



Carleton

# PARENTS & FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

September 27, 2023



*Students sign up for clubs and organizations at Student Involvement Fair.*

## Campus News

### Update From the Dean

Welcome to a new academic year at Carleton. After having some record-breaking days of heat this summer, it's nice to see the changing colors of the

leaves and the days becoming shorter—all in time for fall. I'm starting to believe that fall is my favorite season at Carleton.

Our first-year students are still acclimating to campus and better understand why three classes are more than sufficient in our trimester calendar. Seniors have begun the Comps process and often beam with excitement in sharing their research topics. While our sophomore students are contemplating off-campus study programs, some of our juniors are exploring Buddhist Studies in India, Ecology and Anthropology in Tanzania, and Women's and Gender Studies in Europe. Oh, the places our Carls go!



*Carolyn Livingston,  
Vice President for Student Life &  
Dean of Students*

I look forward to seeing many of you at Family Weekend. You'll have the opportunity to explore campus and participate in some group family events (trivia anyone?!). In the meantime, be well, and feel free to reach out to my office if we can be of assistance.

## Carleton Ends Legacy Admissions

Carleton will no longer take into consideration an applicant's legacy status when determining whether to offer them [admission to the College](#).

## Knights Sports Highlights

With [three teams nationally ranked in the Top 25](#), and two others regionally ranked, the Knights fall sports are looking strong! No. 11-ranked men's soccer remains unbeaten this season [after last weekend's win at Bethel](#). The women's soccer team is off to their [second-best start in team history](#), and women's volleyball has also [picked up some recent wins](#).



The football Knights have [won their third game in a row](#), and the No. 21-ranked women's golf team [continued its success](#) at the St. Catherine Invitational, led by **Sarah Zheng '26**, with **Carter Sichol '26** earning her [third straight MIAC Athlete of the Week](#) award after a win at the Division III Classic.



The No. 5-ranked women's cross country program [won the Running of the Cows meet](#), holding off No. 8 UW-LaCrosse, while the [men's team took second place](#).



**Join us at Homecoming, October 6-7!** [Learn more](#) about how you can support all of the Carls playing that weekend.

Find more [headlines, results, and the schedule for all varsity sports](#). You can find streaming coverage of Carleton sports on the [MIAC Sports Network](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Register for Family Weekend: October 13-15



We hope you'll join us to get a taste of what your students are experiencing at Carleton! Check out the schedule of both in-person and virtual events and be sure to register so we know you're coming.

[Schedule and Registration](#)

### Concert by Laura Veirs '97

**September 29**

**7:00 p.m. on campus**

Internationally renowned songwriter (and Carleton alum), [Laura Veirs '97](#), will perform a set of original songs featuring her voice and fingerstyle nylon guitar. [Learn more](#).



## Carleton Connects: Prof. Cameron Davidson and Alaskan Tectonics

**October 25**

**10:00 a.m. Central via Zoom**

Thanks to plate tectonics, North America has been acquiring large chunks of real estate along its western margin for millions of years. [Professor Cameron Davidson](#) will show how modern geochronology is transforming our understanding of Alaska's land masses and how scientific progress relies on the application of new tools to so-called settled scientific questions.



[Register for the Webinar](#)

## Supporting Students

### Fall Term Kicks Off in the Career Center

The start of fall term has been an exciting and busy time for us as we welcome the new students and kick off externships and fall programming. [Learn more](#) about activities that have happened in the last few weeks.

### Winter Wardrobe Open October 25-27

The Student Activities Office is excited to once again offer the [Winter Wardrobe](#), which provides Carleton students with gently used winter clothing and

accessories free of charge. The Wardrobe focuses on Carleton students with the greatest financial need, but is available to the entire student body. It will be open October 25-27 and again in January 2024. We are currently accepting donations of new and gently used winter clothing including:



- Coats & jackets
- Scarves
- Gloves & mittens
- Winter boots
- Hats & earmuffs

For those who would like to purchase online, an [Amazon Wishlist](#) is available. Donors can select what they would like to purchase for the Wardrobe and it will be mailed directly to our location. Information about how to contribute items by mail can be found [here](#).

## Group Therapy Options for Students

Some of the fall term's group therapy options from Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) began during week 2, including Bloom Up, a therapy group for first-year students. [Learn more](#) about all of the therapy groups running this fall, and other resources available to students to help manage stress.

You can also check out the resources assembled for parents and families to help support students who are dealing with a mental health issue.

[Support Student Mental Health](#)

## Alumni Spotlight

**Carleton Young Alumni Feature:  
Libby McKenna '15, Water Process Engineer**



## Jithran Ekanayake '20 Sends Experiments to International Space Station

Ekanayake [joined the ranks of scientists with work in outer space this year](#), as he has now sent two sets of experiments to the International Space Station (ISS) via the SpaceX CRS-27 (SpX-27) mission in March and the SpaceX Crew-7 mission in August.



## Useful Links

- [Parent/Family Gateway](#)
- [Weekly Convocations](#)
- [Campus Calendar](#)
- [2023-2024 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Make a gift to the Parents Fund](#)



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