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

Everyone needs a fresh perspective on things from time to time (do you recognize where you are in the image above?). Here's hoping that the new year brings you new views as well. On campus, students and professors have started their winter classes, seniors are deep into comps, and varsity athletes are headed for successful seasons. Speaking of success, Gretta Melsted ’98 has been inducted into the national fastpitch softball Hall of Fame, and Ntense Obono ’25 is Carleton's first all-American footballer since 2008. Congratulations as well to Katie O’Leary ’25 on her national German essay prize! Read on for more new angles from campus and the Carleton community, and if you've updated your own prospects, make sure to let us know.
Campus news

Archaeology class uncovers foundations of Carleton's oldest building

What's the oldest building on campus? Most Carls would say Willis Hall, built in 1873—but there's another that's even older: Seccombe House.

On a recommendation from Carleton archivist Tom Lamb, assistant professor of archaeology Sarah Kennedy led her students this fall in an excavation of Seccombe's original foundations along with a deep dive into the history of the building. Read the full story about how Carls uncovered the foundations of Seccombe House and what they learned about early campus life at Carleton.

Lofgren fellow named

Congratulations to Megan Morrison '13, this year's recipient of the Lofgren Alumni Business Fellowship. Established in 1984 by Charles Lofgren, Sr. '27, the award supports alumni with established commitments to a career in business through educational opportunities.

Towards a Warm Embrace: Artwork by Ezra Benus and Finnegan Shannon '11 opens January 11

The Perlman Teaching Museum presents a two-person exhibition of artwork by NYC-based artists Finnegan Shannon '11 and Ezra Benus, who are working together for the first time. Their exhibition focuses on disability and accessibility practices with the underlying premise that access is something for which we all have a responsibility.

Join the artists for a talk in the Weitz Cinema on January 11 from 5:00-6:00 pm followed by an opening reception from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Perlman Teaching Museum. For more information, visit the Perlman Teaching Museum webpage.

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.

Read more news about Carleton
Upcoming events

In person and virtual:
Friday, Jan. 5
10:50 a.m. Central, Skinner Chapel

Convo with Anthony Jack
The director of Boston University's Newbury Center and the author of the widely acclaimed *The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges are Failing Disadvantaged Students*, Anthony Jack will discuss how class divides on campus create barriers to academic success — and what schools can do to truly level the playing field.

Learn more and register

Virtual: Thursday, Jan. 11
9:00 a.m. Central

Why All of Us Can Be Fooled...*Some of the Time*, with Dan Simons

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

Professor 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.

Oesper is an associate professor of computer science at Carleton, where she has taught since 2015.

Learn more and register

In person: Thursday, Jan. 18
7:30 p.m. Central
Kracum Performance Hall

The Vijay Iyer Trio
Iyer, the four-time Jazz Artist of the Year (*DownBeat* Magazine), has carved out a unique path as an influential, prolific,
Only the gullible believe that only the gullible can get scammed. Dan Simons '91, professor of psychology at the University of Illinois and the co-author of Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It (2023), will describe how and why scams work and what you can do to avoid fooling yourself or others.

Learn more and register

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service of Remembrance and Celebration
Speaker: Rev. Kelly Chatman
Musician: Robert Robinson
January 14, 2024
5:00 pm, Chapel
Dinner from Desi Diner

In person: now through Jan. 21
Join fellow Carls at a Winter Gathering
Carls come together to toast the new year. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. Registration is open for events in St. Louis, Columbus, Boulder, Santa Fe, Boston, and Austin.

Learn more and register

In person: Sunday, Jan. 14
5:00 p.m. Central
Skinner Chapel
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Service of Remembrance & Celebration
A service honoring the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. will feature Rev. Kelly Chatman and musical guest Robert Robinson. Dinner following the service will be from Desi Diner.

See the full list of alumni events

Other ways to connect

Nationwide Trivia Challenge
Join us for our 24th Annual Nationwide Trivia! Our event host this year will again be Noah Tarnow '97. In addition to being a past Jeopardy! contestant and a karaoke superstar, Noah is the creator, writer, and senior quizmaster of The Big Quiz Thing.
Learn more and register your team by Sunday, Feb. 4

READ. DISCUSS. CONNECT.

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!

Learn more and join by January 5

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