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## ACADEMICS AT LUTHER

### Academic Support Resources Overview

The Division of Student Success (DOSS) comprises Disability Services, TRiO Student Support Services (SSS), Center for Academic Enrichment (CAE), and Catalyze. DOSS is committed to empowering students to reach their academic potential, supporting students as they transition to college, and providing co-curricular opportunities that motivate students to continue on their college journey.

- [Disabilities Services](#) strives to be inclusive, helps students manage their disabilities, and provides access to an equitable educational experience for students. Students can request testing, note-taking, housing, and dining accommodations.
- [TRiO SSS](#) serves first-generation students, students that come from low socio-economic statuses, and students with documented disabilities. Staff help students build their sense of belonging, establish a support system, and persist through college. Students are assigned an Achievement Specialist that will provide ongoing academic, personal, career and financial coaching.
- [CAE](#) helps students develop confidence in their abilities by offering academic skills workshops, holistic individualized coaching, and free peer tutoring on most courses.
- [Catalyze](#) is a completion program that utilizes recent college graduates as “near-peer” coaches to provide support to first-generation students and students who

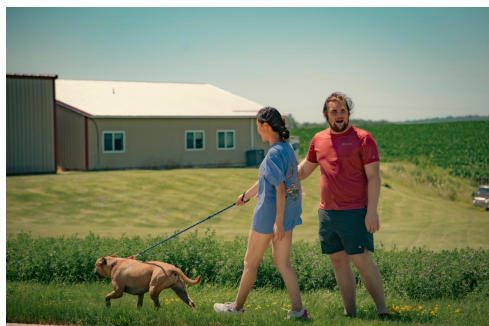
come from low socio-economic statuses. This program works diligently to educate students on FAFSA completion and provides hands-on support.



## Academic Calendar Reminder

Thanksgiving break takes place **Wednesday, Nov. 23–Sunday, Nov. 27**. Luther College offers a shuttle service that travels to Chicago and Minneapolis at breaks. See the [Break Shuttle Schedule](#) for more information.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



## Luther's 2022 Social Impact Research Fellowship

Students Aidan Brook '23 and Allison Hasenmiller '23 are working with The Humane Society of Northeast Iowa (HSNEI) to identify factors and solutions related to the retention and recruitment of volunteer staff.

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Luther Clinic FAQs

With one month of the 2022–23 academic year in the books, the Luther Clinic reached out to students to provide some reminders and answer some of their most frequently asked questions. Here is some of the info that was sent to your student(s) on Oct. 7:

#### What is the Luther Clinic?

- Luther Clinic is an on-campus health care service provided by Winneshiek Medical Center. Physician services are provided by Mayo Clinic Health System physicians, led by [Sarah Wymer, M.D.](#)
- Services include routine, preventive, acute and ongoing care to students.
- Luther Clinic is located on the south side of Larsen Hall.

#### How do I access Luther Clinic services?

- Schedule online: [Luther Clinic](#)
- Schedule by phone: 563-387-5400

Students are strongly encouraged to call before coming into the clinic; the phone is answered from 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday. Many questions/needs can be addressed over the phone.

#### How do I access urgent or emergency health care outside of regular Luther Clinic hours?

- [Urgent Care](#): Open 4–9 p.m., Monday–Friday and 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (special hours may be in place on specific holidays.)
- [Emergency](#): Open 24/7/365

#### What is MyChart, and why should I sign up for it?

MyChart is a tool that connects students to their health care records and team electronically. Through MyChart students can access their health records, securely communicate with their care team, make an appointment, review test results, pay their bill and more! Instructions on how to sign-up can be found on the [Luther Clinic website](#).

### Does my health insurance cover Luther Clinic services?

Winneshiek Medical Center is in-network with many insurance providers. If students find that their insurance is out-of-network, we encourage them to reach out to our financial counselor by calling 563-387-5358. WMC will work with students on a discounted rate for those with out-of-network insurance plans.

### What if I need medications and I am not able to get to the pharmacy?

Thrifty White and Donlon Pharmacy (both in Decorah) deliver daily to Luther Clinic. Students can ask them to deliver medications there.

This information and more is available on the [Luther Clinic website](#).

## UPDATES & REMINDERS

### Financial Reminders

- **Starting Oct. 1 students and parents were able to complete the 2023–24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** Tax data for the 2023–24 FAFSA will be from the 2021 tax year. Families are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to electronically add their tax data to the FAFSA.
- **Registration holds will be applied later this month** for any student with an outstanding missing Financial Aid document. Encourage your student to check for missing documents on their NorseHub account.
- **The Financial Aid Office is currently awarding endowed scholarships.** In most cases, these scholarships simply replace a portion of a student's Luther gift assistance by identifying the actual source of the funding in the financial aid offer. Current levels of scholarship and grant assistance would not be possible without the generous support of donors.
- **There are still many questions being asked** regarding the Biden-Harris Student Debt Relief Plan. For the latest information, please continue to watch the [Federal Student Aid website](#). An application is still forthcoming from the US Department of Education later this month.



### Fall Care Packages

Now is the time to order a fall care package for your hardworking student! This care package makes the perfect surprise pick-me-up, especially right after midterms. The 2022 Fall Care Package includes two apple cider packets, a Luther keychain, sticker, and your choice of either a cozy, fluffy Sherpa hat or a waffle-knit Nike hat. Once ordered, packages will be sent to the Student Post Office for pickup. [Order now through Nov. 16!](#)

### A Note About Textbooks

If your students still needs any textbooks for this semester, they should come into the Book Shop as soon as possible to purchase them. The Book Shop is going to start to return textbooks to the publishers.

### Christmas at Luther Tickets



Parents of student performers are encouraged to purchase their [Christmas at Luther](#) tickets soon, if they haven't already. Seats are selling quickly and tickets will open to the general public on Nov. 8. Livestream and on-demand tickets are also available. Purchase at [tickets.luther.edu](https://tickets.luther.edu).

[BUY TICKETS](#)



## Holiday Treat Orders

The weeks leading up to finals at Luther are perhaps the most jam-packed of the year. Hundreds of students are prepping for the Christmas at Luther performances and everyone is finishing up projects, editing papers, wrapping up classes, and studying for exams.

Show your student you're thinking of them during this time with a Holiday Treat Bag from the Luther College Woman's Club!

Each holiday treat bag is filled with a variety of snacks, fresh fruit, hot and cold beverage mixes, and fun holiday items and trimmed with a special Christmas ornament.

- Treat bags are \$25 (+\$5 for special dietary requests/restrictions).
- Treat bags will be distributed on Tuesday, Nov. 29 in the lobby of the Center for Faith and Life.
- You may also include a special message for your students!
- **Orders must be placed by Friday, Nov. 11**
- Additional treat bags may be ordered on separate order forms.

[ORDER NOW](#)

## CONNECT WITH CAMPUS



## Luther named 'Hidden Gem' of Iowa and Plains Region

Luther has been named the number one "Hidden Gem" of Iowa and the Plains Region for 2023 by College Raptor, a leading college planning platform that helps families make smart decisions about college.

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[Meet your Parents and Family Council Representatives!](#)

The Luther College Parents and Family Council meets twice a year and serves as an advisory group for college administrators regarding campus topics and opportunities, and works to encourage support of the college. Council members are selected with a focus on achieving a broad geographical representation as well as a wide range of student interests, majors, and activities. You are encouraged to contact your Parents and Family Council representatives with questions or concerns by emailing [parents@luther.edu](mailto:parents@luther.edu).

- [Class of 2023 Representatives](#)
- [Class of 2024 Representatives](#)
- [Class of 2025 Representatives](#)
- [Class of 2026 Representatives](#)

## Luther celebrates Homecoming 2022!

