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NEWSLETTER

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Sounds from the Movement: MLK on LP was an event held in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day that featured recordings of Dr. King's speeches, highlighting the sounds that supported the movement for social justice.

Campus News

Daren Batke named vice president for development and alumni relations



Batke comes to Carleton from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business, where he has served as chief advancement officer since 2019. Batke will begin his new role on April 1, joining the President's Cabinet and providing strategic direction and leadership for the College in the areas of development, alumni relations, parent and family relations, and grants. He arrives at a pivotal moment, as the College has just launched its strategic direction, [Carleton 2033: The Liberal Arts in Action](#), and is preparing to identify funding priorities and build the infrastructure for Carleton's next capital campaign. [Read more on the Carleton News webpage.](#)

Carleton receives \$1.5M grant to fund Indigenous Engagement in Place initiative

A \$1.5 million grant from the Mellon Foundation will fund Carleton's new Indigenous Engagement in Place initiative. This three-year project will expand collaborations with Indigenous partners to enliven learning, teaching, and public scholarship in the humanities and



across the liberal arts and provide a base for developing a minor in Native American and Indigenous studies. [Read the full story.](#)

History of Midwinter Ball

Esme Krohn '24, writing in *The Carletonian*, shares some history on the tradition that has evolved into Midwinter Ball, with the 44th annual edition held

this past weekend.

[Read the story](#)



New York Times spotlights Carleton as example of geothermal energy on campus

The *New York Times* spotlighted Carleton as an example of a college using a geothermal heating and cooling system in its piece, "To Slash Carbon Emissions, Colleges Are Digging Really Deep." [Read the article.](#)

Japanese tea ceremony exhibit



An exhibit of student work related to the Japanese tea ceremony and ceramics recently closed at Boliou East Gallery. Students enrolled in ARTS 235: Art of the Japanese Tea Ceremony and ARTH 236: Vessels for Tea, learned about the history and aesthetics of the Japanese tea ceremony, as well as practicing hand-building and wheel throwing techniques used by Japanese potters to make vessels associated with the production and consumption of tea. Special attention was paid to the use of local materials from Carleton's Arboretum, as well as wood-firing and traditional raku processes.

Knights sports highlights

Both [men's](#) and [women's](#) swimming and diving teams defeated cross-town rival St. Olaf on Senior Day, held January 27. [Josh Wu '24](#) received his first MIAC Athlete of the Week honor for his performance in the meet, in which he won two individual events and swam on two successful relays.



Men's basketball continues to rack up wins with recent victories over [St. Olaf](#) and [Concordia-Moorhead](#). Their record (13-7, 10-5 MIAC) moves them into third place in the MIAC standings.



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

Peer Leaders winter conference



Last month, over 175 [Peer Leaders](#), representing 12 Carleton offices, gathered on a Saturday afternoon to learn from and engage with their peers. Peer Leaders presented and attended workshops on a variety of topics, including:

- Inclusion, diversity, and equity in the Peer Leader role
- Cross-cultural competency
- Understanding and talking about disabilities
- Environmental justice and advocacy

- Creating community
- Peer-to-peer support
- Self-care and well-being
- Personal branding

Eleven different workshops were presented by both students and staff members. [Read on to learn more](#) about Peer Leader training and reflections from the Peer Leaders.

Career Center

Building bridges for the future: Sophomore Summit connects students and alumni

On January 20 the Career Center held the second annual Sophomore Summit. Students had the chance to attend alumni career panels, network with alumni in a social hour setting, get a professional headshot, attend a keynote speech by [Adonius Lewis '11](#), and enjoy a formal dinner in the Great Hall. [Read the full article on the Career Center website.](#)



Upcoming Events

Carleton Connects: Professor Anita Chikkatur and solving social problems in Minnesota

February 8, 2024
11 a.m. CST via Zoom

Who better to investigate and solve social problems than the people most affected by them? Join educational studies professor [Anita Chikkatur](#) for a conversation about ways that students, parents, and educators in Faribault, Minnesota and elsewhere have learned about and pushed for change in their own increasingly



diverse communities.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Performances coming up

Students in the arts are presenting a wide variety of concerts coming up later this month, from the Symphony Band to the Chinese and Global Music Ensembles. [Check out the arts events calendar](#) for more details!



Convocation: Gin Hammond '93

Friday, February 16, 2024
10:50 a.m. CST on campus and online

[Gin Hammond '93](#) is a Harvard University/Moscow Art Theatre MFA graduate and a certified Associate Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework™. She has performed nationally at theatres such as The Guthrie, Arena Stage, The Longwharf Theatre, The Pasadena Playhouse, the ART, The Berkshire Theatre Festival, and The Studio Theatre in Washington D.C., where she won a Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actress for her performance of *The Syringa Tree*.



[Register for the live stream](#)

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