Note from the Editor
Hanna Dodd '21

I don't think I ever realized how short summer really seems until this year. In my head it’s always been this vast stretch of time between May and August. But now that I have various things systematically breaking it into weeks and months and pay periods, I've realized that it's actually just June and July and not an enormous, enchanting chasm. It seems there’s only a moment between writing a trip on the calendar and the moment I get home from it. While traveling around Boston with my best friend a few weeks ago, I recalled how many times this blurring passage of time had happened already this summer and I was determined to stretch every second. So I said hi to all the cute dogs and ate weird food and marched down every street that caught my eye. When I got home from it and wondered how it was already over, I looked through all my pictures and remembered the moments I had captured from the chasm of summer.

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

In last month’s newsletter piece, I shared I was about to embark on visits to nine residential, liberal arts colleges in a two-week period with my family, including my daughter who is a high school senior. Thankfully, after putting about 3,000 miles on the
car, we survived our marathon trip. Along the way, we had the opportunity to take in the beauty of the countryside, explore some craft breweries, reconnect with old friends and, of course, visit college campuses. Read more

**Luther News**

**Luther first-year Oniani explores unit testing frameworks**

Unit testing involves testing individual components of software to assure each smaller section performs as it was designed before testing the larger unit's functionality. Through his summer research project, David Oniani, Luther College first-year of Tbilisi, Georgia, is exploring whether unit testing could be used in a classroom setting to provide immediate feedback for students. Read More

**Luther junior Lunn interviewing men with fibromyalgia for summer research project**

Roughly five million Americans live with fibromyalgia, a chronic disease with no standard treatment or cure that involves musculoskeletal pain. Shannon Lunn, Luther College junior of Farmington, Minnesota, is exploring experiences men have with fibromyalgia for her summer research project. Read more

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**Luther Events Calendar**

**Friends of Luther Wrestling Golf Tournament**
Friday, Aug. 3
9 a.m.
Jackson Heights Golf Club

**Summer Preview Day**
Thursday, Aug. 9
All day
Dahl Centennial Union

**Iowa State Fair Booth/Alumni and Admissions**
Aug. 10-18
8 a.m.
Varied Industries Building, Iowa State Fair

**All Thing$ Financial**

- Fall semester account balances are due Friday, Aug. 10. Avoid late fees by applying for federal parents or private student loans right away! If you plan to use a 529 College Savings plan to pay the balance, request those funds now.
• The Financial Aid Office and Office for Financial Services will be open Saturday, Aug. 25 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, if they did not already do so during a June ROAD event. You may go to the finaid.luther.edu website and to the forms page to see a list of acceptable documents.
• Students receiving a Norse 17 Loan will need to complete entrance counseling and a promissory note in order to receive their loan proceeds. An email was sent to these students in mid-July containing a link to complete these items.