Here's your news for September from on and off campus.

Carleton is flying high these days! The Class of '27 just arrived on campus and participated in the traditional Frisbee Toss: write your name on a Frisbee, aim for a target in the center of the Bald Spot (with prizes for the closest throws), then pick up someone else's Frisbee and return it to them—you might just find a new friend. Faculty and alumni are elevating Carleton's name in other ways as well, whether that's by publishing on pulsars (thanks to emeritus professor Joel Weisberg and Alice Curtin '19) or sending experiments to the International Space Station inscribed with the names of Carleton faculty and staff (thanks, Jithran Ekanayake '20). Back on earth, Laura Blaisdell '97 is the new medical director for SeriousFun (what could be more Carleton than that name?) and Mira Rojanasakul '08 co-produced a major New York Times report on groundwater depletion. The Carleton community, in other
words, will keep you feeling uplifted and deeply grounded. Read on for more news, and stay in touch.

Campus news

Reminder: Strategic plan feedback sessions
On September 5, President Byerly shared the first draft of the college’s strategic plan with alumni. Feedback on the plan is always welcome via the form (“Share Your Ideas”) on the strategic plan website; in addition, all alumni are encouraged to participate in an interactive, virtual feedback session (registration required) on Tuesday, September 19 at 7 pm Central or Thursday, September 28 at 12 pm Central. Each session is open to 50 participants and will include real-time polling and group discussion. Alumni Council President Micah Evans ’02, Carleton trustee Dana Wright ’95, President Byerly, and Strategic Advisory Board member Bonnie Melville ’92, P’24 will facilitate. We hope you can join us!

Carleton’s new chaplain
Schuyler Vogel ’07 began work as a chaplain’s associate during his junior year. Sixteen years later, he is back on campus, hired to carry on his mentor’s legacy and establish his own vision as Carleton’s new chaplain. Read more about Schuyler and his perspective on the college’s diverse and engaged spiritual life.

Homecoming: Saturday, October 7
October on campus will be particularly festive this year, as Carleton hosts St. Olaf on Saturday, October 7. Both colleges will be celebrating Homecoming, and Carleton will have the home field advantage; the football game begins at Laird Stadium at 1 p.m., with men’s and women’s tennis and women’s soccer throughout the afternoon as well. Mark your calendars and come cheer on the Knights!

A world-wide welcome for the Class of ’27
From San Diego to Boston, from China to the Caribbean, the Carleton community welcomed the Class of 2027 and their families this summer with 22 in-person and virtual Summer Send-Offs. Thank you to all our hosts, alumni, current students, and parents who fostered new connections and helped celebrate the newest members of the community. Click on the picture to watch the video.
Upcoming events

In person and virtual Monday, Sept. 11 3 p.m. Central Skinner Memorial Chapel

**Opening Convocation with Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson**


Virtual: Wednesday, Sept. 27 10 a.m. Central

**Carleton Connects: Kai Bird '73 and J. Robert Oppenheimer**

Kai Bird '73 is one of our nation's preeminent biographers, and the movie *Oppenheimer* is based on his Pulitzer Prize–winning biography of the father of the atomic bomb. Join Kai for a wide-ranging conversation on Oppenheimer (the man and the movie), American history, and the life of a writer.

Learn more and register

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Virtual: Thursday, Sept. 14
9:00 a.m. Central

**Breakfast Club: The Deep National Importance of Cujokra with Peter Gwinn '93**

Join Peter Gwinn '93 as he describes his journey from the Nourse Little Theater to the glamor of the Governor's Ball and the cubicles of NPR and takes you inside the workings of a professional news-based comedy writer's room. Peter won two Emmy Awards as an original member of the writing staff for The Colbert Report and is currently a writer for Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me! on NPR.

In person: Thursday, Sept. 28
5:15 p.m. Central
Leighton Hall 305

**Herbert P. Lefler Lecture with Cassandra Good**


Virtual events continue

**Varsity athletic events livestreamed**

Even if you can't make it to campus or travel with your favorite teams, you can still enjoy Carleton's athletic exploits via livestream. Every week of the term offers opportunities to watch from your computer or phone, and many varsity teams are included in the schedule of online coverage, so stay in touch and up to date.

In-person events continue

**Carleton Young Alumni (C'YA) Gatherings**

C'YA hosts events and provides support for new alumni as they connect with their class, current students, and other young alumni. Check out our upcoming events in NYC (9/13), Maine (9/17), and North Carolina (9/21).

Other Ways to Connect

Are you part of the Carleton College Alumni Book Club? If not, don't delay and join today!
Starting on October 13, the Book Club community will read *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger, following the journey of four children across the American landscape during the Great Depression.

William Kent Krueger will join us for a live author talk on Wednesday, December 5, at 2:00 pm ET. It will be the perfect way to wrap up our 10-week asynchronous discussion of *This Tender Land*.

"Long, sprawling, and utterly captivating, readers will eat up every delicious word of it." — *New York Journal of Books*

Learn more and join by October 13

**Reunion 2024 Planning: Honor Your Classmates**

The celebration of Alumni Association Awards and the 'C' Club Hall of Fame is a central element of every Reunion. If 2024 is your Reunion year and you wish to nominate a classmate or learn more about the process, please familiarize yourself with the [guidelines](#) and contact your [Reunion committee](#) for guidance. The deadline for submitting complete nominations is November 15, 2023.

Learn more about the guidelines

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