Welcoming President-Elect Alison Byerly

Alison R. Byerly was named Lafayette's 17th president on Jan. 16. A nationally recognized scholar, she is one of the nation's most prominent thought leaders on the role of technology in higher education today. She has extensive administrative experience at one of America's most prominent and highly regarded liberal arts colleges with a long and deep involvement in and commitment to an interdisciplinary and global approach to higher education.

Byerly has served in leadership positions at Middlebury College for 13 years, most recently as provost and executive vice president. A member of the Middlebury faculty since 1989, she holds an interdisciplinary appointment as College Professor and has been a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, and Oxford University.

Byerly will take office on July 1 as the first woman president of Lafayette. She succeeds Daniel H. Weiss, who will complete his service as president at the conclusion of the current academic year after having served eight years in the position. Weiss will assume the presidency of Haverford College in July.

“I am delighted that Alison Byerly will be our president at this important point in the College’s history,” said Edward W. Ahart ’69, chair of Lafayette’s Board of Trustees. “A visionary leader, she has broad experience and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities for undergraduate colleges now and in the future. She has a collaborative, open, and communicative style and brings great passion and humor in addition to enormous energy and enthusiasm.”

Byerly said, “I am greatly honored to be chosen as Lafayette’s 17th president and excited by the opportunity to lead such a dynamic and ambitious institution. As an undergraduate college that encompasses both the

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A Special Place

As the faculty mentor for the women’s soccer team, I have enjoyed hearing the players talk about why they wanted to attend Lafayette and play for the Leopards. I was particularly struck by the following comment from one of our newest recruits: “Since the moment I stepped onto the campus, I knew that there wouldn’t be another school that would have everything Lafayette has to offer.”

Her response reminded me of exactly how I felt eight years ago as I went through the process that led to my selection as Lafayette’s 16th president. There was just something about being on campus that made it clear to me that this college was truly a special place, a community that I genuinely looked forward to joining. Since then I have grown even more convinced of the value of what Lafayette offers as I have seen how eagerly our students take advantage of those opportunities.

As parents you also understand the importance of our mission. For that reason it has been particularly gratifying to see how willingly and how often you have stepped forward to work with me and others on Lafayette’s behalf. Whether you have hosted student externs; worked to strengthen the lines of communication between parents and the campus; assisted with Family Weekend, fundraising, or student recruitment; taken a personal interest in an academic or extracurricular program; or offered advice and encouragement as we dealt with a challenging issue, you have helped to create a better experience for your Lafayette daughters and sons. I know that my gratitude for your involvement will be shared by President-Elect Alison Byerly, who, as the mother of a college sophomore, has a special appreciation for the special ties that exist between parents and their children’s colleges.

On May 25, I will be extending my congratulations and best wishes to a Lafayette graduating class for the final time. Although that will be a moving occasion for me, it will by no means mark the end of my interest in this college and in its students and alumni. Lafayette graduates seek to make a difference in the world, and they leave College Hill well equipped with the tools, the confidence, and the commitment to achieve their goals. I look forward to learning about their accomplishments during the months and years to come, and I will continue to share the special pride which you, as Lafayette parents, feel in their success.

Daniel H. Weiss

Launching Lafayette 360

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Erica D’Agostino ’95, dean of academic advising; and Grace Reynolds, director of residence life. They have already met with more than 20 groups in the campus community and the extended Lafayette family.

The steering committee also includes faculty members, alumni and trustee representatives, and student leaders. Subcommittees have been formed on Learning Beyond the Classroom/Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Life, Academic Success and Advising, and Residential Communities.

About 75 students, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered Jan. 23 to launch this exciting and highly promising initiative. Working in pairs, in small groups, and in plenary session, attendees enthusiastically engaged in an exercise aimed at identifying the College’s current and aspirational institutional values.

McLoughlin noted that Lafayette’s mission statement emphasizes that the College “encourages students … to develop systems of values that include an understanding of personal, social, and professional responsibility…”

The development of a new holistic, synergistic approach to the student experience that fosters tighter integration among all phases of that experience must be grounded in values, D’Agostino said. “We must always tie back the things we do and the things we say to the things we value.”

“We can’t buy a values model off the rack,” Stewart-Gambino said. “Our values must be authentic to us.”

When they are tabulated, the results of the values exercise will be shared, as will information on next steps in the process.

“We have many components of the student experience that we do really well, but our opportunity is to look at all aspects of the student experience and be more intentional and integrative,” McLoughlin said.

“This is not simply a residential life initiative,” he emphasized, but noted that “we can leverage the residential component of the student experience more intentionally.”

For more information, visit sites.lafayette.edu/laf360/.
IDEAL Integrates Liberal Arts and Engineering

More engineering and liberal arts students will work together on innovative solutions to real-world problems through the Center for Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership, known as IDEAL.

The transformative initiative will support multidisciplinary learning, collaboration, and entrepreneurship. IDEAL will foster distinctive learning experiences by providing resources, curricular connections, and incentives that build and sustain a culture of creative collaboration.

Combining curricular initiatives, co-curricular initiatives, and multidisciplinary projects, IDEAL will be a central laboratory and studio for ideas, projects, and collaborations with real-world purposes. Students, faculty, and external partners will be involved in campus-wide opportunities for students to learn and apply the skills, perspectives, and attributes of creative leaders in the business, nonprofit, and governmental sectors.

Plans for IDEAL were presented to the Board of Trustees in February. Implementation is envisioned over a four-year period. The first project is Business Link, an intensive introduction to the operating environment of global business linked to the students’ academic interests in the liberal arts. It will be piloted this summer, and the first multidisciplinary projects will begin in the fall.

“Launching the new IDEAL Center is the culmination of many advances the College has made in the last few years in integrating the liberal arts and engineering,” says Wendy Hill, provost and dean of the faculty. “A key element will be the multidisciplinary design projects in which engineering and liberal arts students work together on innovative solutions to real-world problems. This exciting moment will be remembered as the time when we truly leveraged our broad curriculum and offered opportunities for applied liberal learning in a way that no other undergraduate college can.”

Edward Gamber, David M. ’70 and Linda Roth Professor of Economics, and John Nestor, professor of electrical and computer engineering, have been named the Robert Adenbaum Co-Chairs of the IDEAL Center. The positions have been endowed by the generous support of the late Robert W. Adenbaum ’49, who was owner of Palm Beach Industrial Park Inc., Jupiter, Fla.

The center’s design will give students the opportunity to connect liberal arts perspectives to real-world issues, to acquire practical skills for the business world, to develop global and multicultural perspectives, and to deepen leadership skills for working collaboratively.

“We envision the center becoming a central hub for the current multidisciplinary courses and initiatives,” says Gamber.

The launch of the first multidisciplinary projects this fall is possible through the support and enthusiasm of Trustee Donald E. Morel Jr. ’79, chairman and CEO of West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., Lionville, Pa.

Class of 2013 Gift Will Fund Internships

Again this year, the graduating class’ Commencement Gift will fund internship stipends for Lafayette undergraduates. The Commencement Gift Committee, chaired by Taylor Dougherty ’13, Caroline Lang ’13, and Lucas Simpson ’13, hopes to achieve a record 95 percent of the class contributing.

A gift of $20.13, in honor of their class year, or a Marquis Society gift of $50 is suggested. The Marquis Society is the College’s leadership giving society. Students participating at this level and above are invited to the annual Marquis Founders Dinner and receive quarterly updates from the president.

Thank you to all the students and parents who have already supported the class gift. If you wish to donate please call (610) 330-5034 or use the secure online giving site at development.lafayette.edu. Please designate your contribution to the Class Commencement Gift under “other designations.”

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Family Weekend 2013
Mark your calendar!
November 8–10, 2013

Parents and Families Website
Visit the parents and families website at www.lafayette.edu/parentsfamilies

Parent Email Addresses Requested
To receive College publications, news flashes, special invitations, and other information and announcements, send your email address to krivoskd@lafayette.edu if you have not already done so. Include your student’s name and class year. Remember to let us know any time your address changes.

Get the POINT?
Are you missing our POINT email messages? If you are not receiving these e-messages, send your email address to the Parent Relations Office.

Parent Volunteers
Special thanks to members of the Marquis Parents Council and the Communications and Family Weekend Committees who attended Volunteer Day in January. Your input on the Lafayette 360 initiative and Family Weekend planning is appreciated!
Interim Session Abroad

More than 140 students studied in the Czech Republic, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, and Turkey during winter break.

This is the 35th year in which Lafayette offered concentrated, three-week, faculty-led courses during the January interim session between semesters. In many of these courses, students take part in hands-on field work and meet prominent business people, cultural figures, government officials, and academics, learning directly from these experts about the subject matter they are studying.

In May and June, students will study in England, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and the national parks of Western United States in similar faculty-led, concentrated courses.

The College also offers semester-long, faculty-led programs in Bremen, London, Madrid, and San Jose, Costa Rica. Students take classes from Lafayette faculty as well as those of host institutions. They also participate in field trips, which are planned and led by Lafayette professors with the help of local organizers. Lafayette also has affiliations with many colleges and other organizations through which students study in many other countries. For much more information, visit studyabroad.lafayette.edu.

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traditional liberal arts and a strong engineering program, Lafayette provides an extraordinary range and depth of opportunities to students, yet it remains deeply committed to the highly individualized, one-on-one mentoring that is the hallmark of the residential liberal arts college.

“At a time when many liberal arts colleges are looking for ways to extend their reach further into the world of technology and to connect the traditional liberal arts disciplines with opportunities to pursue more project-based, hands-on modes of inquiry, Lafayette is well positioned to lead in these initiatives,” she continued.

A welcoming event, featuring remarks by Byerly, Ahart, Weiss, and Alan R. Griffith ’64, chair of the Presidential Search Committee, was held in Pfenning Alumni Center Jan. 16 and streamed live on the web, followed by a reception in the Williams Center for the Arts. Meet-and-greets with students, faculty, and staff were held Jan. 30 and 31, and plans are being made for opportunities for alumni to meet the president-elect on campus and in other locations after she takes office.

For much more information on Alison Byerly and her introduction to the College community, visit www.lafayette.edu/presidential-search/.

Students in the January interim session course “Turkey: The Cradle of Civilizations” examined Hellenic, Byzantine, Ottoman Turkish, and modern Turkish periods. They spent time at the Sultan Ahmed Mosque (Blue Mosque) in Istanbul.

The course called “The Open Wall: Germany and the New Europe,” which brought students to Berlin, Prague, and Munich, included a visit to Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria.

Chichén Itzá, the ancient city that was once the center of the Maya empire in Central America, was among the cultural sites students explored in the course “Mexico through the Centuries.”
Closing Information for College Housing

With the exception of approved extended-stay groups, no first-year students, sophomores, or juniors are permitted to remain in their rooms past 5 p.m. Monday, May 20. All students who are not graduating seniors must vacate their rooms within 24 hours of their last academic commitment or by 5 p.m. May 20, whichever is earlier. All College-operated housing (general residence halls, sororities, Fisher suites, Watson Courts, and College-owned off-campus apartments) will close to students and checkpoint tags will be deactivated at 5 p.m. May 20.

Graduating seniors are automatically approved to stay in College housing through noon Sunday, May 26. Seniors’ checkpoints will be deactivated and exterior locks to college-owned off-campus housing will be changed at that time. Due to the immediate transition to the Summer Housing term, we cannot extend this closing deadline. Graduation weekend can be hectic! Please make plans with your graduate in advance to ensure a smooth departure from campus.

- It is important to leave the room clean. There is a charge associated with room cleaning.
- Residence hall keys (and, for seniors, checkpoint tags) must be returned to Residence Life or Public Safety before leaving campus. Charges will occur if keys are not returned properly.
- Summer storage space on campus is very limited and not guaranteed. A great alternative is to rent a storage unit in town with friends. Check the Residence Life website to learn more.
- Consider donating unwanted items to Green Move Out. Information on drop-off locations will be available through Resident Advisers.
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Financial Aid Scam Alert

It has come to our attention that many families have received mailings from the Student Financial Resource Center or the College Financial Advisory. We are not affiliated with these organizations, and we have never provided student information to them. Please do not respond to these mailings. Our application requirements and deadlines are listed on the Financial Aid website (finaid.lafayette.edu). For more information and to view examples of the scam documents, visit the Financial Aid site and click on Financial Aid Alert.

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.

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Parents Fund Update

We would like to thank parents who have contributed nearly $750,000 towards this year’s Parents Fund goal of $1.1 million. All gifts, regardless of their size, make an immediate difference by enhancing the College’s ability to provide programs to prepare students for success in their careers and their future.

We hope all parents will consider contributing. You may direct your gift to the area of greatest need or to the program of your choosing. To make your gift, you may contact me directly or use the secure online giving site at development.lafayette.edu. Thank you for your support!

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Welcome the Class of 2017

Lafayette received a record number of applications for the Class of 2017. The Office of Alumni Relations is planning Welcome Events this summer for the newest ‘Pards. As parents, you have experienced the excitement (and anxiety) of sending your son or daughter off to school. We invite you and your student to join the party and welcome these new families. You will receive an email invitation if a Welcome Event is happening in your area.

Commencement Dates

May 25, 2013  May 23, 2015
May 24, 2014  May 21, 2016

Mélange Yearbook

Smart Pay is handling all yearbook marketing and sales. Order online (www.smart-pay.com) or by phone (800-853-1337). Copies will only be printed to fulfill orders received. Parents may honor their graduates with a customized Senior Tribute ad. May 5 is the deadline for book orders and ads.
LinkedIn: A Powerful Career Tool

For students who are seeking internships and jobs, building and maintaining a network of professional contacts is more important than ever. Lafayette students have wonderful opportunities to build their networks at College-sponsored events on campus and in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.

Many employers have increased hiring through social media, including LinkedIn. You may wish to encourage your student to create a dynamic LinkedIn profile with a professional photo and information on leadership and work experiences and academic projects. His/her Gateway Counselor will be glad to help.

The new Lafayette Career Services LinkedIn AlumNETWORK Group facilitates opportunities for juniors and seniors to discuss career-related information with Lafayette alumni volunteers. Encourage your junior or senior to join this group as they launch their LinkedIn presence.

Students can explore careers on LinkedIn by reviewing organizations’ pages to learn about the work they do and what types of careers exist. Gateway Counselors are happy to help your student learn how to utilize LinkedIn and other online career resources.

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17th Annual Leadership Institute

Keynote speaker Bob Sell ’84 and other accomplished alumni shared their experiences and perspectives with more than 200 first-year and sophomore students Feb. 9 at the 17th Lafayette Leadership Institute, titled “Pards in Progress: Leaders Under Construction.”

The annual conference focuses on developing skills and exchanging information relevant for student leaders on campus and after graduation. Presented by the Lafayette Leadership Education Committee and the Office of Student Life Programs, it is made possible by the Class of ’68 Leadership Fund.

Sell is group chief executive of Accenture’s Communications, Media, and Technology Operating Group. In addition to his talk, “Managing Your Personal Leadership Journey,” the program featured sessions on a variety of topics related to leadership that were conducted by Lafayette faculty, administrators, and experienced student leaders, including Student Leadership Intern Glenford Robinson ’13.

It also included a presentation by and discussion with a panel of alumni that included Berrisford Boothe ’83, associate professor of art, Lehigh University; Stuart Clarke ’80, executive director, Town Creek Foundation, Easton, Md.; Kat Darula ’95, principal consultant, Field Studies and Evaluation Team, Kaiser Permanente; Jen Gsell ’04, television producer, New York City; Captain Dane Hanson ’07, engineer plans officer, U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division (Light), Hawaii; and Sherry Welsh ’85, founder and president of Blue Sky Transformations, LLC, Plymouth, Mich.

The annual Lafayette Leadership Institute includes breakout sessions on a variety of topics.
Explore Downtown Easton!

Lafayette students are discovering Easton's treasures—you can too! Plan to check out Easton's weekend activities with your daughter or son.

Saturday: Visit the Easton Farmers’ Market's indoor Winter Market at the Nurture Nature Center (518 Northampton St.). Enjoy coffee and a sticky bun and peruse fresh, local organic produce, all-natural pastured meat, farm-fresh eggs, artisan cheese and bread, prepared foods, and more. On the Center’s third floor, the Science on a Sphere display features a 6-foot globe with breathtaking visualizations of earth and space. The outdoor Farmers’ Market will open May 4 in Centre Square.

The Sigal Museum (342 Northampton) houses significant collections of pre-European settlement artifacts, decorative arts and textiles, farm implements, and colonial furniture. Stroll down a quaint pedestrian alley to Just Around the Corner (5 North Bank St.), a gallery featuring traditional and contemporary work by more than 185 artisans, including photography by Lafayette's own Andrew Kotsopey ’10.

For lunch try one of Easton's newest dining establishments, MESA Modern Mexican (42 South Third St.), less than a block from the circle. Salvage Goods (24 South Third) offers antiques with urban attitude, and Carrie Anne's (20 South Third) has a newly expanded space of primitive decor.

On Northampton Street, visit Forgotten Treasure Chest (245), Easton Outdoor Company (230), Connexions Gallery (213), Mercantile Home, The Denim Project, and iMiJ Shop (all at 140). Hungry? Head to the new French bistro, Maxim's 22 (322). Look for the 50-foot mural on the side of the Lafayette Bar (15 North Fourth St.), a venue for outstanding jazz music.

Sunday: Check out Two Rivers Brewing Co. (542 South Fifth St.) for brunch. Walk down Northampton Street to the riverfront and hop on the new Karl Stirner Arts Trail. Take in some or all of the 2.5-mile trail as it winds along the river, through downtown, and along the Bushkill Creek, ending at 13th Street. The trail provides a dog park, and in coming years will host more outdoor art work.

Ready to relax? Head back downtown to Rivals Sports Bar & Nightclub (5 Lehns Court) for great wings and beverages. Catch a game on one of their 16 televisions!

For more information on these and other Easton businesses, check out www.eastonmainstreet.org. Watch for the new Weyerbacher Wednesday Farmers’ Market in Centre Square, opening June 5 and running through September 25. It promises to be the perfect midweek grocery stop.

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Ross Chumsky ’16 won the Easton Farmers’ Market Chili Pepper Eating Contest by eating the ten hottest chilies in the world.

Stay cool with ice cream and sorbet at the Purple Cow Creamery (15 South Bank St.).

LCAT Shuttle Service

LCAT (Lafayette College Area Transportation), the free campus shuttle bus service, provides safe, reliable transportation connecting the College Hill campus with the Metzgar Fields Athletic Complex, downtown Easton, shopping areas, cinemas, primary off-campus student parking areas, and Lehigh Valley International Airport. Click the LCAT link on the parent website to view the schedule.

Emergency Alert Service for Students and Parents

The Lafayette e2Campus Emergency Alert Service permits College administrators to send alerts via text message and email to students, faculty, staff, and parents who have signed up to receive these alerts. The Alert Service delivers time-sensitive information during unforeseen events or emergency situations on or near campus. Please encourage your son or daughter to sign up for this free service and please enroll yourself—it is quick and easy. Visit publicsafety.lafayette.edu to view FAQs and to enroll.

Crime Prevention Tips

Students should secure the doors to their residence hall rooms when they are not there and be careful not to leave valuables (e.g., computers, electronic devices, credit cards) unattended in the library or any public place. Laptop locks are available for loan in the library. Please visit publicsafety.lafayette.edu for additional crime prevention tips.
Lafapalooza: A National Month of Service for Lafayette Parents and Alumni

Since 2007, parents and alumni have participated with students, faculty, and staff in the College’s annual service event called Lafapalooza. Service activities are being held this April in Boston, Northern New Jersey, Central New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, New York City, Philadelphia, Easton, and Washington, D.C.

For more information and to register, go to go to Alumni Events on the alumni website and click on Lafapalooza 2013 under Ongoing Events.

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