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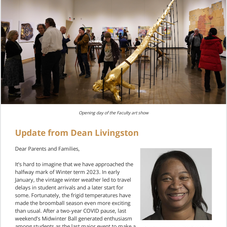


Opening day of the Faculty art show

Update from Dean Livingston

Dear Parents and Families,

It's hard to imagine that we have approached the halfway mark of Winter term 2023. In early January, the vintage winter weather led to travel delays in student arrivals and a later start for some. Fortunately, the frigid temperatures have made the broomball season even more exciting than usual. After a two-year COVID pause, last weekend's Midwinter Ball generated enthusiasm among students who have last major event to make a return to campus. More than 1,800 students and guests filled the rooms and hallways of Sayles Hill. After Midwinter Ball, our students have shifted their attention to midterms and the last half of the term.

Carolyn Livingston, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

This week, students who applied for Carleton spring break trips are receiving responses. These trips are sponsored by various departments and divisions, including the Dean of Students Office (NorthField to Selma Civil Rights Trip), the Career Center (Gettysburg Leadership Program and Kaleidoscope), and the Center for Civic and Community Engagement (Rice County Habitat for Humanity and Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center), among others. Various student groups, including CANOE and some sports teams, are also hosting spring break trips.

Students are learning about and applying to off-campus studies programs, including Film, Literature, and Culture in Hong Kong and Mumbai* and *German Studies in Austria.* Additional options were highlighted in the most recent Off-Campus Studies World Fair. I hope you will encourage your student to participate in Off-Campus Studies programs and alternative break options.

Finally, feel free to contact us if my office can be helpful (dosoffice@carleton.edu, 507-222-4248).

Campus News

Celebrating Dacie Moses' 140th birthday

Beloved Carleton icon Candace "Dacie" Kelley Moses worked for the college for 50 years and was renowned for her hospitality and her friendships with students. When Dacie passed in 1981, she left the house to Carleton, and it remains an inviting place for Carls to convene. The recent birthday celebration included brunch and performances from the Singing Knights and the Knightingales.

Recording of strategic planning discussion available

In case you missed it, a recording of the January 31 conversation with President Byerly and leaders of the Carleton 2031 strategic planning process is now available and posted on the Parent/Family Gateway. Your feedback into the plan is welcome!

Watch the video

Research partnership uncovers world of drama

When history professor Serena Zabin, Raine Bernhard '23, and Margaret De Fer '24 traveled to Scotland and England this summer, they weren't expecting to uncover a real-life 18th-century drama rivaling the plot of a Regency romance—but they did. Learn what they found.

A continued committment to sustainabilty

Carleton is embarking on a wholly new approach to sustainability that will build upon the college's remarkable success in reducing its carbon footprint to accelerate progress toward carbon neutrality. Read more about this effort.

Knights sports highlights

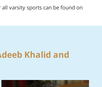
Both Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving teams emerged victorious against cross-town rival St. Olaf at recent Senior Day meets. The Men's Basketball team also beat the Oles and extended their lead atop the MAC standings.

More headlines, results, and the schedule for all varsity sports can be found on the Knights website.

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

Convocation with Christy Coleman

February 10
10:50 am on campus

Christy S. Coleman has served as the Chief Executive Officer of some of the nation's most prominent museums. She's a tireless advocate for the power of museums, narrative correction, diversity and inclusiveness. Previous leadership roles include the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the American Civil War Museum. She now serves as the Executive Director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Learn more

Convocation with St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter

February 17
10:50 am on campus

Melvin Carter is the 46th Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota's Capital City. A fourth-generation Saint Paul resident, Mayor Carter leads with an unapologetic equity agenda. Since taking office in 2018, his accomplishments include raising the city's minimum wage; tripling free programs in rec centers; eliminating late fines in public libraries; reestablishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund; expanding immigrant & refugee support resources; and launching an Office of Financial Empowerment. One signature initiative is Collegebound Saint Paul, Mayor Carter's plan to start every child born in the city with a $50 College Savings Account, starting January 1, 2020.

Learn more

Career Building

Supporting early career engagement at Carleton

Recognizing that sophomore year is about navigating big decisions – major declaration, searching and solidifying summer plans, career exploration, and more – the Career Center is excited to be rolling out two sophomore-specific programs to support our second-year student's growth and exploration this term: the Sophomore Action Planning Appointment (ongoing) and the inaugural Sophomore Summit (February 18). Given how instrumental family support is to the student experience, the Career Center would appreciate your help (especially sophomore families) in encouraging students to participate. Read more about these programs.

Keri Asp, Program Director for Career Coaching

Carleton is latest liberal arts college to add tech-based apprenticeships

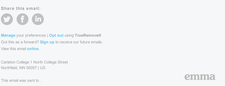
Rachel Leatham, associate director of Carleton's Career Center, is quoted in a recent *Forbes* article about Carleton's new *Rise* apprenticeship program, a technology-based program to prepare students and graduates for early-career employment in the business sector.

Read the story

Student Spotlight

Student employment

Nearly 80% of Carleton students are working on campus; from dining hall managers and tour guides to the Arb crew. Hear from two students who are Chemistry lab assistants about what they find valuable about their campus job.



Useful Links

- Parents/Family Gateway
- COVID-19 campus updates
- Weekly Conversations
- Campus Calendar
- 2022-2023 Academic Calendar
- Make a gift to the Parents Fund

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