Note from the Editor
Hanna Dodd ’21

Well summer is officially in full swing. There’s a little bit of sleeping-in happening over here, but I’m staying busy just like most of my classmates are I’m sure. But not too busy, because it is summer after all. As nice as it is to be home for the summer, Luther is always at the back of my mind. I’m coordinating an addition to my class schedule with a professor, looking forward to fall sports, and trying not to cry when my school friends say they miss me. It’s a bit of a strange feeling having two separate worlds that both feel like home, and I have to keep reminding myself that they both are real. The Valley isn’t a magical place I’ve made up in my head; the people there aren’t figments of my imagination. And yet Luther is a bit of a dream. Friends and family here at home ask a lot of, “How was your first year?” and all I can say is, “I love it there. It’s my 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

In less than two weeks, I will be taking a trip down a road you all have traveled. With 9 college visits lined up in a two week period, our summer vacation is “surfing” the college campus. I am excited for these visits because I appreciate being on a different college campus and seeing how other institutions present the student experience. I can always


learn something when I visit a campus whether it's finding a good idea to bring back home or changing how we approach different issues. Read more

Luther News

Luther College President Paula Carlson Announces Retirement

Paula J. Carlson, the 10th president of Luther College, has communicated to the Board of Regents her decision to retire from Luther College effective at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. As a result, the Board of Regents will initiate a search process in the coming months to identify President Carlson's successor to begin serving Luther in the summer of 2019. Read More

Nelson donates $500,000 to Luther Land Stewardship Program

Thanks to a generous donation by lifetime conservation enthusiast Donald Nelson, the Luther College Land Stewardship Program has new longevity and stability. Nelson, who established the Donald H. Nelson Endowment, most recently donated $500,000 to Luther, with $40,000 set aside to create the Lionberger Preserve Wetland Restoration Project. To date, Nelson has donated $1.3 million to Luther’s Land Stewardship Program. Read more

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Luther Events Calendar

Summer Preview Day
Friday, June 29, 2018
All day
Dahl Centennial Union

Des Moines NAA Benefit Golf Tournament
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Polk City, Iowa

Luther Comes to the Heartland
Sunday, July 15, 2018
3:00 p.m.
Heartland Park, Park Rapids, Minnesota

All Thing$ Financial

- Continuing student billings for the Fall Semester were mailed to students on June 14.
Students planning to utilize their work-study earnings to pay a portion of their bill must complete a Work Study Payment Agreement with the Office for Financial Services by July 1. Anticipated work earnings will not show as a credit on the billing statement until this has been done.

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 separate from those meant to cover the academic year.

Continuing students will receive an email the week of June 25 reminding them of any documents needed to finalize their financial aid file. New students will receive a paper letter the week of June 25 outlining missing financial aid documents.

The Financial Aid Office is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer to answer your questions and process financial aid. We will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

Interest rates on Federal Stafford Loans first disbursed between July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 will be fixed at 5.045%, while PLUS Loans disbursed during the same period will carry a fixed rate at 7.595%.

Borrowers of a Norse 17 Loan will receive an email from webmaster@ecsi.net the week of July 2 containing a link to complete the required loan information and promissory note.

Students attending Luther for the first time this fall must have their high school submit a copy of their final high school transcript indicating the date of graduation. Financial aid will not disburse to the student's account until this is received.