



January 26, 2022



Update from Dean Carolyn Livingston

Dear Parents and Families,

It is winter term at Carleton, and the subzero temperatures reflect more typical winters in Northfield. We've greeted the return of broomball to the Bald Spot ice rink, where I hope to continue my undefeated streak for another year (7, if you're counting). As usual, the term got off to a quick start, and mid-terms are right around the corner.



Some of your students are still settling into another term that includes COVID-19, not to mention all of the life challenges that impact young adults. Earlier this month, I was a guest panelist on MPR News with host Angela Davis to discuss the toll that the pandemic has taken on college students. My fellow panelist, Matthew Hanson, clinical psychologist and interim director of the Mental Health Clinic at the University of Minnesota, and I pointed out that the patience and resilience of both students and the wider community have been tested in ways that are neither sustainable nor healthy for the long term. If you can spare about 50 minutes, I invite you to take a listen to [COVID takes a toll on college students | MPR News](#).

We can't predict the future, but we can take heart in knowing that Carleton's mission hasn't changed. The college remains an institution where we "support each other in pursuing a healthy balance of mind, body, and spirit." We are at our strongest as a community when our thoughts and actions are grounded in cooperation.

Thank you for your continued support of your student and your thoughtful engagement with the college.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Livingston



Updates on COVID-19

Now that we have completed two rounds of baseline testing, the COVID-19 core team shared a campus [situation update](#). This week, all students will have the chance to participate in a Zoom town hall meeting with college leaders and Carleton's consulting epidemiologist. In addition, all members of the campus community will be PCR tested this week, returning to random surveillance testing the week of January 31. The core team also responded to questions about test result delays, close contact testing, isolation periods, KN95 and KF94 masks, and free at-home testing.

For links to campus testing results, the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health, and Rice County COVID-19 case data, please visit Carleton's [COVID-19 dashboard](#).

Campus news

Winter sports highlights



Men's basketball coach Guy Kalland [earned the 500th win of his career](#) on January 12, while the team enjoys a 6-game winning streak. [See more highlights](#) from women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving, and men's and women's track and field.

Doreen Garner exhibition at Perlman Teaching Museum: January 6 - April 17



The exhibition will feature sculptures produced over the last five years by New York-based artist Doreen Garner. Garner's artwork draws on a troubled American tradition of medically sanctioned experimentation on Black women's bodies, a history which connects to the unequal medical care African Americans receive to this day.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming events

Convocation: A view from the border



January 28

[Valerie Gonzales](#) is an investigative reporter based in Pharr, Texas, unraveling complex issues and uncovering human stories from the Texas-Mexico border. At a time when there is general distrust of the media and its portrayals, Gonzalez works to bring perspectives from both sides of the international border as well as across languages.

Cervantes' Don Quixote: A Marathon Reading

January 28-29

Published in 1605, Miguel Cervantes' *Don Quixote* became a European-wide sensation, was quickly translated into other European languages, and is often considered the first modern novel. In this [marathon reading](#), participants may read in Spanish (modern or early modern), English, or any language into which Don Quixote has been translated.

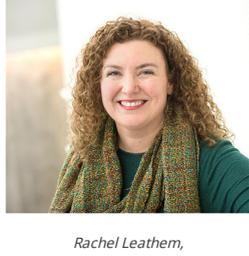
Convocation: "Creating Healthy Communities"

February 4

[Toni Carter '75](#) serves on the Board of Commissioners for Ramsey County, the second-most populous county in Minnesota. The first African American ever to serve on a county board in Minnesota, her interest in public service was sparked during her first year at Carleton, in 1971. She joined a busload of Carls on a trip to Mississippi, where they participated in a voter registration drive.



Career building



Rachel Leathem, Associate Director

Jobs and Internships: The Case for Optimism

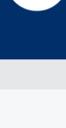
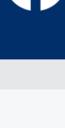
According to the *Job Outlook 2022* report, employers plan to hire 26.6 percent more new graduates from the class of 2022 than last year's class. The outlook is good and employers are committed to hiring, especially related to technology and remote work opportunities.

[Read more](#) about how the Career Center can connect your students with potential

employers.

Useful Links

- [Parent/Family Gateway](#)
- [COVID-19 campus updates](#)
- [Weekly Convocations](#)
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