It was much harder to pick classes for the spring than it was last year. Now as a sophomore, there are more classes available and more classes that interest me. Sadly I've had to accept that I can't take all of those classes at once. When I registered I was looking to the spring, but also to next year and the possibility of spending a semester abroad. And since I wasn't sure which semester next year I'd like to be away, I wasn't sure which classes I should take this spring in case I miss them next spring, or which classes aren't offered every year that I might miss if I don't take them now. And most calamitous of all, it started to snow. I was on the verge of a breakdown. But then I remembered all the wise people in my life who harbor less fear of impending winter: professors who know the best classes, Center for Global Learning faculty who know study away programs, and friends who can see what I'm passionate about. After many rich conversations and a few sermons, I realized that life is less about every little (or big) decision that I make, but rather about the kind of person I am becoming through the things that I do. It doesn't matter so much which class I take, but how it shapes me. It doesn't matter so much where I go abroad, but how I let it grow me. Life is not about what am I going to do, but who am I going to be.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month's Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.

Thriving in college has received an increased level of focus as the current generation of college students confront a wide array of complex challenges and opportunities. It can
be overwhelming for today's college student to manage the multiple, sometimes competing responsibilities and commitments they face. As parents, this can present a daunting challenge to our relationships with our students. How we support students so they can thrive is a question we are taking to heart at Luther and certainly one that, as a parent of a college-bound high school senior, I embrace. Read more

Luther News

'Every Voice in Concert Ring'
As a way to celebrate and reflect on the Christmas message, Luther College presents "Every Voice in Concert Ring," the 2018 production of "Christmas at Luther," Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, in the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus. This is the 37th season of "Christmas at Luther" performances. Read More

Luther College Opera Scenes class presents fall opera scenes
The Luther College music department presents fall opera scenes performed by the Opera Workshop course, a class that allows for students from all majors to learn about and prepare scenes from operas of all different types. This event, open to the public for no charge of admission, takes place in the Noble Recital Hall of the Jenson Noble Hall of Music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Read more

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Luther Events Calendar

Wrestling vs University of Dubuque
Thursday, Nov. 29
7:00 p.m.
Home

Christmas at Luther Performances
Friday, Nov. 30
6:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life

Senior Project Showcase
Tuesday, Dec. 4
7:30 p.m.
Noble Recital Hall, Choir Room, Room 123: Jenson-Noble Hall of Music

Last Day of Final Exams
Thursday, Dec. 13
• Starting October 1 students and parents were able to complete the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Tax data for the 2019-20 FAFSA will be from the 2017 tax year. Families may now also use the “myStudentAid” mobile app if they choose.

• Continuing student award letters for the 2019-20 academic year will be available on my.luther.edu towards the end of spring semester.

• J-Term Study Abroad final payments are due on December 1. Remind your student to watch for a notification from the course regarding final payment amount.

• Spring semester billing will be mailed in mid-December to the student’s permanent home address.

• Payment plans for spring semester start in December with confirmation letters for those plans being sent out as students register for next semester. Work Credit Plans that were set up for the “fall only” need to be paid in full by January 23 in order to avoid a late fee.

• Student that are graduating in December 2018 or January 2019 who have student loans will be receiving information on Loan Exit Counseling. Participation in exit counseling will inform students of their loan debt and options for repayment.