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## Campus News

### Affirmative Action on Trial

A pending Supreme Court decision could upend decades of precedent and make it more difficult for colleges to ensure a holistic admissions process. The most recent issue of the *Voice* explores the heated legal debate.

[Read the article](#)

### Amanda Hund '10 brings largest-ever faculty grant to Carleton



As the principal investigator of a [massive new grant from the National Science Foundation](#), Amanda Hund '10, visiting research assistant professor of biology, will lead a network of students, scientists, and artists on a multi-year project to study and share parasitic disease transmission and its ecological and evolutionary factors.

### Midwinter Ball returns!

After a three-year pause due to the pandemic, the annual Midwinter Ball will return for its 43rd year on Saturday, Feb. 4. The semi-formal tradition will be held in three simultaneous locations: Sayles-Hill Great Space, Severance Tea Room, and Severance Great Hall to feature a variety of entertainment. Students can expect to see the [Roseville Big Band](#), [Salsa Del Soul](#), and a variety of student DJs throughout the night.



### 2023 Indigenous Elder in Residence Events

This week, campus welcomed Ida Downwind, Leech Lake Anishinaabe, for her first of four visits to campus this year. Marcy Averill, Carleton's Indigenous Communities Liaison, shared that "In our Indigenous communities, we view Elders as the most significant voices. They carry authority along with the wisdom gained across their lifetimes of service to all people. As traditional knowledge keepers, they have many lessons to share and their ability to guide relationship development can bring about collaborations that would otherwise be impossible. Ms. Downwind's first visit will be focused on building and strengthening relationships in all directions here at Carleton." Ms. Downwind's presentations will include "Why and How We Come From the Stars" and "The Grandfather Teachings: Dakota/Lakota and Ojibwe Values."



## Upcoming Events

### Carleton Connects: Prof. Adeeb Khalid and Central Asia

**February 15**

**2:00 pm Central**

Stretching more than 2,000 miles from the Caspian Sea to China's Xinjiang Province, Central Asia is one of the most diverse and dynamic regions on the planet, with a complicated history to match. Join [professor Adeeb Khalid](#) for a wide-ranging discussion of the cultural crossroads that forms the subject of his newest book, *Central Asia: A New History from the Imperial Conquests to the Present*.



[Read more and register](#)

### Dr. Anthea Butler: "Which Nation, and Which God: Democracy and Religion in the 21st Century"

**January 25**

**5:00 pm Central on campus**

[Professor Anthea Butler](#), Geraldine R. Segal Professor in American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, is one of the most prominent historians of African American and American religion today. Her research and writing spans African American religion and history, race, politics, Evangelicalism, gender and sexuality, media, and popular culture.



[Learn more](#)

## Career Building

### How do you help your student create change within a system?

Change is a constant that we can rely on, especially in our world today. As Carls navigate this change and enter the workforce, it is important that they know how they can influence change within the organizations that they enter. What role can parents and families play? Ask intentional questions to help your student reflect... [Read more](#).



## Supporting Students

The Office of Health Promotion created a website to help parents and families [support students' mental health](#). Whether your student is struggling with a particular mental health concern or you would like to learn more about the issue of mental health on college campuses in general, there are a number of resources to explore.

*Please note: This website is intended to help parents and faculty provide support to students. If students are seeking direct help with mental health issues, they should visit [Student Health & Counseling \(SHAC\)](#).*

## Student Spotlight

### Billy Bratton '25 one of few with four or more crosswords published in the *New York Times* before age 20

Bratton's crosswords have appeared in publications from the *Carletonian* to the *Atlantic* in addition to the *New York Times*.



[Read the story](#)

## Useful Links

- [Parent/Family Gateway](#)
- [COVID-19 campus updates](#)
- [Weekly Convocations](#)
- [Campus Calendar](#)
- [2022-2023 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Make a gift to the Parents Fund](#)

