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NEWSLETTER



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

Spring term has once again sprung, and signs of life are appearing in and on all sorts of fields. Athletes, especially [Syzygy](#) (women's D-I Ultimate) and [women's tennis](#), are off to particularly strong starts. A recent *Physics Today* article highlights how physics professor [Marty Baylor](#) emphasizes both professionalism and belonging in her classes. A new book edited by [Cheryl Klein '00](#) shows how our knowledge of the extinction of the dinosaurs springs from work by [Walter Alvarez '62](#), and [Mary-Claire King '67](#) is the recipient of a prestigious award from the National Academy of Sciences. If your own projects have put some spring in your step, do let us know, and read on for more news from campus and beyond.

News from campus

Carleton joins new sustainability pilot program

Carleton has been selected as one of 21 institutions to participate in the pilot phase of a [Carnegie Elective Classification for Sustainability](#). Read more about the [pilot program](#).





Register for Reunion!

Reunion is coming up soon (June 20–22), and [registration is open](#). You can browse the [full weekend schedule](#) and see [who's coming](#). Campus housing is limited, so register now!

Upcoming events



INDIGENOUS ARCHAEOLOGIES OF MINNESOTA



In person: Monday, April 7
12:00 p.m. CDT

Franky Jackson Lunch and Public Lecture: Indigenous Archaeologies of Minnesota

Franky Jackson, a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, will discuss his work at the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the Prairie Island Indian Community. He will highlight various collaborations in Minnesota archaeology, including site stewardship, preservation, and repatriation initiatives.

[Learn more](#)



Virtual: Thursday, April 17
6 p.m. CDT

Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace and Beyond

Join us for an informative and thought-provoking panel discussion as Carleton alumni share their insights about Artificial Intelligence in the workplace, from academia to big tech and beyond. Moderated by **David Holmes '96 P '25**, the panel will feature **Rebecca Gelles '13**, **Jonathan Elsas '98**, and **Debbie Urbanski '98**.

[Learn more and register](#)



Virtual: Thursday, April 11
12 p.m. CDT

Carleton Connects: Pete Cowdin '85 and bringing books to life

There's nothing quite like it. The Rabbit Hole, a new immersive museum experience in Kansas City dedicated to children's literature, is the singular brainchild of **Pete Cowdin '85** and his partner Deb Pettid. Join Pete for a discussion around literature and the arts, community building, nonprofit business models, and the changing shape of reading.

[Learn more and register](#)



In person and virtual:
Friday, April 18
10:50 a.m. CDT

Convocation with David Wright Faladé '86

Throughout his published works of fiction and nonfiction, **David Wright Faladé '86** has made invaluable contributions to literature on race, identity, and the mixed nature of America. A professor of English at the University of Illinois, David was the recipient of the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Award and has written for the *New Yorker*, the *Village Voice*, the *Southern Review*, and *Newsday*.

[Learn more and register](#)



In person throughout the spring

Cheer on the Knights

Spring sports continue this month with baseball, golf, softball, tennis, and track and field competitions at home and away. Look for an event in your area and come support Carleton's varsity athletes!

[Check out the full calendar of athletic events](#)



In person: Saturday, April 26
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Arb Volunteer Work Event

As part of the Northfield's Earth Day celebration, help restore the forests of the Upper Arboretum.

[Learn more and register](#)

[See the full list of alumni events](#)

Ways to connect



Coffee with Carls

Saturday, April 5

58 locations (including virtual)!

Meet with Carls in your area to connect and build community over a cup of coffee, tea, or something else. Register today!

[Learn more and register for an event in your area](#)



Maize & Blue Daize 2025

Show your Carleton pride during the College's fourth annual Maize & Blue Daize celebration **April 4–7**. Wear your colors and connect with fellow Carls via a medley of in-person and virtual events:

April 4–7 | Maize & Blue Daize fundraising challenge
April 4 | Convocation with Leeya Rose Jackson
April 5 | Coffee with Carls

[Learn more about events and programming](#)

Looking for a career change? This is your sign!

No matter whether you've just graduated or your career has spanned decades, it can be difficult to find the time and energy to map out your next moves. After a popular and successful program last fall, Carleton is working again with the career design experts at Mission Collaborative to provide you with the structure and support you've been looking for. The program begins April 12.

[Learn more about the Alumni Career Design program](#)

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

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