November 8, 2023

A Message From President Byerly

Dear Parents and Families,

Those of you who are new to the Carleton community are probably getting a sense of the trimester calendar— if you ask your student how they are doing, their answer may simply be, “It’s ninth week!” The approaching end of term can mean additional work and stress, but also means that students are looking forward to the coming break. Read more.
Campus News

Carleton 2033: The Liberal Arts in Action

At their recent meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve Carleton 2033: The Liberal Arts in Action, a strategic direction that will guide the College's work and priorities over the next decade to ensure that the Carleton of 2033 is even stronger than the Carleton of today. Visit the new website for the full text of the plan, an introductory video, and lists of key takeaways.

Virtual Vikings Set Sail With Help From a Carleton Research Partnership

Viking ships and virtual reality might seem oceans apart, but a recent partnership between students and faculty at Carleton and Grinnell College is bringing the two together. The Virtual Viking Longship Project uses virtual reality and 3D modeling to explore the significance of Viking Age longships, while documenting the process for other institutions.

Fall Arts Performances

The end of the term is a busy one for student artists, with performances held from late October to November 15 from the Jazz Ensemble, Choir, Semaphore Repertory Dance Company, Orchestra, Symphony, and more. Check out the full calendar of music events and theater & dance events.

Knights Sports Highlights
The No. 4-ranked women's cross country program put all five scorers inside the top-10 and captured the team title at the MIAC Cross Country Championships. This is Carleton's 13th MIAC crown overall, and the Knights have now won 8 of the last 10 MIAC crowns. The No. 23-ranked men's cross country team finished second at the MIAC Championships, collecting four MIAC crowns, a runner-up result, and a third-place finish over the last six years.

Men's and women's soccer are both out of the MIAC playoffs, suffering close defeats over the past week, but garnered at-large bids to the NCAA D-III tournament this coming weekend. The women, who won the MIAC regular season title, will be taking on Cal Lutheran on Nov. 11 in Claremont, CA; while the men, who finished second in the MIAC standings, will play Pacific Lutheran at what is almost a home game held at nearby St. Olaf.
Women's volleyball swept St. Catherine's 3-0 on Senior Night on October 28, bringing their win total to 7 on the year. At the Cows, Colleges, and Contentment Classic, the men's team won 9 of 13 races, and the women's team won twice.

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

The Music and Dance of Greek Tragedy

November 9
12:00 p.m. on campus

Anna Conser '07 is a philologist specializing in Greek literature at the University of Cincinnati. As part of her first book project, she has developed software tools to analyze the melodic patterning of pitch accents in Greek choral lyrics. This new melodic evidence for Greek choral odes allows her to interpret ancient tragedy using approaches borrowed from opera and musical theater. Learn more.

The Objects That Remain: Criminal Evidence, Holocaust Artifacts, and the Work of Doing Justice

November 9
12:00 p.m. on campus

Dr. Laura Levitt is Professor of Religion, Jewish Studies, and Gender at Temple University. The Objects That Remain is equal parts personal memoir and fascinating examination of the ways in which the material remains of violent crimes inform our experience of and thinking about trauma and loss. Learn more.

Carleton Connects: Prof. Emeritus Louis Newman and How to Make the Most of College
November 16
11:00 a.m. via Zoom

What does it take to do well in college? How can incoming students prepare to thrive? And how can you best use your college education to prepare you for life after graduation? Join Carleton emeritus professor Louis Newman, author of Thinking Critically in College: The Essential Handbook for Student Success (2023), for a conversation on his decades of experience teaching and advising Carls and on the habits of thought that lead to rewards in college and beyond.

Register for the Webinar

Supporting Students

Send Love From Home

Want to support your student as they’re cramming for finals? Send your Carl a special treat! Here are a few ideas:

- Check out the Hugs from Home menu by Carleton's dining service, Bon Appetit
- Satisfy your Carl’s sweet tooth and support Northfield businesses by ordering from CakeWalk, Night Owl Bake Shop, or Sweet Tooth Treats.

The Carleton Cupboard Will be Open for Winter Break

The Carleton Cupboard’s purpose is to provide food to students impacted by food insecurity and unable to purchase their own food during winter and spring breaks.

Visit the website to learn more about
the Cupboard and how to support it with a donation. Students wishing to access the Cupboard should email Cathy Osterman to request an appointment.

Alumni Spotlight
A Pair of Recently Named Ambassadors

Japan recently named Shigeo Yamada '89 as ambassador to the United States. Yamada served as minister at the Japanese Embassy in the United States and director general of the ministry’s Foreign Policy Bureau before taking up his current post, senior deputy minister for foreign affairs, in June 2021.

Jack Lew '76 was recently confirmed as US ambassador to Israel. Lew formerly served as Treasury secretary under President Obama.

Useful Links

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• 2023-2024 Academic Calendar
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