



LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

Parent Relations Office

Dear Parents:

The fall semester will be here before you know it! It is time to mark your calendars with important dates for Lafayette events.

Upper-level Student Move-in: Upper-level students will be permitted to arrive on **August 29 and 30**. Classes will begin on August 31. If you need specific information concerning move-in, contact the Office of Residence Life at (610) 330-5335.

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. Attending Family Weekend is an excellent way to let your student share their college home with you.

Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of 2010 will be held on Saturday, May 22. Details will be sent to you from the President's Office during the spring semester. Information can be found on the parent web site. The dates for the other classes will be May 21, 2011 and May 18, 2012.

In support of the **Go Green Initiative**, many of Lafayette'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 an email address, please be certain to send it to the Parent Relations Office at krivoskd@lafayette.edu so you do not miss any publications or special announcements.

In case of an emergency, it is important that the College has correct contact information at all times. If you have a **change of address, telephone number or email address**, please remember to notify the College. To do this, contact 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!

Parents are an important part of the Lafayette family. The input and assistance from upper-level parents is always appreciated and helpful to new parents. Please read the enclosed **Parent Volunteer Card** and select a volunteer opportunity of interest to you. The time commitment can be as little as a few hours or as much as you are willing to invest. The two committees have one annual meeting on Parent Volunteer Day, the day students return to campus for the spring semester. I hope you can assist us!

Be sure to visit the **Lafayette Parent Web Site**. It can be found by going to the Lafayette page at www.lafayette.edu and clicking on 'Parents' or by going directly to www.lafayette.edu/parents. It

contains important information, calendars, articles, a directory and links to college offices, restaurants and hotels.

The *Marquis Mailer* is a monthly e-mail newsletter for parents, alumni, and friends. It provides you with 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.

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.

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.

During the year, if you have any comments or suggestions for 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.

I hope you are having a very pleasant summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at Family Weekend in September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Krivoski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donna" and last name "Krivoski" clearly legible.

Donna L. Krivoski
Director of Parent Relations

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