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## Parent Relations Office

Dear Parents of New Students:

As Director of Parent Relations, I am happy to welcome you to the Lafayette family. The Parent Relations Office is a source of information and assistance for you. With the beginning of classes only a few weeks away, I would like to share some important dates and details with you now.

New student “**Arrival and Move-in**” is scheduled for **Thursday, August 27** from 7 to 11 a.m. That day, families of all new students (including transferees) are invited to a picnic on the Quad beginning at 11:00 a.m. International students should arrive on August 23 or 24 for pre-orientation and should provide their arrival information to the International Student Advisor, Janine Block, at [blockj@lafayette.edu](mailto:blockj@lafayette.edu).

Plan your day! You will have from 7 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. to move your student into his or her room, have lunch at the family picnic, and attend a **Parent Orientation** session. You will be assigned to one of the two parent sessions according to your student's residence hall. Assignments can be found on the Parent Orientation Schedule and will be posted on the Class of 2013 and Parent web sites. The Parent Orientation session will provide you with the opportunity to receive information from Academic and Student Life administrators. The Director of the Counseling Center, along with upper-level students and parents, will discuss parents' expectations and college realities, offer “first-hand advice for parents” and answer questions.

The Welcome Program for students and families will begin at 3:45 p.m. and is the official start of Student Orientation. We ask students to sit with their family or with a classmate if their family is not present. It is advisable to determine ahead of time where you will meet your student before the program. Following the Welcome, all parents are invited to an informal reception in the President's Garden. Lafayette's president Daniel H. Weiss, and his wife Sandra, look forward to meeting each parent. Detailed schedules for the day will be available at check-in tables at each residence hall and in the Farinon College Center on move-in day.

There are a number of items available to assist parents in acclimating to Lafayette College and the Easton area. The **Parent Handbook** will be the most helpful resource for you for the duration of your student's years at Lafayette. The Handbook is an online, interactive resource and can be found on the Parent Web Site. Within the text are links to additional information. If you would prefer to have the handbook “in hand”, it is printable from the web. Please browse through it so you become familiar with the contents. If there is any information you need that is not included in this handbook, contact the appropriate office listed in the directory. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Be sure to visit the **Lafayette Parent Web Site**. It can be found by going to the Lafayette page at [www.lafayette.edu](http://www.lafayette.edu) and clicking on 'Parents' or by going directly to [www.lafayette.edu/parents](http://www.lafayette.edu/parents). It contains important information, calendars, articles, a directory and links to college offices, restaurants and hotels.

**Family Weekend '09** is scheduled for **September 25-27**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the college's most popular events. A very enthusiastic student committee has planned a diverse program with many activities for family members of all ages. The theme is "Hidden Treasurer of Lafayette". You are invited to attend Friday classes, discussion groups, open houses, academic showcases, sporting events, a family brunch and the Family Weekend Tailgate before the Saturday night football game.

Entertainment will highlight our student a cappella groups and choirs on Friday and an Open Mike on Saturday. A registration form and detailed schedule will be mailed to you and posted on the web site in August. Last year's schedule is posted for your reference. If you will need a hotel reservation, you should make it as soon as possible. Check the Food & Lodging Guide on the Parent Web Site for hotel listings.

It is important that we receive your completed **Family Information Form** which is enclosed. In case of an emergency, it is vital that the College has correct parent/guardian contact information at all times. Many of the College's publications are being changed to online documents. Please return the **Go Green Card** enclosed or email your preference for receiving information from the College. If you have a **change of address, telephone number or email address**, please remember to notify the Parent Relations Office by email, mail or telephone. I am sure you do not want to miss receiving the parent newsletter, announcements or invitations to special events!

The *Marquis Mailer* is a monthly e-mail newsletter for parents, alumni, and friends. It contains current Lafayette news, announcements of upcoming events and general College information. The *Lafayette News* is a daily e-mail update. To receive these electronic publications, you must register for them online. To do so, go to the 'Subscribe' section on the parent web site. If your email address changes, please update it via the online subscription form.

There are several options available to parents to serve on a committee or to volunteer their time and expertise. The time commitment varies and there are options for those at a distance from campus. If you would like to be a parent volunteer, please indicate your area of interest on the **Parent Volunteer Form** that is on the back of the Family Information Form. You are welcome to visit the parent web site or to call the Parent Relations Office for more information.

A list of book to assist parents navigate through the college years is available on line. If you have read one of these books, or a similar one, I would appreciate your thoughts about the book to share with other parents. Just send a short review and I will place it on the web site. Your commentary can be especially helpful for future Lafayette parents.

Alumni chapters around the country sponsor special activities from college programs to social events. You will receive an announcement if one is taking place in your area. I encourage you to attend and take the opportunity to meet other parents and alumni.

During the year, if you have any suggestions on a parent program or publication, or if you need information not found in the Parent Handbook, please do not hesitate to email, call or write. All means of contact are on the enclosed calendar magnet. I enjoy hearing from parents and appreciate your ideas.

Again, welcome to the Lafayette family. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at Parent Orientation and Family Weekend!

Sincerely,



Donna L. Krivoski  
Director of Parent Relations