

News from Carleton



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Campus News

Carleton alumni giving rate named among nation's top ten

Carleton's average alumni giving rate is the sixth highest in the entire United States, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* piece "15 Colleges Where the Most Alumni Donate." [Read the full story.](#)



Carleton named top producer of Fulbright U.S. students for 19th consecutive year

Carleton is proud to be recognized once more as [a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Students](#) among higher education institutions. Carleton has had a place on this list for 19 years now, and more than 190 Carls have participated in the program since its inception. Thirteen Carls received Fulbright awards for 2023, with 10 coming from the Class of 2023 and one each coming from the Classes of 2019, 2021, and 2022.



Knights Sports Highlights



Carleton sent four Knights to the [NCAA D-III Indoor Track & Field Championships](#) recently: **Mary Blanchard '24**, **Helen Cross '24**, **Sophie McManus '25**, and **Phoebe Ward '24**. The team [took home four All-Region awards](#) from the coaches' association (USTFCCA), with Cross (3,000m) and Ward (5,000m) also earning Second Team All-America honors.

Diver **Hailey Westrup '27** is headed to the [NCAA D-III Swimming & Diving Championships](#) from March 20–23. Westrup is currently the lone MIAC men's or women's diver selected to compete at Nationals this year, and will be the first Carleton rookie to compete at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships in any event since 2009.



[Four Knights were recognized](#) by the MIAC coaches: point guard **Luke Harris '25** was voted the conference's Offensive Player of the Year, and later also collected All-Region honors from the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and D3Hoops.com. Harris was joined on the All-MIAC squad by forward **Matt Banovetz '24**. Forward **Spencer Goetz '25** received All-MIAC honorable mention, while forward **Sam Koelling '27** was selected as the Rookie of the Year.

In February, [Sydney Trentman '27 was named MIAC Pitcher of the Week](#) for the second week in a row. Trentman is among the top pitchers in NCAA D-III in several categories and is tied for the lead in shutouts and ERA.

Find more [headlines, results, and the schedule for all varsity sports](#) on the Knight's website. Streaming coverage of Carleton sports is available on the [MIAC Sports Network](#).

The 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 in February.



[Read the story](#)

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.](#)

Supporting Students

Maize & Blue Daize starts April 4

Maize & Blue Daize is a week-long event from April 4–10, celebrating one of the things that makes Carleton so special—the generosity of our alumni and families! You can help us unlock \$25,000 in challenge funding offered by a group of current Carleton parents! Make a gift of any amount; 300 gifts will unlock the challenge dollars.



Be part of the challenge

Open for early gifts starting March 22!

While most of the activities are on campus, there are a few ways you can celebrate the Maize & Blue spirit too:

- Send a [virtual Friday Flower](#) to any current student, alum, faculty member, staff member, or friend of the College, to be delivered on April 5
- On April 6, meet up with other members of the Carleton community in your area during [Worldwide Coffee with Carls](#) (41 locations and counting!)

Upcoming Events

Convocation with Fiona Hill: Navigating a world in turmoil

April 19

10:50 a.m. CDT on campus and online

[Fiona Hill](#) is a senior fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution. She served as deputy assistant to the president and senior director for European and Russian affairs on the U.S. National Security Council from 2017 to 2019, and as national intelligence officer for Russia and Eurasia at the National Intelligence Council from 2006 to 2009. In October and November 2019, Hill testified before Congress in the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump.



[Register for the live stream](#)

Carleton Connects: Kao Kalia Yang '03 and the art of finding your voice

April 24

10 a.m. CDT via Zoom

[Kao Kalia Yang '03](#) is a celebrated author, speaker, and teacher. Among the eleven books that she has written or edited, her memoir *The Latehomecomer* (2008) was a Minnesota Book Award winner and a National Endowment for the Arts Big Read, and *The Song Poet* (2017), an account of her father and his quest to keep Hmong traditions alive through song, became the basis for an opera of the same name, performed in 2023 by the Minnesota Opera.



[Register for the webinar](#)

Remember: if you're interested in seeing any of the most recent Carleton Connects programs you may have missed, you can view them on the [archive!](#)

Alumni Spotlight

Carleton Young Alumni feature: Tyler Mixa '12,
research associate

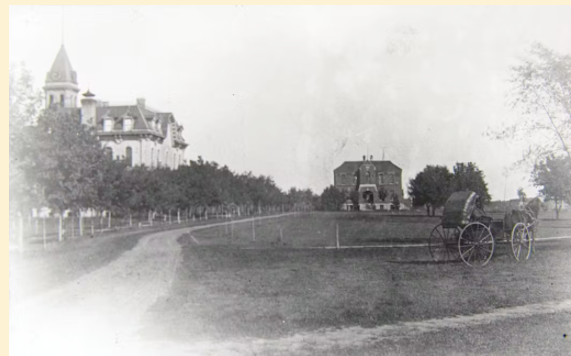


Northfield News

Star Tribune podcast asks how Northfield
became home to Carleton and St. Olaf

This episode of Curious Minnesota digs into the history of the town, including each college's founding, and how their presence has shaped Northfield.

[Read the full story](#)



Campus Scenes



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- [Make a gift to the Parents Fund](#)



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