office for Financial Services no later than August 10 to avoid a late charge. We encourage you to use my.luther.edu to make your payment. Remember the e-check option is free when using my.luther.edu.
- The Financial Aid Office and Office for Financial Services will be open on Saturday, August 26, for new student move-in. Times will be posted in next month's newsletter.
- Remind your students 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.
- Please ask your students if they have turned in all of their financial aid documents for the upcoming year. If your student receives an email from the Financial Aid Office asking them to review the “My Documents” section of my.luther.edu, it means that we still need at least one form.
- If this is the first time your student will be working on the Luther campus, please make sure they bring 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.
- Students receiving a Federal Perkins Loan for the first time will need to complete a promissory note and entrance counseling in order to receive their loan proceeds. An email was sent to these students in early July containing a link to complete these items. Most students will find they are unable to be authenticated to electronically sign the promissory note. This means they will need to print and complete this document. All four pages can be mailed to the Office for Financial Services.
- Students awarded a Federal Perkins Loan MUST have their financial aid file complete and their loan disbursed by September 30, 2017. Failure to complete the file will result in cancellation of the Federal Perkins Loan as the US Department of Education is ending this program and requires a first disbursement to be made prior to October 1.