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

Sure, it's winter, and most students won't be back until January, but Carleton is still bustling with activity, including the festive and well-attended annual Craft Fair and Custodial Scholarship Fund Bake Sale. Now in its 30th year, this endowed fund is supported by custodial staff along with other community members and provides financial aid for at least one student per year. Students in turn are supporting others in the community; Sam Millen '27 is helping to diminish the local digital divide, and Jonathan Nguyen '25 has won a fellowship to foster community engagement through digital media. As for alumni, if you wonder how a Carleton education can lead to leadership positions in the government's approach to renewable energy, Arpita Battacharyya '10 has an answer. And what are you up to these days? Let us know, and read on for more news from campus.
National Champions, Coaches of the Year, and more

Carleton's women's cross country team capped a tremendous season by winning the NCAA Division III Championships, the first NCAA women's team title in school history. In addition to winning her 13th (!) MIAC Coach of the Year award, Donna Ricks was also voted by her peers as the 2023 National Coach of the Year. Three other varsity teams—women's soccer, men's soccer, and men's cross country—also competed at nationals this year, and soccer coaches Jess Mueller and Bob Carlson were named the women's and men's MIAC Soccer Coach of the Year.

You'll drool over our new bib

The Carleton Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations provide Carleton bibs (in a new, easy-to-wash silicone design) to alumni who have recently welcomed a baby into their families. Please fill out our form to share your news with us and receive a free bib.

Call for Reunion 2025 volunteers

If your class will be celebrating Reunion in 2025 and you would like to help plan the weekend's events or your class's gift effort, please complete the Reunion Volunteer form. Everyone is welcome.

Make your gift early this December

There's still time to make a gift to Carleton before the tax deadline on December 31. However, college offices will be closed December 23–31. If you typically make your gift by phone (800-745-2275), please consider initiating your call early this year. If you plan to mail your gift, please ensure that it is postmarked by Saturday, December 30. Otherwise, we invite you to visit give.carleton.edu to make your annual contribution by December 31.

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Please feel free to reach out to us after January 1. Happy New Year!
Virtual: Thursday, Dec. 14
9:00 a.m. Central

**State of Emergency Medicine, with Love Anani**

Love Anani '07 is the President of Staff for TriStar NorthCrest Medical Center (Springfield, TN). Dr. Anani will discuss the past, present, and future state of the medical specialty of Emergency Medicine, including the topics of burnout, the "declining" job market, and the financial implications of new laws such as the No Surprise Billing Act. If you have ever been to an ER, want to prepare yourself before you go, or even thought about working in one, this is the perfect talk.

Learn more and register

Virtual: Monday, Jan. 15
2:00 p.m. Central

**Layla Oesper and fighting cancer with computer science**

Can a better understanding of cancer be unlocked by computer science? Hear from an award-winning professor how new algorithms help us understand and respond to the problems of genetic mutation.

Associate professor of computer science Layla Oesper has taught at Carleton since 2015.

Learn more and register

See the full list of alumni events

**Other ways to connect**

**Winter Gatherings**

Winter gatherings are a fun way to get together with Carls in your area, engage current students who are home for winter break, and show them what life after Carleton is like.

Check out the list of events and register. Don't see an event in your area? There's still time to plan an informal gathering. It can be as easy as picking
Kickstart 2024 with a captivating read and a live author talk

Prepare for a literary journey in 2024 with Carleton's alumni book club, your gateway to engaging reads and insightful discussions with fellow Carls. Our new year begins with *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez, starting on January 5.

Critics have lauded *Take My Hand* for its poignant narrative. *Kirkus Reviews* notes that the book "vividly highlights the deep and lasting impact of injustice." *BookPage* appreciates its "memorable, astute examination of boundaries," calling it a "challenging, enlightening novel."

Don't miss the chance to interact with the author during a livestream talk on February 29 at 5:00 pm Central!

Thanks for reading to the end of this month's newsletter! If you missed one of our recent issues, [check out our online archive](#).

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