Note from the Editor

Emma Deignan ‘18

This month, I’m dedicating this introduction to my parents. I think I’ve learned a lot in college. I’ve taken 119 credits, written countless research papers, and developed my “voice.” I wouldn’t have experienced the success of the past three years without my parents, who modeled true friendship, a solid work ethic, and persistent faith every day of my life. So, I want to say thank you to my parents for the support, generosity, and unconditional love they have shown me over the past twenty-one years. And a thank-you to all the parents reading this for supporting your kids and teaching them how to become the wonderful friends and peers they are.

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

It’s fall break at Luther as I write and the campus definitely feels like it. It is quiet and many faculty and staff are getting caught up on their work and projects. I trust students are doing the same whether they are here, at home, or elsewhere. For first-year students, this is the first real break since August, when they began the big task of adjusting to college. They have experienced orientation, their first classes, first papers and exams, and more. They have been working to find connections on campus—connections with faculty, staff, and importantly, peers. How have these relationships developed? I trust you may have heard a little bit about that during this break. I hope the reports were good. Read more.

Luther News

Luther College presented ‘The Life of Galileo’ Oct. 5-7

Featuring music written by Luther students, the show follows legendary astronomer and physicist Galileo Galilei in the later part of his life, and his struggle to prove the theory of a heliocentric universe. In a time of religious rule, Galileo’s avant-garde ideas made him very unpopular with the law—his belief in and teachings about a sun-centered solar system earned him a visit to the Vatican of Rome to be interrogated for heresy. Read More.
‘From Parlor to Countryside: Recent Fine Arts Collection Print Acquisitions’
A student-curated exhibit, "From Parlor to Countryside: Recent Fine Arts Collection Print Acquisitions," opened Oct. 5 in the Luther College Union Gallery. Featuring select prints donated to the Luther Fine Arts Collection during 2017, "From Parlor to Countryside" reflects a diversity of subject matter. Print themes include pastoral scenes of the countryside, portraits in the parlor, and views inspired by Wittenberg Castle in Germany. Read More

Reformation Day

In 2017, the world will mark the five-hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, an event that tradition tells us began on October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther is commemorating the 500 years of Reformation with events on campus, including a hymn sing, a symposium, and a concert on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30.

Find more information on Reformation Day Events here.

Luther Events Calendar

October Garden Party
Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017
3:30 p.m.
Luther College Farm

Women’s and Men’s Swimming and Diving - UW Eau Claire
Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017
1 p.m.
Home

Reformation Day 2017 Plenary Address: Brad Gregory
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017
9 a.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

All Thing$ Financial

- Registration holds have been applied for any student with an outstanding balance or missing Financial Aid documents. Encourage your student to check web statements of account and missing documents on my.luther.edu.
- Encourage your student to check out the Grad Ready website. This money saving, student loan information site has great videos, tools, and resources to help your student get real-world ready.
- J-Term Study Abroad final payments are due on December 1. Remind your student to watch for a notification from the course they will be involved in.
- The Financial Aid Office is currently awarding endowed scholarships. In most cases these scholarships do not increase a student’s overall financial aid support; it is simply replacing a portion of the student’s Luther Grant by identifying the actual source of the funding in the financial aid package. Current levels of scholarship and grant assistance would not be possible without the generous support of donors.
- Starting October 1, students and parents were able to complete the 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Tax data for the 2018-19 FAFSA will be from the 2016 tax year.