Parents Invited to Attend Summer College

Summer College is a three-day program featuring ten 90-minute classes taught by the outstanding faculty at Lafayette. It will be held July 19-22. Expect the lectures to stretch your mind and be challenging and thought-provoking. The course topics include nanotechnology, how to read a film, the Great War and Russian Revolution, climate change policy, and a techno-cultural history of the automobile in America. You will also enjoy time spent with alumni, parents, and friends on our beautiful campus. We do hope you will consider coming to campus this summer for an enriching and intellectually stimulating program. For more information and to register, please visit the Summer College website at http://alumni.lafayette.edu.

Staying in Touch

It is just as important for college students to keep a good connection with their parents so it is for their parents. Hearing news from home and sharing what is happening on campus not only keeps the ties to family healthy but it also keeps the lines of communication open for more serious conversations.

Quick calls while walking between classes and sending emails and text messages make it easy for students to do. Consider sending your student an “old fashioned” letter or card—you would be surprised at how happy they are when they see something in their mailbox other than a college flyer. Families can be creative with some of the messages they send. Have some fun like this father and son did!

Dear Dad,

School is really great. I am making lots of friends and studying very hard. With all my stuff, I simply can’t think of anything I need, so if you would like, you can just send me a card, all I always love to hear from you.

Love, Your Son

The Reply:

Dear Son,

I know that econometrics, astrophysics and your technology clinic are eNough to keep even an econNo1 student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knoledge is a noble task, and you can never study eNough.

Love, Dad

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012-13

April

2-13 Pre-enrollment, fall 2012

May

4 Last day of classes

7-14 Finals exams

19 Baccalaureate and Commencement

June

30 Closing date for Annual Parents Fund

August

23 New Parent Orientation

25-26 New Student Orientation

26-28 Upper-level Welcome to class

27 First day of classes

September

3 Labor Day (classes in session)

October

6-9 Fall break

5-16 Pre-registration, spring 2013

17 Lafayette vs. Lehigh football (Home)

27-29 Thanksgiving break

November

5-16 Pre-registration, spring 2013

17 Lafayette vs. Lehigh football (Home)

27-29 Thanksgiving break

December

7 Last day of classes

13-18 Finals exams

Evolving Leadership: Lafayette Leadership Institute

Members of the Lafayette Leadership Education Committee members include Sarah Frohnapfel ’13, l-r, Caitlin Flood ’12 (student leader intern for ’11-’12), Glen Robinson ’13 (student leader intern for ’12-’13), Matt Grandon ’12, Tatiana Logan ’13, and Jared Katz ’12.

In February, junior and senior leaders had the opportunity to attend the Lafayette Leadership Institute, an annual conference focusing on developing skills and exchanging information relevant to student leaders. The institute has been a Lafayette tradition since the first conference in 1996, entitled “What It Takes,” where former Trustee Fred Benson ’59 presented the keynote speech. Since Benson’s inspiring speech, thousands of student leaders have benefited from the annual institute that combines the keynote with three blocks of educational sessions, an alumni panel presentation, alumni roundtable discussions, leadership resources, and a leadership recognition ceremony.

In the past 16 years, the committee has showcased the accomplishments and expertise of our expanded campus community and provided an environment for our students to learn from over 150 alumni, from the Class of 1955 to the Class of 2007. Over the years, our conference keynote speakers, presenters, and panelists have been trustees, alumni, Lafayette parents, faculty, administrators, and student leaders.

This year’s institute was based on the theme “Evolving Leadership,” with a focus on transitioning leadership skills developed on campus to leadership in graduate school and the workplace. One hundred sixty junior and senior leaders registered in January and were able to pick from workshop sessions covering topics such as financial literacy, motivational and global leadership, goal-setting strategies, and the art of navigating social media in the workforce. Most students felt the highlights of the conference included the keynote address delivered by Lance Podell ’76, and the panel presentation highlighting six distinguished alumni. The conference featured two parents as (continued on page 2)

Selling Study Abroad Experience to Employers

More than half of Lafayette students engage in some type of study abroad experience during their four years. Study abroad can include either a full semester or a shorter-term trip held during the January interim or the summer. Students return with stories about what they have learned, whom they have met, and how they have grown. What students don’t realize is that these same stories can distinguish them from other candidates when shared with potential employers or graduate schools. Often, students don’t know how to articulate the tangible outcomes of their time abroad so they leave it out of the conversation altogether. Career Services works with students to help them weave examples from their time away into the answers they provide...
Parents Fund Update

Thanks to the generosity of our Lafayette parents, we have raised more than $911,000 for the 2011-2012 Parent Fund through March 23! We are closing in on our goal of $1,500,000 to support the programs and initiatives that make your child’s experience at Lafayette unique. Consistent annual support from parents is vital for the College to continue to provide the resources to help your student realize his or her full potential. If you haven’t made your gift to the College this year, you have until June 30 to make a difference. You may choose to support the area of greatest need with an unrestricted contribution or any area of campus that is most important to you and your student. Any gift, regardless of the size, makes an immediate impact on the life of your student at Lafayette.

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2012-2013 Financial Aid Applicants


► Returning U.S. student application deadline was April 15.
► Returning international student application deadline was Feb.15.

Files will be reviewed once all of the application requirements are satisfied. Students may track the receipt of documents by using their Former Self Service account.
For financial aid security purposes, please include and/or be prepared to provide personal identifying information (Lafayette student ID#, social security number, date of birth, etc.) when contacting our office or submitting any documents.

Dining Destinations in Downtown Easton

Downtown Easton is gaining a reputation as a destination for dining, with casual and elegant restaurants drawing visitors from around our area. Whether you’re in town for a quick visit or celebrating your student’s graduation, there are plenty of options for catching up over a fresh meal.

Early spring is a good time to enjoy a burger at Feary Baker’s beautiful dining room. They offer many local options on their menu, as well as a wide selection of microbrews. The River Grill offers plenty of space for larger groups, and the variety of their menu appeals to the whole family. On a warm spring day, take advantage of the patio seating at Sante Luna. Their “rustic Italian” fare includes everything from sous vide to crispy pizza from their wood stove. Valencia also has generous patio space overlooking Centre Square.

2012 Class Gift to Fund Internships

The Class of 2012’s Commencement Gift Committee is hard at work under the leadership of co-chairs 123, 124, 125, and 126. They are gathering information from students about their desired careers and interests.

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...and a menu rich with Mediterranean favorites like paella.

If you’d like to grab breakfast before you head out of town, head down to "Millionaires Row" — North Third Street, right at the bottom of College Hill. Try the Quadrant Book Mart and Coffee House for both excellent omelets and a little local color. Third Street Café also offers hearty breakfasts, with allergen-free and vegetarian options always available.

If your student has a few more years left at Lafayette, keep an eye on downtown Easton for new restaurants — the options grow by the month.

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Contact Parents Relations

If you have questions or would like more information on a topic, please feel free to contact the person whose name appears at the end of each article. Please send address changes, comments, or suggestions to me at the address or number on the right. I look forward to hearing from you!

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One of the most reliable predictors of good health and longevity are the close nurturing relationships we establish with friends and lovers. Other people, as it turns out are the best antidote for loneliness. Research has shown that compassionate and caring behavior improves emotional and physical health. According to psychologist Martin Seligman who started the positive psychology movement, reaching out and helping others can induce a feeling of happiness and reduce symptoms of depression. In fact, in a study of several thousand people involved in service activities, over 90 percent reported feeling similar to “runners high,” a feeling of calmness, and improved self-worth. Developing and practicing compassion and altruism takes the focus away from the individual. Doing regular volunteer work and interacting with others compassionately increases life expectancy and improves vitality. Helping others is one of the best ways to help ourselves.

What are some other elements that we stress in the Live Well program? Positive relationships are essential for well-being.

A Summer Planning Checklist

It’s almost that time. The end of the semester is right around the corner and there are decisions to be made and plans to prepare. This checklist offers food for thought so that you and your student are ready to dig into the summer season.

Figure Out Storage. If your student is graduating, have the cap and gown and announcements been ordered and all the necessary paperwork completed? Have plans been made for out-of-town visitors? What is the plan for after the graduation ceremonies when it comes to dinner reservations? These kinds of details can sneak up on you. Information on where to store your things can be found in the storage facilities in town. Visit the Residence Life website or contact the Parent Relations office for local suggestions. That stuff needs to go somewhere!

Finalize Classes for Fall Semester. Is your student all set with classes for next term? Those might include summer classes, internships, or full semester choices. Just confirm that those academic ducks are in a row.

Have Graduation Specs in Place. If your student is graduating, have the cap and gown and announcements been ordered and all the necessary paperwork completed? Have plans been made for out-of-town visitors? What is the plan for after the graduation ceremonies when it comes to dinner reservations? These kinds of details can sneak up on you.

Budget for summer costs.

Summer savings plan for full semester costs.

Living arrangements for the summer if not returning home.

By getting these details hammered out now, your student will be able to take full advantage of the full summer.

Some additional things for students to think about before the summer comes:

Scholarship and financial aid deadlines.

Having housing lined up for the fall.

Transportation home after the spring semester is over.

Living arrangements for the summer if not returning home.

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Lafayette Leadership Institute (continued from page 1)
well: Renée Blake ’82 (mother of Alexa Blake ’12 and Jeff) and Moore (father of Andrew Moore ’12).

The Lafayette Leadership Institute continues the mission of the Lafayette Leadership Education (LLE) committee, which is to educate and motivate our student leaders in the areas of leadership, community service, and student involvement.

Lance Podell ’06, keynote speaker

Family Weekend

Commencement Dates
May 10, 2012 May 24, 2014
May 25, 2013 May 24, 2014

Parent Website
Visit the parent website at www.lafayette.edu/parentsfamilies

Getting the POINT?
Watch for these important e-messages. If you are not receiving them, send your address to Parent Relations. Don’t miss the POINT!

Parent Volunteers
Thank you to all of the parents of the Communications, Family Weekend, and Parent Funds committees who completed their surveys, reviewed the admissions view book and attended Volunteer Day in January—in the snow. Your assistance was appreciated!
Lafayette e2Campus Emergency Alert Service

All students and parents who have not already done so are strongly encouraged to sign up for Lafayette’s e2Campus Emergency Alert Service. Currently, 63 percent of the students have registered for alerts. If your student is one who has not signed up, please urge him/her to do so now. The process is quick and easy. You may access instructions and frequently asked questions on the Office of Public Safety website at http://publicsafety.lafayette.edu/e2campus.

If you signed up for the Emergency Alert Service but have since changed your cell phone service provider and/or cell phone number, you will need to update your Emergency Alert Service account information.

Please note:
- Students and parents must sign up for the Emergency Alert Service to receive alerts.
- Use of the alert service is reserved for situations that involve imminent danger or events that impact a significant portion of the campus population.
- When the alert service is used, an alert is sent simultaneously to all students and parents who have signed up.
- Cell phone numbers gathered through this process will be used only for emergency-notification purposes and will remain securely stored.

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Professor Katalin Fabian assists with donated items.

Moving Out Responsibly with Green Move Out

For the past several years, faculty, staff, and students have come together with your student for his/her departure from campus.

All College-operated housing (general residence halls, Fisher Suites, Watson Courts, and College-owned off-campus apartments) will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 14, to all students (except graduating seniors). Students are to vacate their rooms within 24 hours of their last academic commitment or by the date/t ime (whichever is earliest). Checkpoint tags for non-graduating seniors will be deactivated as of May 14. With the exception of approved extended-stay groups, no first-year students, sophomores, or juniors are permitted to remain in their rooms past May 14.

Reminders
- It is important to leave the room clean—not only is leaving a mess disrespectful to the kind cleaning staff who have helped your student all year, there is also a chance associated with excess cleaning (checkpoint tags for non-graduating seniors will be deactivated as of May 14). Help remind your student to return their residence hall key (and checkpoint tag) to the offices of Residence Life or Public Safety before they leave campus. Charges will be incurred if keys are not returned properly.
- Summer storage space on campus is very limited and is not guaranteed. Students need to consider where that rug, MicroFridge, furniture, and more will go. A great option is to rent a storage unit in town with friends. Have your student check the office of Residence Life website (under Services) for more information.

For more information about wills and making charitable gifts through estate planning, go to our website at, http://lafayette.giftplans.org/ and look under, Planning Your Will: Charitable Insights and Options and Meeting Family Needs While Satisfying Philanthropic Desires.

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May Hall Closing Information

May 14 is the end of the spring semester and the time to vacate campus halls, Greek houses, and college-owned off-campus locations. All students (except graduating seniors) and parents who have not already done so are strongly encouraged to sign up for Lafayette’s e2Campus Emergency Alert Service to be notified in the event of emergencies that impact the campus community and visitors that an emergency exists and that individuals should check for e2Campus Emergency Alert Service text and email messages containing more information about the situation. You may familiarize yourself with the siren/PA system used to notify the campus community and visitors that an emergency exists and that individuals should check for text and email messages containing more information about the situation.

The 2011 Green Move Out effort donated over 11,000 pounds of items from ending up in landfills. If you signed up for the Emergency Alert Service but have since changed your cell phone service provider and/or cell phone number, you will need to update your Emergency Alert Service account information.

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Financial Aid Scam

From the POINT sent on Feb. 10:

It has come to our attention that many of our families have received mailings from either the Student Financial Resource Center or the College Financial Advisory. We do not have any affiliation whatsoever with these organizations, nor have we ever provided student information to them. Please do not respond to these mailings. Our application requirements and deadlines are provided for you on the Office of Financial Aid website only.

Thank you to the families that brought this mailing to our attention. Please feel free to contact our office should you have any additional questions or concerns.

Office of Financial Aid
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The Importance of a Will

Would you be willing to let a stranger decide how to distribute your assets after your lifetime? Have you ever thought that same stranger decide who should receive guardianship of your minor children? Believe it or not, American households with children have said “yes” to these questions because they do not have a will. For this staggering number of families, these personal decisions would be made according to a state- legislated formula designed for individuals who have not taken the important step of preparing a valid will.

For more information about wills and making charitable gifts through estate planning, go to our website at, http://lafayette.giftplans.org/ and look under, Planning Your Will: Charitable Insights and Options and Meeting Family Needs While Satisfying Philanthropic Desires.

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Did you Know?

Lafayette hosted an American Mock Trial Association regional tournament in February. 18 colleges and universities participated. Lafayette placed second and advanced to the national opening round.

Lafayette hosted the NCAA Mid-Atlantic/South Regional Fencing Tournament in March.

Lafayette will host the conference The Future of the Liberal Arts College in America, April 9-11. A distinguished group of college presidents and other leaders will discuss major issues facing higher education.

Lafayette will host an international conference on French Literature, April 24-26. Fifty scholars from across the nation and Europe will present their research.

Honor Convocation

The College’s annual recognition of outstanding academic achievement by members of the student body will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in Colton Chapel.

Electronic News

The Marquis Mailer is a free monthly email newsletter for all Lafayette alumni, parents, and friends. You may also subscribe to the daily From the Hill which includes stories about campus events, students, and faculty. Go to the parent web site to subscribe. Keep up-to-date on Lafayette news!

All Parent Email Addresses Requested

Many communications have changed to electronic versions in Lafayette’s effort to go green. To receive these publications, important news flashes, special invitations, and announcements, send your email address to krivoskd@lafayette.edu if you have not done so. Include your student’s name and class year. Remember to let us know any time your address changes.