Note from the Editor
Hanna Dodd '21
This semester I have the pleasure of taking a creative writing course. For one of our assignments we were allowed to handle items from the Luther College Archives and write a poem about them. The poem I created is about shoe used for Chinese foot-binding, a practice which was as gruesome as it was prevalent. I knew from the moment they took the shoe out of its box that my poem would be about it, and I knew it wasn’t going to be a happy poem, but that it would have something to say. Ironically, the poem comments on the beauty of the shoe and the ugliness of its purpose, the cultural beliefs that made crippling a child a desirable process. I would have liked to have written a beautiful, happy poem that gave my reader and me nice feelings and pleasant images. But sometimes things just need to be said, even when they’re not pleasant to write and they’re not nice to read. The beauty of writing, I guess, is making readers want to keep reading about something painful and helping them see the truth hiding in archival boxes.

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
I found myself shaking my head this week when I realized we were already into the fourth week of the semester. It’s hard to believe these first few weeks went by so quickly! In the last few days or so we’ve had hot weather, significant rain, and now fall-like
temperatures. A change of seasons is noticeable in one fell swoop.

I occasionally include student perspectives in my newsletter piece, but it’s been a while since I have done so. This month you have an opportunity to receive them from three first-year students who were recently elected to serve as representatives on Student Senate for their respective first-year residence halls (Brandt, Olson, and Ylvisaker). I shared a series of questions last week for them to consider and respond to. While these are only three students out of more than 575 new students, their responses are in many ways representative of what their peers might offer. Read more

**Luther News**

**Luther College to host Writers Festival Sept. 28-29**

Celebrating the rich diversity of contemporary imaginative writers, Luther College is hosting the Luther College Writers Festival Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28-29. The weekend includes keynote addresses, featured writers, readings, panels, a book sale and more. Read More

'Dreaming With Our Eyes Open: Staying Informed about DACA'

At a time of heightened political relevance, Carly Hayden Foster, Luther College associate professor of political science, and Luther students Madeline Lomprey and Elena Pinnow will explore multiple perspectives on immigration law in "Dreaming With Our Eyes Open: Staying Informed about DACA," at 7 p.m., Oct. 2, in the Recital Hall of the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus. Read more

See all headlines.

**Luther Events Calendar**

**Women's Tennis vs Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Saturday, Sept. 29
9:00 a.m.
Home

**Men's Soccer vs. Macalester College**

Wednesday, Oct. 3
7:00 p.m.
Home

**FMEA Fall Symposium**

Saturday, Oct. 6.
9:00 a.m.
Jenson-Nobel Hall of Music, Noble Recital Hall and Choir Room

**All Thing$ Financial**
• The 2019-20 FAFSA will be available for completion online at www.fafsa.gov beginning October 1. Families will use 2017 tax information to complete the FAFSA. Families may now also use the “myStudentAid” mobile app if they choose.

• Registration holds will be applied in October for any student with an outstanding balance or missing Financial Aid documents. Encourage your student to check their web statement of account and missing documents on my.luther.edu. Students were sent email notifications on September 20 if they had missing documents.

• J-Term Study Away payments are due in three installments: the first was due September 15. The two remaining payments are due October 15 and the final on December 1.

• Students with an outstanding balance due for Fall semester or a J-Term Study Away need to secure a Federal PLUS or private loan now if they have not done so already.

• The Financial Aid Office is currently awarding endowed scholarships. In most cases, these scholarships do not increase student’s overall financial aid support; it is simply replacing a portion of a 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.

• Monthly emails were sent to students and parents of students that have an outstanding balance on September 20 regarding their Statement on Account. Late charges will be posted on October 10. Please see the Financial Services Late Fee Policy for exceptions.