Note from the Editor
Hanna Dodd '21

Fall break came and went much too fast. The soccer team remained here on campus for a game and to practice, so I didn't go home like most of my friends. But even with most of the student body gone, Luther still retained a sense of community. Going home would have been odd; I would have seen few people other than my family and would have felt a strange disconnection. The idea of leaving campus and my friends makes me realize how much I'll miss all these people and life with them at Luther once we graduate. All too soon this will be over, just like fall break. The future and jobs and grad school will be here sooner than any of us like to think. But the community and family I have here will persist, I'm sure, after we graduate. Hearing my Luther alumni family members talk about how they stay in touch with their college friends comforts me that the community I have here is not as fleeting as fall break.

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

If you haven’t noticed, it’s election season. Have you escaped the never-ending presence of political ads? Do you see an interesting blend of Halloween decorations and candidate yard signs around your community? Is your phone ringing more than normal from unrecognizable numbers? These are all signs another election is upon us. All of this can create a sense of exhaustion to excitement. Personally, I have always cherished the right to vote and engage in our democracy. Having turned 18 three weeks before the
1984 presidential election, I was a senior in high school when I first had the opportunity to vote. My daughter is disappointed she has to sit on the sidelines for this election but come February, she will be ready to use her voice.

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Alumni Art Exhibit at Luther College on Display through November 1

An art exhibit featuring works made by 15 Luther College art alumni will be on display through Nov. 1 in the Union Gallery of the Dahl Centennial Union on the Luther campus. The exhibit is open to the public with no charge for admission. This year’s alumni exhibition features works created by artists who have pieces currently in the Luther College Fine Arts Collection and also are celebrating reunions at this year’s Homecoming.

"Here We Stand:" Reflections on Luther College’s Racial History and Legacy

Through her senior project, Luther College alumna Maggie (Steinberg) Hagen ’15 examined Luther’s history during key racialized moments in American history. That research led Hagen to delve further into the archives to understand the tensions she felt in her community during current historical moments. Hagen will lead a discussion on Luther College’s history and her experiences on campus during a public forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in the Center for Faith and Life Recital Hall on the Luther campus.

Luther Events Calendar

Volleyball vs. Cornell College (IA)
Thursday, Oct. 25
7:00 p.m.
Home

Homecoming: Football vs. Simpson College
Saturday, Oct. 27
1:00 p.m.
Home

Homecoming Concert
Sunday, Oct. 28
1:30 p.m.
Center for Faith and Life

Theatre Performance: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Friday, Nov. 9
7:30 p.m.
Center for the Arts, Jewel Theatre
• **Registration holds** have been applied for any student with an outstanding balance or missing Financial Aid documents. Encourage your students to check their web statement of account and missing documents on [my.luther.edu](http://my.luther.edu).

• **Encourage your student** to check out the Grad Ready website at [Luther.GradReady.com](http://Luther.GradReady.com). 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 1st. 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 2019-20 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa) (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.