Carleton Summer Send-Off events continue through August 31

We're excited to welcome your student to the Class of 2026, and want you to feel part of the community! There are still 4 in-person events (in Honolulu, Houston, Milwaukee, and North Carolina) coming up this weekend that brand-new Carls and their families are welcome to attend.

Not able to make it to an in-person event? Then join us for our North American virtual event on August 31.

Each event will be co-hosted by alumni, current students, and current parents, and will give you a chance to connect with other 2026 students and families, as well as meet recent alumni and current students who can give you a sense of what campus life is like.

Learn more and register today

Preparing for Fall Term

On August 1, COVID-19 Core Team shared an update with the campus community on preparing to enter campus for the Fall Term. The update includes information on vaccination, testing, isolation, and masking. Please be sure to review this update with your student to ensure safe arrival for everyone on campus.

For COVID-19 resources, including the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health, and Rice County COVID-19 case data, please visit Carleton's Responding to COVID-19 page.

Countdown to Move-In Day

We hope you and your Carl are excited for move-in day! New Student Week begins on Tuesday, September 6, with residence halls opening at 8:00 am. Check out the schedule for Parent/Family Orientation for more information on what to expect.

Need more information? Visit the New Student Welcome page, which has more links to help answer your questions on planning flights for winter break, housing, transportation, and arrival information (scroll down to "Logistics").

Carleton students flex their ‘mussels’ on a research trip to Washington

Maya Hofmann ’23, Faith Hanshaw ’23, Abdisalan Hawadle ’23, and Wanying Na ’24 are working with Professor Mike Nishizaki to combine climate change research with local public outreach.

Class of 2020 Celebration

Over 75% of the Class of 2020 reunited for a COVID-delayed celebration of their graduation on campus, held August 11-14. Read more about the event and what it meant to the class. You can also view a recording of the ceremony, read transcripts of the speeches, and see more photos and video here.

Interested in volunteering?

Carleton parents and guardians can be wonderful ambassadors and advocates for the college, helping us to secure internships and externships for students, host events across the country, and serving as resources to parents of prospective students. If you're interested in volunteering, let us know by filling out the survey here. To reach the survey, look up your record and then scroll down to the section labeled "Volunteer Opportunities."

Parent/Family Gateway

We encourage all parents and guardians to check out the Parent/Family Gateway! The Gateway has a wealth of information and is a good starting point if you ever have questions about Carleton. In addition to contact information for many of the offices on campus you may interact with, we archive all parent newsletters and webinars here.