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Message from the President

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to greet the parents of new and returning Lafayette students. As a President who has just completed my first year, I know what it is like to be new here! I am confident that first-year students will make friends and feel at home quickly in this warm and welcoming place. They will find a tremendous resource in the strength of the ’Pard community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, families, and friends of the College—all of whom are eager to help in any way they can.

The Parent Handbook is designed to help you as parents become at home in this community as well, by orienting you to the offices and services that will support your student throughout his or her time at Lafayette. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the information, which will help you to understand your student’s experience and to support his or her efforts to navigate an exciting and challenging four years.

As the parent of a college student myself, I know that parents and families are anxious to know as much as they can about their student’s new environment and experiences. Communication with your son or daughter will be your most important source of information, of course, but we offer many other opportunities to learn about what is happening at Lafayette. I hope that you will take advantage of those resources. Reading on the web about an athletic contest, dance performance, or community-service project that your student was involved in can help you to feel closer to the action.

Finally, I hope you will have the opportunity to visit campus during Family Weekend or at another time, to meet your students’ friends and classmates and the faculty, coaches, deans, advisers, and others who are part of their lives here. Parents are important partners in our efforts to help your sons and daughters learn and grow. I welcome you to the Lafayette community, and look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Alison Byerly
Congratulations! We hope to make your son’s or daughter’s transition to Lafayette, and all his or her years here, as successful and productive as possible. We appreciate your special role and interest in doing the same.

The transition that will take place in the coming months extends beyond that of your son or daughter, however. Parenting a high school student is, in many ways, different from helping your son or daughter navigate the new territory of college. Too often parents think that the best way to help in the transition to college is by immediately coming to the rescue when their son or daughter confronts a new challenge. In the coming months and years, there will undoubtedly be many challenges, and the best way to support your young scholar is by serving as a coach or teacher. We stand ready to do the same—helping students think through their options, understanding critically how to weigh choices, and then supporting them in their successes and failures along the way. You see, we believe that failure is an opportunity for valuable learning and essential growth. These “teachable moments” are only possible when we allow students to succeed—and sometimes, fail.

Our promise to you is that there is a dedicated and talented group of faculty, staff and administrators who will help your son or daughter navigate the teachable moments ahead of them. We will not rescue them from every anticipated failure. Instead, we’ll be there to educate them along the way and hope that we can count on you to do the same.

One final point: If you do not find the information you need or could use some help in finding the right language or approach should challenges arise, please let us know. We are indebted to the parents of the past first-year classes for helping us assemble the right information for this partnership in education.

Paul J. McLoughlin II, Ph.D.
Dean of Students
I am very pleased to welcome all Lafayette families to our campus community!

As your liaison to the College, I will provide you with information during each academic year to keep you up-to-date and to help you serve as another resource for your student.

With that in mind, it is important for you to look through this handbook to become familiar with its contents. It has been designed to provide the information most often requested by parents and contains many links embedded in the text to take you to more in-depth information.

The Parent website is another handy tool that contains information and links to many areas of interest for parents. Browse through the web pages to familiarize yourself with the resources there as well.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet you during Orientation, Family Weekend, and other College events, or as a volunteer for one of the Parent Association committees.

It will be my pleasure to assist you with questions or concerns that arise during the year. My colleagues and I look forward to working with you to help guide your student to a very successful Lafayette experience!

Donna Krivoski

Donna Krivoski, Director of Parent Relations
Parent Services

Embarking on a college career is a major transition for students and families. A successful means of easing this transition is to keep parents well-informed and connected. We view our students’ families as a very important part of the Lafayette community and therefore make every effort to continually provide you with current information and opportunities to become involved. We hope that you value your relationship with the College, partner with us in your student’s development, and participate in the many opportunities offered to you as a member of the Lafayette family.

PARENT EVENTS

Parent Orientation: On move-in day in August, parents of new students are invited to attend their own orientation program. While students are unpacking and attending their first hall meeting, parents have a session with College personnel. This is your opportunity to hear firsthand from officials of the College who will be dealing directly with your student. Families are invited to attend a reception hosted by Lafayette’s president following the orientation program.

Family Weekend is a major event on campus. It is a special time for families to share in the Lafayette experience with their student. Be sure to check the date on the College calendar. You will be notified in advance when the schedule of events and registration form are online. If you plan to come for Family Weekend and need a hotel, make reservations for your accommodations early. Local hotels fill up quickly on busy weekends.

Regional Alumni Events: Parents are invited and encouraged to attend alumni events in their local areas. These functions offer opportunities to meet other parents and alumni and keep current with college life. You will receive an invitation via email if there is one in your area.
PUBLICATIONS
Several publications are available to parents, including the parent newsletter Hill to Home, the Hotel and Restaurant Guide, and Lafayette Magazine. Hill to Home is posted on the parent website and sent only via email, therefore, the College must have your address in order for you to receive it.

Parents can subscribe to two free electronic newsletters. From the Hill, published weekly, includes news on academics, student activities, athletics, and campus events. The Marquis Mailer is sent monthly during the academic year for parents, alumni, and friends. Parents must subscribe to receive either publication. Subscriptions links can be found on the Parent website.

For students’ perspective on college life, parents can register to receive the free online edition of the weekly student newspaper, The Lafayette. Contact the newspaper office, (610) 330-5354.

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES
Email is a very important means of communicating with parents. It serves as a good way to send timely information, announcements, and invitations, as well as being an alternate means of contact. Most of our publications have “gone green” and are electronic only. POINT (Parent Information News and Tips) emails are sent to parents on an as-needed basis. They are used when an emergency arises on campus or to provide timely information.

Make sure you have sent your email address to the Office of Parent Relations. Include your student’s name and class year. New parents can send their address via the Family Information Form found on the Parent website. All parents can send or update their address via the Contact Change Form on the Parent website. Please remember to let the College know when you have a change of address.

PARENT ASSOCIATION
All parents of current students are members of the Lafayette Parent Association. As a member, you are entitled to receive all parent publications and invitations to College events in your area and on campus. All members are encouraged to attend these events to keep up-to-date with all that is happening at the College.

The Parent Association has two standing committees:
• Communications Committee members may be asked to review a parent publication or program or serve as an advisory focus group for a department on a topic of special interest to parents. The committee meets on campus once at the beginning of the spring semester. This committee also reviews the Parent website each year.
• Family Weekend Committee members attend and evaluate Family Weekend in the fall and meet once at the beginning of the spring semester to review the activities and assist with future planning. Several parents also volunteer to assist with activities during the weekend.

If you are interested in participating in either committee, please complete the Parent Volunteer Form online or contact the Office of Parent Relations by email at krivoskd@lafayette.edu or by phone at (610) 330-5048.

MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Other offices on campus encourage parents to become involved in the Lafayette experience.

Parent Assistance Requests may be sent during the year asking for volunteers for a particular program or asking parents to send their opinion on a specific topic. At those times, parents will receive the request from the Parent Relations Office and have the opportunity to volunteer their time or input.
If you are interested in participating in a committee, please complete a parent volunteer form online or contact the Office of Parent Relations, by email or (610) 330-5048.

- **Parents Fund Volunteers** assist the Parents Fund by contacting other parents for financial support by calling from home, from a regional phonathon in their area, or on campus.
- **Marquis Parents Council** members are asked to attend two meetings per academic year to provide Lafayette’s president and the other administrators with comment, reaction, and counsel on issues of importance to the interests of the College, undertake ad hoc assignments where individual expertise or influence can be beneficial to the College, help identify other parents capable of lending support to the College, and encourage these individuals to join the Marquis Parents Council. Parents who join the Marquis Society will be invited to serve on the Marquis Parents Council. For additional information, contact the Director of the Parents Fund at (610) 330-5023.

Please complete the Parent Volunteer Form online or call the Parent Relations Office if you are interested in being a parent volunteer.

**A PARENT’S ROLE**

College is a time of transition for both students and parents. It is a time of letting go and holding on—just in a new way. Students need to develop independence, yet they still want your support and advice. Parents need to let go of their supervising role and shift to a mentoring role.

We invite you to partner with us in guiding and mentoring your student to academic achievement, personal growth, and responsible behavior. What is the best way for you to do this?

- Listen; be a sounding board.
- Do not make decisions or “fix” problems for them; allow them to take responsibility.
- Encourage them to gather information, think it through, and explore alternatives.
- Ask questions that will help them identify all angles of a problem and let them find the answers.
- Have them list the pros and cons of their decisions.
- Be an additional resource; become familiar with college resources to which you can refer your student.
- Encourage them to speak directly with faculty, RAs, and college administrators.
- Do not contact college officials for them.
- Do not be judgmental and critical; consider and respect your student’s point of view; remember what it was like at that age.
- Provide support and encouragement; show them respect and trust.
- After they have thought it through, support their decision.

Being available to listen and give support to your student as he or she goes through difficult decisions and situations will strengthen your relationship. Students will become more comfortable in discussing things with their parents as they see that you respect this is just one step toward an adult relationship between parents and students.

Having said this, we recognize that you know your student best. There may be a time when it is appropriate for you to intervene. If you feel your child is in danger, physically or emotionally, then we encourage you to step in and make the College aware of the situation by contacting the Office of the Dean of Students or Office of Parent Relations. The professional staff will assess the situation and act accordingly. We all want your student to have a safe and rewarding college experience.

**TO CONTACT YOUR STUDENT**

**Mailing Address:**
Student Name
Box #___________ (same for all four years)
111 Quad Drive
Lafayette College
Easton, PA
Zip Codes:
18042-1783 for box #7000-8299
18042-1784 for box #8300-9699

**For UPS and FedEx packages:**
Delivered to Lafayette mail room. Notice placed in mailbox. Student must show ID to pick up.

**FAX:** (610) 330-5663
Fee: $1 per page (Delivered to Lafayette student mailbox.)

Visit the Post Office website for additional information.
**LOCAL GIFT AND SPECIALTY SHOPS**

The new Downtown Easton Gift Card, featuring over 55 restaurants, shops, attractions, and services, is now available. To purchase: http://www.eastonmainstreet.org or (610) 330-9947.

There are many local businesses near campus that offer gifts suitable for college students. The ones listed below deliver to campus, and some offer a 10 to 20 percent discount to Lafayette parents upon request. Just call to have a gift, gift basket, or gift certificate sent to campus. The mailroom will notify your student when a gift arrives. We encourage you to visit these shops when you are in Easton!

### GIFT SHOPS

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<td>Carrie Ann’s</td>
<td>Gourmet foods, soy candles, candies, spa products, primitive décor, clothing and jewelry.</td>
<td>(610) 250-3300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Connexions Gallery</td>
<td>Fine art, antiques, handcrafted jewelry, pottery and practical art.</td>
<td>(610) 250-7627</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dawn’s Gifts for the Home</td>
<td>Unique gifts, china, candles, and decorative items. Open Thursday-Saturday.</td>
<td>(610) 250-5927</td>
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<tr>
<td>Just Around the Corner</td>
<td>Fine art and fine craft gallery and gift shop representing over 125 juried artisans, including 45 local artists.</td>
<td>(610) 258-9850</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mercantile Home</td>
<td>Art, objects, and curiosities.</td>
<td>(610) 258-4046</td>
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<td>Bloomie’s Flower Shop</td>
<td>Flowers for all occasions, plants, and greeting cards.</td>
<td>(610) 258-6331</td>
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<td>The Flower Cart</td>
<td>All-occasion bouquets, fresh and silk floral arrangements, fruit/gourmet baskets, balloons.</td>
<td>(610) 253-1744</td>
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<td>(800) 732-9332</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Posey Peddler</td>
<td>Floral arrangements, cut flower bunches, balloons, fruit/snack baskets, stuffed animals.</td>
<td>(610) 253-4231</td>
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<td>(800) 359-4461</td>
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### FOOD AND COFFEE

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<td>Antoinette Chocolatier</td>
<td>Hand-made chocolates, truffles, buttercrunch, chocolate sculptures. Special discounts for Lafayette students, parents, and staff.</td>
<td>(908) 859-4545</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bank Street Creamery (formerly Purple Cow Creamery)</td>
<td>Specializing in 48 flavors of handmade ice cream and sorbets. Fresh baked waffles cones, Belgian waffles, and more.</td>
<td>(610) 252-5544</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beyond Cakes</td>
<td>Local bakery providing from-scratch cookies, cupcakes, pastries, and custom cakes.</td>
<td>(610) 438-3084</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carmelcorn Shop</td>
<td>Homemade chocolates, fudge, nuts, popcorn, caramel, dietetic candies. Call for chocolate-covered strawberries.</td>
<td>(610) 253-6461</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cosmic Cup Coffee Co.</td>
<td>Pastries, bagels, craft-roasted coffees. Discount offered on gift cards.</td>
<td>(610) 438-3211</td>
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<tr>
<td>Green Harvest Food Emporium</td>
<td>Gourmet deli, local produce and smoothies. Catering and free delivery.</td>
<td>(610) 252-6360</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manhattan Bagel</td>
<td>Bagels, muffins, toppings, coffees, and teas in assorted sizes and combinations.</td>
<td>(908) 454-5623</td>
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<td>Nature’s Way Market</td>
<td>Healthy gifts, herbal teas, fruits, nuts, vegan foods, supplements, and nutritional needs.</td>
<td>(610) 253-0940</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quadrant Book Mart</td>
<td>Cookies, bagels, giant gourmet caramel apples, party trays, Coffee House coffees and teas.</td>
<td>(610) 252-1188</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sweet Girlz Bakery</td>
<td>Cookies, cupcakes, cake pops, muffins, crumb cakes, sticky buns and specialty cakes. Free delivery to Lafayette students.</td>
<td>(610) 829-1030</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terra Café</td>
<td>Coffee, bagels, and art and culture.</td>
<td>(610) 330-6900</td>
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This list does not represent recommendations by the College.
Lafayette History In Brief

When a group of Easton citizens agreed to establish a college in their town in 1824, they decided to name it Lafayette, after Gilbert du Motier, the Marquis de Lafayette, who served in the American Revolutionary Army as a major general under George Washington. This “hero of two worlds” was touring the United States at the time.

Americans viewed him as the symbol of the citizen soldier fighting for freedom. In choosing his name, the hope was to inspire students with similar zeal. The College opened its doors in 1832 to the first class of 67 students and three faculty, including the president.

Although the community was predominantly Presbyterian, male, and white for the first century-and-a-half of its life, today it is coeducational and cosmopolitan. In 1970, the first women were admitted; they now make up 47 percent of the student body. More than 350 of the students are African American, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American, and almost 150 are international students.

The founders wanted to offer not only traditional liberal arts courses but also science and engineering, both military and civil. The College began with a liberal arts program that emphasized Latin and Greek. Science and engineering programs were introduced in 1865.

Today Lafayette offers courses in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and engineering and a variety of multi-disciplinary areas to more than 2,400 residents and about 50 part-time students.
Students created and launched a solid-fuel-propelled rocket in their mechanical engineering senior design course.

**Academics**

**THE CURRICULUM**

**Degrees:** Lafayette College offers three degrees: Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Arts (A.B.), and Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Specific requirements for each of these vary by department, but general requirements for all degrees are established and monitored by the faculty.

**Majors:** In addition to departmental majors, Lafayette College offers approximately 12 interdisciplinary majors. In addition, A.B. students may develop individual interdisciplinary majors. Petitions for such majors must be submitted before the end of the sophomore year, endorsed by three faculty members representing the disciplines involved, and approved by the Academic Progress Committee.

**Five-Year Program:** Students may petition the Academic Progress Committee for permission to pursue a five-year, two-degree program leading to the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees in two fields of study. Two-degree candidates are required to complete the prescribed course of study for the particular B.S. degree, the requirements for the major, and the common course of study and other general requirements for graduation. Such a program requires at least 40 courses.

The engineering division offers a five-year, two-degree program in international studies and engineering. The student earns a B.S. in a field of engineering and an A.B. in international studies.

**Minor:** In addition to their majors, candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree and most Bachelor of Science degrees may elect one minor program. Only a single minor is permitted. Students electing a minor are encouraged to choose a minor in a different division from that of their major. (The College’s four divisions are engineering, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.) Normally students wishing to pursue a minor should seek approval of their programs before the end of the junior year.

Students officially declare their majors during the spring semester of their sophomore year. However, to assist with academic advising, entering students are provided an opportunity to indicate their potential areas of academic interest and are assigned a faculty adviser in that department whenever possible. Once the student declares a

A multidisciplinary team of students and professors created a miniature clay ziggurat to install along the Karl Stirner Arts Trail near Bushkill Creek.
major, she or he is assigned a faculty adviser within the department. Although faculty advisers will help students plan their academic programs, students are responsible for determining that they have satisfied all requirements for graduation.

**FIRST SEMESTER ADVISING FOR CLASS OF 2018**

**Normal Course Load:** All A.B. and B.S. students, except those in engineering, must complete 32 courses to graduate (four courses per semester). First-year engineering students also take four courses per semester, but they take five courses per semester starting in the second year.

First Semester Course Selection and Academic Advising: All first-year students are directed to a special Lafayette website where they will explore academic interests and course recommendations. The site also gives students the opportunity to take placement exams in calculus, chemistry, and foreign languages online. Faculty members have been identified within mathematics, chemistry, and foreign languages to interact with students as they make course choices based on placement tests. As students prepare for course selection, peer advisers are available to answer questions throughout the summer via email. Email links to faculty advisers are also prominent throughout the site.

Course selections must be accomplished by mid-June. During the summer, all course selections submitted by students are carefully reviewed and adjusted, if necessary. This includes adjustments made due to Advanced Placement test scores.

**SPECIFIC ACADEMIC FEATURES**

**First-Year Seminar:** The First-Year Seminar (FYS) introduces students in their first semester at Lafayette to intellectual inquiry through engaging them as thinkers, speakers, and writers. Each seminar focuses intensively on a special interdisciplinary topic that is related to a number of co-curricular activities. These can include attending museums, plays, and concerts on campus or in New York City or Philadelphia. Limited to 16 students per section, a FYS includes significant reading, writing, discussion, and presentation, and is affiliated with the College’s Writing Program. Students are introduced to the use of the library for research. FYS classes normally meet three hours a week, but a fourth hour is scheduled to be used at the discretion of the faculty to facilitate co-curricular activities. The FYS is a critical part of the Common Course of Study—a series of course choices distributed throughout the liberal arts taken by all Lafayette students.

**Independent Study:** With the approval of the department head and the faculty member with whom they will work, students may pursue a research project or a further exploration into a topic. The student works independently, consulting with the professor at regular intervals. Possibilities for courses are limited only by the imagination of the student.

**Internships:** Internships may be pursued for academic credit or for experience (paid or unpaid). Students at any class level are encouraged to seek challenging internships that will broaden their experiences and expose them to additional opportunities. The Office of Career Services provides assistance and information for students seeking paid or unpaid internships. Only juniors and seniors are eligible for participation in an academic internship. Internships for academic credit are practical, “hands-on” experiences with employers generally outside the College community. Work is supervised by a member of an academic department and by personnel at the workplace. At the conclusion of internships, students typically prepare a paper on the experience, and the work is evaluated by the on-the-scene supervisor. Before beginning an internship program, students must obtain proper departmental approval. Normally not more than one course for internship work counts toward graduation, and no credit may be given for internships not approved in advance. Additional information can be found in the College Catalog.

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I Passing but incomplete—no credit: a temporary grade (used only in extenuating circumstances)

P Pass—course credit only (no effect on average)

WD Withdrawal with permission

AUD Audit—no credit

NG No grade reported—temporary

NF Failure—permanent (used in cases of academic dishonesty)

CR Credit—Course credit (no effect on grade)

NC no credit

Semester grade reports are not sent home. They are available to students online at the end of each semester. Students can request a printed copy from the Office of the Registrar.
EXCEL Scholars: The EXCEL Scholars program offers students an opportunity to engage in collaborative research with faculty members. Students learn techniques and perfect skills that will be useful in postgraduate education and careers. Often these research collaborations, open to students from all disciplines and classes, result in professional articles co-authored by the student and faculty member. Students must be recommended by a faculty member and maintain a 3.25 GPA. Students participating as EXCEL research assistants can work full-time during both interim session and summer, and part-time during the academic year. EXCEL scholars receive a stipend for their work, plus residence hall housing during the interim session and summer.

Interim-Session: Lafayette offers a number of intensive courses, both on and off campus, during the break between semesters in January. Several interim-abroad programs also are offered in May. This program is intended to provide opportunities for students to pursue interests that they might not be able to investigate during a regular semester. The interim session also provides students with an opportunity to make up course deficiencies. The three-week interim-session courses are optional. The fee for an on-campus course is usually about $2,600, which includes tuition, room, and activities.

Students may carry forward unused fall semester Flex Dollars or pay cash for “a la carte” food purchases at Farinon Food Court. Students who remain on campus are housed in interim housing. For further information, see the online Lafayette College Catalog or contact the Office of Dean of the College.

The cost for off-campus courses, which run for about three weeks, ranges from $4,000 to $6,000 covering tuition, airfare, room, and admission fees; students are responsible for their own meals and personal expenses while abroad. A limited amount of financial assistance is available for students already receiving Lafayette grant aid; other students with sound educational reasons for participating in interim-session programs, but for whom it is not financially possible, are encouraged to discuss loan options with the director of financial aid.

Study Abroad: Lafayette College recognizes that we live in an increasingly complex and interrelated global environment, and connecting the classroom to the world outside our walls is at the core of the College’s mission. Off-campus study combines academic rigor with experiential learning through immersion in an international setting or in one of several domestic off-campus programs. Engaging in an unfamiliar cultural milieu often is truly transformational. Off-campus study participants are encouraged to expand their comfort zones, encounter new perspectives, and examine their own cultural viewpoints. Students return to campus after studying abroad with a greater appreciation of global issues, enriching their understanding of their own on-campus curricula while stimulating and deepening conversation within the College community.

The Office of International and Off-Campus Education provides opportunities ranging from interim to semester and yearlong programs. Some programs are led by a Lafayette faculty member, while on other programs, students participate through affiliated providers and institutions. Courses may be conducted in English or in the language of the host-country, and rooming options may include living with host-country families, in university residence halls, or in apartments with other American students.

For programs offered by third-party providers, Lafayette charges its own tuition instead of an individual program’s tuition, unless the program’s tuition is greater; the difference in cost helps offset the losses and expenses the College incurs when Lafayette students go abroad. All fees other than tuition—including room and board—are set by the individual programs. Any financial aid that a student receives (with the exception of wages from a work-study job) will automatically be applied to the study-abroad program. Please note that many program providers offer their own merit-based scholarships, for which Lafayette students are encouraged to apply.

Students on Disciplinary Probation Level 1 or Level 2 may not participate in off-campus study programs; additionally, students on Disciplinary Probation Level 2 may not apply to

A student-faculty team explored the feasibility of developing a waste-to-energy power plant in Roatan Island, Honduras.

Kate McCarrick ’12 on New Zealand’s magnificent Franz Josef Glacier
In order for a student to study abroad, Lafayette College requires that he or she must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.80, and may not be on disciplinary probation level I or level II at either the time of application or the time of departure.
as course selection, research and internship opportunities, and application process and timelines) are described in greater detail on the College’s Health Professions website.

The Health Professions Program hosts noontime presentations throughout the year that provide students with greater insights into these health care professions and their preparation for successful matriculation to those health professional school programs.

Interested students should join the Health Professions Program listserv by emailing the program and should attend the fall information session for their class year. For information, contact Julia A. Goldberg, Associate Dean of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs for fellowships and health professions. Students also are encouraged to participate in the College’s Gateway Program through Career Services.

**Legal Professions:** Students interested in a legal career should sign up for email announcements alerting them about relevant programming on campus. Karen Clemence, Senior Associate Dean of Advising and Co-Curricular Program, serves as a pre-law adviser for students considering law school and those in the application process. Noontime programs help students learn how to explore their interest in law school and how to strengthen their candidacy. Attorney alumni periodically visit campus to discuss current legal issues and to share their legal career experiences. The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is given on campus in June each year as is a free practice test each fall semester. Students are fully supported in their efforts to make successful applications to law schools. Students are encouraged to visit the [pre-law website](#) and to participate consistently in the Gateway Program.

**ACADEMIC STANDING**

**Graduation Requirements:** A grade point average of at least 2.0 (out of 4.0) both overall and in an approved major is required for graduation. Courses taken at Lafayette, on Lafayette-sponsored or affiliated study-abroad programs, or at one of the other members of the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) under the cross-registration agreement are considered in determining the cumulative average.

Members of the senior class must be registered as full-time students at Lafayette. “Full-time” is defined to be a minimum of three courses per semester. Although faculty advisers will help students plan their academic programs, students are responsible for determining that they have satisfied all requirements for graduation. To participate in the commencement ceremony, students must have completed all degree requirements.
Dean’s List: Students achieving a 3.60 term average or higher in at least three courses with no pending incompletes are named to the dean’s list for the following semester. Notation is made on the permanent academic record. This information is forwarded to each student’s local newspaper by the Communications Division and is printed at the discretion of the newspaper unless the student has requested anonymity.

Latin Honors: Students who have high cumulative averages (based upon four years’ work) at graduation are awarded their degrees summa cum laude (3.85 or higher), magna cum laude (3.75 to 3.84), or cum laude (3.65 to 3.74).

Departmental Honors: Students receive departmental honors upon successful completion of a thesis. Candidates formally are enrolled in the honors program in their senior year. To be eligible for entrance to the program, students must have a cumulative average of at least 3.20 in the major and 3.0 in all subjects. Additional requirements may be established by individual departments.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Grades and Examinations: Quizzes and hour examinations are given at intervals throughout the semester as determined by each course instructor. Final examinations take place at the end of each semester. Course grades reflect the instructor’s best judgment of the student’s overall performance. A professor’s policy for grades and examinations normally is included in a course syllabus.

Grades of C-, D+, D, and D-, though passing, fall below the minimum grade point average required for graduation. Student’s grades are available online at the end of each term. Students can request a printed copy from the Office of the Registrar prior to the end of the term.

The College does not recognize airline schedules or other traveling plans as a legitimate reason for rescheduling final examinations. Students must check the final exam schedule before making travel plans. This schedule is usually available by the fifth week of each semester and can be obtained online or from the Office of the Registrar.

Midterm Grades: Faculty members are asked to evaluate students’ performances at midterm and asked to report only grades under C- to the Registrar, who shares them with the students’ faculty adviser and their class dean. Students are alerted that they have received a midterm grade by an email from our Registrar, and they are instructed to view these midterm reports online. All students with midterm grades receive an email from their class dean directing them to appropriate resources. At the discretion of the class dean, students may be required to have an advising meeting. Midterm grades are not recorded on the permanent record; they serve to identify and assist students encountering academic difficulty.

Pass/Fail Option: Juniors and seniors in good standing whose cumulative average is 2.0 or higher may, in each semester, take one course pass/fail, but in no case may a student take more than four pass/fail courses to be counted toward degree requirements. The course must be outside the major field of concentration and outside related courses as defined by the major department.

Audit Option: Auditing privileges are limited to listening and observing in the classroom. Auditors need not take exams nor complete other written assignments, nor may they expect the instructor to comment on or evaluate such work. No credit will be granted, but upon recommendation of the instructor, the fact that the individual has audited the course will be noted on the permanent record if the student has met attendance regulations and other requirements set by the instructor. Courses that require a high degree of participation (e.g., laboratory courses, studio art courses, and foreign languages emphasizing conversation) may not be audited. A regularly enrolled full-time student may audit one and, under unusual circumstances, two courses per semester by petition to the Academic Progress Committee and with the approval of the academic adviser and the instructor in the course or the head of the department in which the course is offered.
Class Attendance: Class attendance is expected of all students because Lafayette College considers the lecture, the laboratory, and the discussion group to be essential to learning. Faculty members establish and maintain attendance requirements in their courses and must inform students and the Office of the Dean of the College of these policies. Students are responsible for meeting class and examination schedules. Unwillingness to meet attendance obligations on the part of a student may lead to poor performance in the course.

Only absences necessitated by the following will be eligible for an excuse from the Office of the Dean of the College:
1. Student participation in the National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR)
2. Documented family emergencies and bereavements
3. Personal health issues when documented by Bailey Health Center. Students unable to attend classes due to illness should make an appointment with the Bailey Health Center if they need a Dean’s excuse for their absence(s). Students seen by other medical professionals should still consult with the Bailey Health Center and share any relevant documentation.
4. Extraordinary situations as determined by the Office of the Dean of the College;
5. Varsity athletic competitions (Students work with coaches to inform faculty about planned absences no later than the first week of classes.)

Dean’s Review Policy: At the will and judgment of the class instructor, if a student accumulates an excessive number of unexcused absences, as defined in the course syllabus, the instructor may request a formal review of this behavior by the appropriate class dean in the Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs. During the review, the dean will meet with the student to assess the student’s commitment to the course and to formulate a plan, if necessary, for addressing any underlying issues beyond the classroom. Based upon the outcome of this review, the dean will normally include a formal warning to the student of possible mandatory withdrawal from the course if the unexcused absences continue. (In consultation with the instructor, this warning will normally specify the maximum number of additional unexcused absences before mandatory withdrawal.) The outcome of this review will be reported in writing to the instructor and student. The student also must meet with the instructor in order to reaffirm his/her commitment to the course. If the student continues to miss class in excess of the formal warning and without excuse, the instructor may notify the Dean of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs, prompting the student’s mandatory withdrawal from the course.

The student will be awarded a WD for a course withdrawal that occurs through the 11th week of the semester. After the course withdrawal deadline, the student will have earned and be awarded the appropriate grade, as determined by the faculty member.

Advisers and Advising System: At Lafayette, faculty advisers are specifically designated to work with first- and second-year students and are trained to educate students broadly across academic disciplines. Students formally declare majors in their sophomore year, at which point they receive an adviser in their home department(s).

A faculty adviser’s primary role is to provide guidance on academic matters such as course selection, academic progress toward graduation requirements, and preparation toward identifying and selecting an appropriate major, given a student’s interests, skills, and abilities. However, academic advising can present an opportunity for students and faculty to build meaningful relationships that transcend the classroom. Typically, faculty members have posted office hours, agree to appointments at other times, and will generally be available for consultation.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES/TUTORING
The Academic Tutoring and Training Information Center (ATTIC), part of the Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs, provides academic support services to enhance student success in an educational environment that can be demanding and challenging. The ATTIC provides a wide range of services for students including Supplemental Instruction (SI), resource, group, and individual tutoring, and study skills assistance. All students are welcome to meet with the professional staff in an individualized setting for one-on-one coaching to attain personalized support for their academic needs. The ATTIC also provides academic support and accommodations for students with disabilities and academic support programs for student athletes.

For more information, please visit the ATTIC website.

Academic Probation: At the end of each semester, the Academic Progress Committee evaluates the performance of all students whose semester grade point average, or cumulative grade point average, falls below 2.0. Each student is considered individually. Factors such as cumulative average, average in the major field, and progress toward graduation are among the criteria used in evaluating students. Students not making satisfactory progress may be issued a letter of warning or placed on academic probation. When students are placed on probation, the probationary period is in effect until the end of the following semester. First-year students on academic probation (including students who have not completed six courses) may not hold office in student or social organizations or represent the College in any official capacity (including intercollegiate athletics or club teams). Sophomores must have at least a 2.4 cumulative grade point average to pursue membership in a fraternity or sorority. Financial aid may be affected by unsatisfactory academic progress. For complete details, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.

If a student on academic probation does not demonstrate improvement, she may be required to withdraw from the College for at least one semester. However, a probation period need not precede action requiring a student to withdraw. Re-instatement is not guaranteed, but depends upon clear demonstration of eventual graduation from Lafayette College.

CONFIDENTIALITY (FERPA—Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
Lafayette College seeks to teach students to become mature, reasoned, educated adults capable of defining and realizing their academic and personal developmental goals. To that end, the College practice is to regard students as the primary contact for interaction regarding information contained in student educational records and to respect the confidentiality of that information. The College encourages students to act responsibly by communicating directly with their parents. Under federal law, if College personnel determine that it is in the best interest of the student to disclose to a student’s parent(s) information from that student’s educational record, the College may elect to do so after receiving proof of the student’s financial dependency on his/her parents for federal income tax purposes. In these rare cases, the College practice is to communicate first, when possible, with the student regarding a parental request for information.

Students who are not dependent on their parents for federal income tax purposes, and students who are dependent but wish to provide general access to their educational record, may allow College personnel to share educational record information with their parents by signing a waiver each year. Waivers can be found on the Registrar’s website and picked up in the Office of the Registrar and Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs.

Students may also elect to have information from their educational record shared with graduate schools, potential employers, and other third parties via requests through Banner Self Service.
LIBRARIES

David Bishop Skillman Library and Kirby Library serve as central points for research and study. The libraries’ collections include more than 500,000 volumes, subscriptions to 2,200 periodicals, over 100,000 ebooks, and an extensive array of full-text databases, electronic journals, and online indexes. In addition to materials in Lafayette’s collections, library staff also can help students obtain books and periodicals from college, university, and research libraries nationwide.

Librarians provide guidance to students as they navigate the wide array of information sources available to them. First-year students receive a basic introduction to library resources in First-Year Seminars, and librarians regularly meet with classes in all disciplines to provide more advanced instruction in library research. Reference assistance—in person as well as via phone, email, and chat—is available to students on weekdays, most evenings, and Sundays. Students also may schedule appointments with librarians for extended consultations about their research projects.

The library facilities provide space for students to study and collaborate with one another. Kirby Library is housed in Kirby Hall of Civil Rights, which was completed in 1930 and renovated in the late 1990s. The library’s oak-paneled reading room is among the most beautiful interior spaces on campus and is a popular spot for quiet study.

A renovation of Skillman Library was completed in 2005. A 30,000-square-foot addition and a major renovation of existing spaces transformed the library into a learning and information center with ample room for collaborative learning, information technology, and print collections. Among the newly created spaces are a formal reading room, digital media lab, common room with a café, and a variety of individual and group study spaces, all equipped with network drops and wireless access.

A unique feature of Skillman Library is Special Collections and College Archives, which is available for student research. The department houses rare books and manuscript collections—with especially strong holdings relating to the Marquis de Lafayette, Stephen Crane, and artists’ books—and the institutional records of Lafayette College. It also offers historical information about the College and a growing gallery of online exhibits available on the library website. Theses produced by Lafayette honors students, as well as faculty and alumni publications, can be found here too.
Living on campus is expressly related to the academic mission of the College. Membership in a residential academic community provides unique opportunities for enhanced learning and personal growth. Residential living is governed by the concept of Community Standards. On-campus housing is guaranteed and required for all four undergraduate years at Lafayette. Students are required to live on campus in a residence hall or fraternity/sorority chapter house unless they commute from their parents’ homes or receive permission from the director of the Office of Residence Life to move off campus.

**First-year students:** Nine residence halls house first-year students—Conway House, Easton Hall, Gates Hall, Kamine Hall, Marquis Hall, McKeen Hall, Ruef Hall, South College-Jesser Hall, and Watson Hall. Most first-year rooms are double occupancy; a few students reside in triples. First-year students have the option of joining a wellness living community. This thematic housing focuses on exploration of wellness in six dimensions: social, occupational, physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual. On these floors, students have opportunities to participate in special programming and create an environment where healthy choices are encouraged and supported, which includes a substance-free lifestyle on the floor.

First year students may join the Community Engagement House which will be located in Conway House. Residents of this community will participate in regular service programs, campus-wide volunteer days, special volunteer projects, alternative break trips, and educational events sponsored by the Landis Community Outreach Center.

**Upper-level students:** After their first year, students have a choice of several living plans. They may live in many of the residence halls listed above in addition to Farber Hall, Fisher Hall East, Fisher Hall West, Keefe Hall, Kirby House, Ramer Hall, Rubin Hall, Soles Hall, and Watson Courts, which house only upper-level students. These buildings offer a variety of living options including double occupancy, singles, and suite-style accommodations. The College also owns off-campus housing units (apartments just off campus) predominantly for seniors.
Upper-level students also may choose to become affiliated with a living group. The College offers several thematic housing options that are focused on specific missions and advised by faculty. These options include Living Learning Communities, Grossman House for Global Perspectives, the McKelvey Scholars program, Departmental and Specialty Houses, and Special Interest Houses. In addition, there are wellness living environments specifically for upper-level students. Lafayette is home to a Greek system. All fraternity and sorority houses are located on campus. As a condition of their membership, all fraternity and sorority members must live in their respective houses through their senior year unless space in those houses is unavailable.

Residence halls remain open during all breaks in the academic schedule except for the January interim session. Students wishing to remain in college housing during interim session must complete a specific housing registration for that period. Residents of Ruel Hall are required to move out of their rooms between semesters to accommodate interim-session students in that facility. Students are eligible for interim housing if they are enrolled in an interim class, conducting EXCEL research, compete on a winter varsity athletic team, or work on campus.

For more information on the residence halls and special details about what students need to bring, please visit the Office of Residence Life web site.

Head Resident Advisers: Head residents are undergraduate students who have demonstrated exceptional ability in meeting the needs of students and who have shown evidence of special skills for supervising staff and managing a residence hall. The head resident supervises resident advisers and provides administrative offices with necessary information.

Resident Advisers: Carefully selected and trained student resident advisers (RAs) are assigned to each residence hall. Each RA is responsible for a section consisting of approximately 20 to 25 students. The resident adviser helps students achieve their academic goals and derive maximum benefits from group living. Students should become acquainted with their RAs immediately and seek their advice whenever necessary.

Fraternity House Assistants: Fraternity house assistants (FHAs) live in each fraternity house and work to foster an environment that promotes the educational experience of residential living and furthers the values of their particular organization. House assistants articulate the philosophy and policies of the Office of Residence Life, the College, and the house corporation to their residents, and in turn, represent the needs of residential students to the administration.

Fraternities and Sororities: Each of the organizations has a stand-alone facility that houses many of the chapter’s members. All six sororities occupy College-owned houses; several of the fraternities own and/or manage their facilities. The sorority housing fee is the same as the College’s residence hall fee; fraternity housing fees vary. Each fraternity has a special dining plan, allowing the members to dine with their fellow brothers for lunch and dinner.
Dining Services

It’s natural for families of students to be concerned about how their student is going to eat when he or she is away from home. All parents want their students to be able to maintain their health and strength, and eating well is a significant contributor in that regard. At Lafayette, we do all we can to make sure your student has a variety of appealing dining options, all of which are accessible by your student using his or her student ID card. Our philosophy is focused on:

**Developing Community:** The communal dining experience is fundamental to the development of interpersonal relationships and the overall sense of community at Lafayette. This is why participation in a meal plan is required of our students.

**Fresh and Delicious Food:** The College invests significant resources in ensuring our food is of the highest quality by focusing on the caliber of the chefs and the ingredients we use. Our culinary team cooks from scratch every day. From rolling stocks to finishing sauces and roasting meats, our approach to food allows us to provide fresh foods from whole ingredients. We daresay it might be better than mom’s cooking!

**Convenience:** We have six dining locations spread across campus; two expansive all-you-care-to-eat student restaurants, and four cafés with a la carte menus. Most campuses of Lafayette’s size may only have one dining venue. Our multiple locations mean no student has to wander far when he or she is hungry. It also means that there is at least one of these locations open from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. most days of the week. There is no need to drive or walk anywhere off campus to search for food.

**Variety and Education:** Not only are there enough menu items offered at each meal to ensure that there is something for everyone, but we change the menu items regularly to prevent anyone from getting bored with the offerings. In addition, we organize special theme events periodically in the dining halls that highlight certain holidays or cuisines to allow students to experiment with some foods they may not regularly eat at home. Food can be a great educational opportunity in diversity and global awareness.

**Cost-effectiveness and Flexibility:** We offer a variety of dining options to ensure you can work with your student to customize a dining plan that satisfies your particular student’s wants and allows you as a parent to feel confident that you’ve provided well for your student.

**Environmental Responsibility:** We continually review the products and processes we use to be more environmentally responsible. Not only do we focus on sustainably, humanely, and locally sourced goods, but we prepare food using the fresh produce from the College’s own farm, we compost our food waste so it is repurposed as landscaping mulch, and we recycle our cooking oil for bio-fuel purposes among our other efforts.

**Dining Options**

Lafayette offers a variety of dining options to meet the needs and interests of our students. Among the options offered are:

**Meal Plans:** Meal plans are prepaid arrangements for a set number of meals at either of the two all-you-care-to-eat student restaurants. The current meal plan options are:

**Unlimited Carte Blanche Meal Plan:** This plan provides unlimited access to either of the two all-you-care-to-eat restaurants on campus (Marquis Dining Hall and the Drake Dining Room, in Farinon College Center, otherwise known as “Upper”). Students on the Carte Blanche meal plan have the ability to revisit these dining halls for a meal, a snack, or a beverage unlimited times while the dining halls are open. The meal allocation on the Unlimited Carte Blanche plan cannot be used at any of the other dining venues on campus.
The 20-, 14-, and 7-Meals Per Week Meal Plans: Each of these meal plans allow a student to access either of the all-you-care-to-eat campus dining halls a specified number of times each week. Meals must be eaten during the designated week; meals do not carry forward from week to week or semester to semester. One meal per designated meal period may be used; there are four meal periods on most days and three on Sundays. Meal plans are effective the first day of classes and end the sooner of the last day of exams or whenever a student is required to vacate their residence for each semester. They do not apply during any breaks in the academic year (Thanksgiving, interim session, spring break, summer session, etc.).

PLEASE NOTE: The Classes of 2015 and 2016 may select from among any of the plans listed, regardless of their housing arrangements.

Meal Exchange: Certain meal plans give students the flexibility to utilize a meal allotment in one of our a la carte restaurants on campus. Students taking advantage of this option may choose from among the designated entrees and will also receive a beverage, side dish, and dessert to make a complete and satisfying meal.

Pard Card Dollars: The Pard Card account is a prepaid cash balance account that allows a student to make purchases simply by presenting his/her Lafayette ID card. It can be used on campus to purchase food or off campus at participating local merchants. Pard Card Dollars can be added during the semester. As long as students are subscribed to a qualifying meal plan, they can use their student ID to make purchases off campus.

Flex Dollars: Flex Dollars are a form of payment that can be used on campus at the various dining facilities. Like the Pard Card Dollars, Flex Dollars are a prepaid cash balance account but are available for on-campus food purchases only.

Pard Card and Flex Dollars can be added to a student account online or by mailing a check. Non-mandatory amounts of Pard Card or Flex Dollars will roll over from semester to semester and can be refunded upon request at the end of the spring semester (and will automatically be refunded upon graduation) provided no other balances (tuition, College Store, etc.) are due. Students can change their meal plan selection only during the first two weeks of the semester and will be refunded any amounts owed to them for unused meals remaining.

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ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL CONDUCT POLICIES
Students are governed by a number of regulations dealing with academic and social conduct. Academic policies related to degree completion are found on the Dean of the College’s website, and academic and behavioral conduct policies are listed in detail in the Student Handbook. The Student Handbook is updated annually and distributed to all students at the beginning of each academic year. These policies include:

- Academic Integrity/Plagiarism
- Alcohol Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Procedures and Sanctions
- Distribution of Literature
- Hazing
- Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations
- Residence Hall Contract
- Sexual Harassment/Sexual Assault
- Statement on Rights and Responsibilities of Students
- Student Records

ALCOHOL POLICY
The College is committed to providing students with an environment conducive to optimal intellectual, social, and emotional growth. High-risk drinking behaviors and heavy consumption of alcohol pose a serious risk to a student’s ability to function effectively in this demanding educational setting and may also interfere with the health and safety of all members of the Lafayette community and neighbors in Easton. The College considers high-risk drinking behaviors (e.g., rapid consumption of alcohol, drinking games, and acute alcohol intoxication) as antithetical to the values of the Lafayette community and consistently holds students accountable for these violations of the College’s Alcohol Policy.

The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pertaining to alcoholic beverages, including underage drinking, open containers, and social-host liability, among others,
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are also applicable to Lafayette students. Students who live in off-campus College-owned housing are reminded that College policies are applicable in these College-owned locations. Students or student organizations who violate the College’s Alcohol Policy or Pennsylvania laws are subject to disciplinary action imposed by the College in addition to possible prosecution by the City of Easton or the state. In addition, a student or student organization who serves alcohol to a person, regardless of age, shares responsibility with that person for any violation of the Lafayette College Code of Conduct while that person is under the influence of alcohol.

Like many colleges and universities, the College has worked diligently to address high-risk drinking among our students because of the negative implications of these behaviors on all members of the community. Parents can help by reinforcing the College’s messages about responsible alcohol use by those of legal drinking age. Each year, the College distributes a publication called A Parent Handbook for Talking with College Students about Alcohol, to help parents with these conversations. A copy may be requested directly from the Office of the Dean of Students at deanofstudents@lafayette.edu.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Through the new Center for Community Engagement, Lafayette faculty and staff offer a wide range of opportunities for students to become involved in the local community and on a global level. Through the mentoring of learning partners in the city of Easton, students can participate in a thriving small urban environment, exploring economic development and planning, environmental sustainability, and the challenges of local non-profits. Student initiatives have created numerous opportunities for community engagement.

The Landis Center, staffed with a director, associate director, coordinator of America Reads, and 20 student staff members, offers more than 30 programs for students to make a difference in the local communities of Easton and Phillipsburg. The choice of programs is varied and flexible, covering such issues as hunger, homelessness, at-risk youth, aging, and community arts. Students can tutor and mentor children as part of several after-school programs or work on community gardens and other environmental projects, such as the new Karl Stirner Arts Trail. In addition, they can join with children and adults in the community in the development and performance of theater, arts, and spoken-word projects in the Kids in Community project.

Community-based learning and research is also integrated across academic departments and programs. First-Year Seminars and upper-level courses in math, psychology, women’s studies, and engineering have designed projects for students to meet the learning outcomes of the course while making a difference in the Easton community.

Students can also participate in our Alternative School Break (ASB) Club. ASB offers students an alcohol-free service experience over fall, interim, and spring breaks. Students have traveled to South Carolina to work with Habitat for Humanity, Honduras to build water systems with Engineers without Borders, and Chicago to work with a grassroots community center offering a safe place for children, among many other places.

First-year students can participate in the Pre-Orientation Service Program. Approximately 30 first-years are invited to come to campus to begin their Lafayette Experience with a week of service to the community during the week before orientation. Along with 25 upper-level Lafayette students, they provide 80 local children with a summer camp experience, community gardens, and work on community arts projects with local senior citizens.

Through this engaged work, students gain and develop academic and leadership skills, such as interpersonal communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
CULTURAL LIFE
Lafayette believes that the arts are an important part of each student’s education. The College provides many opportunities for arts experiences, within both the curriculum and the extracurricular program. Performing groups and theater productions are open to all students. Lafayette and the Williams Center for the Arts support a full series of concerts, theatrical productions, gallery exhibits, and lectures throughout the academic year, including such world-class artists as the Urban Bush Women, Ballet Hispanico, Wayne Shorter, Rennie Harris Pure Movement, Paul Taylor Dance Company, the Washington Ballet, and performances each year by Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

FAMILY EMERGENCIES
Lafayette can assist should a family emergency or tragedy occur while your student is away at school. Should an occasion arise whereby a student must be notified about a death or emergency in the immediate family, we ask that the student not be notified directly. Instead, please call the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at (610) 330-5959 or (610) 330-5320. The College Chaplain and her staff will make arrangements, in consultation with you, to make sure your student is notified in such a way that support systems are in place, should they be needed.

We encourage students to use the Lafayette College Banner self-service data system to keep their emergency contact information up-to-date.

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES
Lafayette hosts four fraternities and six sororities that are supported by College staff and alumni oversight. Fraternities and sororities are values-based living-learning communities focused on academic integration, leader development, civic engagement, intercultural development, and character/values congruency. Last year, our fraternity and sorority community was home to over 37 percent of the eligible student population and engaged in many philanthropic and community service initiatives. All have service relationships in the Easton community and commitment to national and international causes. Each group makes up a strong cross section of Lafayette’s students. No one type of student belongs to a fraternity or sorority at Lafayette. A commitment to personal growth and values is the hallmark of this student experience.

Lafayette students who have completed at least two semesters and meet the minimum affiliation standards may join a fraternal organization. Students may explore membership during the formal recruitment process during the first week of each fall semester. Some organizations may choose to select members in the spring semester as well. Participation in formal recruitment and subsequent membership is optional. Students interested in considering membership in a men’s fraternity must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.65, must have completed a minimum of four community service hours since coming to Lafayette, and cannot be on Disciplinary Level 1 or 2 probation.

To join a women’s sorority, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.4 and cannot be on Disciplinary Level 1 or 2 probation. Each fraternity and sorority has its own values-based membership eligibility criteria, which may be more restrictive than the minimum standards for affiliation. Each group’s criteria are available for review on the Fraternity and Sorority Life website.

Affiliation with a fraternity or sorority will require a financial and personal commitment from students. Additionally, students are required to reside in the chapter house through their senior year, if necessary. Students will be made aware of these commitments before and during the formal recruitment process; parents are advised to discuss these costs and expectations with their students prior to joining the organization.
These are the women’s sororities and men’s fraternities that are recognized and active members of Lafayette College.

- Alpha Gamma Delta Women’s Fraternity
- Alpha Phi Sorority
- Delta Delta Delta Women’s Fraternity
- Delta Gamma Women’s Fraternity
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
- Pi Beta Phi Women’s Fraternity
- Delta Kappa Epsilon Men’s Fraternity
- Delta Upsilon Men’s Fraternity
- Phi Kappa Psi Men’s Fraternity
- Zeta Psi Men’s Fraternity

If your daughter, son, or student has attempted to join or has claimed to affiliate with any Greek-letter organization or fraternal organization that is not listed above, please note this organization is not endorsed by Lafayette College, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, nor the Fraternity Community of Lafayette. Further, this group is not connected or affiliated with any national or international fraternity. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life advises that students not join such groups and that parents discourage their students from joining. Any underground group will not be able to provide liability insurance coverage to its officers or members.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
The mission of Lafayette’s Department of Athletics is to be one of the finest in the nation in terms of student-athlete graduation rate and academic achievement and to be among the best in the Patriot League in competitive win/loss records.

Nearly one-fourth of the students participate on at least one of the College’s 23 nationally recognized intercollegiate teams. In the fall, Lafayette fields teams in football, men’s and women’s soccer, cross country, tennis, and women’s field hockey and volleyball. Men’s and women’s basketball, swimming and diving, track and field, and coed fencing take center stage in the winter. In the spring, Lafayette sponsors teams in baseball, softball, golf, men’s and women’s tennis, lacrosse, and track and field.

Twenty-two varsity sports compete in the Patriot League, with fencing competing in the Middle-Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association and all are NCAA Division I; football participates in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

The majority of outdoor teams compete at the Metzgar Fields Athletic Campus, a 230-acre facility three miles north of campus. The football team competes in the tradition-rich 13,123-seat Fisher Field at Fisher Stadium. Indoor teams compete in Kirby Sports Center, located on the main campus, which houses a newly renovated 2,648-seat basketball arena, a 200-yard flat track, a six-lane racing pool with separate diving well, and athletic training rooms.

Student-athlete Insurance: While the personal health insurance policies of intercollegiate student-athletes provide the primary coverage for athletic injuries, a secondary accident policy is provided by the College at no charge to the student-athlete. For a more detailed explanation of the procedure to process a claim, please visit Sports Medicine on the Lafayette Athletics website.

INTERCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
The Office of Intercultural Development advances Lafayette’s commitment to diversity and inclusion through educational outreach, cultural programming, support and advocacy of historically marginalized groups, and coalition building. Intercultural Development encompasses the Office of Gender and Sexuality Programs, Office of International Student Advising, Landis Community Outreach Center, and Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. Through collaborative programming and initiatives,
these offices work to ensure that students, employees, and the community at large have numerous opportunities to develop multicultural competence and to commit to lifelong learning about our world and its diverse citizens.

Intercultural Development also oversees the David A. Portlock Black Cultural Center, founded in 1970 to support the social and academic success of underrepresented students of color; the Lafayette Intercultural Networking Council (LINC), an umbrella student organization that encourages collaboration among cultural, religious, political, and service-oriented student groups; and Kaleidoscope, a peer-education group focusing on social justice.

**RECREATION**

Lafayette Recreation Services provides students with rich educational experiences through exercise-centered programs, attractive employment opportunities, and enticing facilities designed to meet their varied interests. The department’s programs foster improved physical, social, and emotional health within a safe environment and a cooperative, respectful atmosphere conducive to enjoyment by participants of all ability levels. We anticipate that these experiences will stimulate positive use of leisure time while at Lafayette and encourage lifelong healthy behaviors.

Recreation services focuses its efforts within six specialty areas: aquatics, climbing wall, intramural sports, individual/group fitness, sports clubs, and informal recreation. The vast majority of recreation occurs in the recreational facilities at Kirby Sports Center. These facilities include a 1/10-mile indoor jogging track, three multipurpose courts in Kamine Gym, six racquet courts, a rock-climbing wall, a 6,600-square-foot fitness center, and two group exercise rooms totaling roughly 4,300 square feet.

Approximately 550 students use the recreational facility on a daily basis with up to 900 on the busiest days. For students who want a quick workout on their own time, the fitness center includes a full selectorized strength-training circuit, a spacious free weight area, and 32 cardiovascular machines. Individual exercise programs and a personal trainer are available.

Students interested in cardio and strength group-exercise classes have ample opportunity in spacious aerobics rooms fully stocked with the latest equipment. Classes are held throughout the week at no extra charge. Special mind and body classes, such as Pilates and yoga, also are offered for a nominal fee per group of sessions. The multipurpose courts are available for informal recreation such as basketball, badminton, volleyball, roller hockey, or indoor soccer. Also available to students are informal recreational swim sessions at Ruef Natatorium.

In terms of organized sports, nearly 35 percent of students participate in one or more of the intramural sports while more than 600 students are members of more than 35 student-run sports clubs at the College.

**RELIGIOUS LIFE**

The religious interests and spiritual needs of students are addressed through the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. The Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, who also serves as College Chaplain, coordinates religious activities and leads a team of interfaith advisers and student leaders in implementing religious programming. The Chaplain also leads events such as ecumenical Bible and book studies on campus and advises the Interfaith Council and Better Together, an interfaith student organization.

- An interdenominational Protestant worship service is held on occasion.
- Catholic Mass is celebrated weekly in Colton Chapel. There is also a Newman Association group for Roman Catholic students.
- Hillel provides programming for Jewish students, including weekly Shabbat services, and is advised by the Jewish Chaplain (who is also a faculty member).
• The Muslim Student Association is advised by a faculty member and maintains a prayer room in the basement of Hogg Hall. Muslim students coordinate travel to the Easton mosque on Friday afternoons. Speak with the Chaplain for details.
• Weekly Buddhist meditation sessions are held in the Interfaith Chapel, Hogg Hall. The Chaplain is available for personal counseling with students, to answer questions about students’ religious and spiritual journeys, and to aid with issues of grief and bereavement. The Chaplain also makes referrals to appropriate religious advisers or community clergy, as requested by students. Lafayette is also home to chapters of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lafayette Freethinkers (part of the national Secular Students’ Association), and DiscipleMakers.

The Interfaith Council, composed of students and religious advisers, coordinates multi-faith observances and hosts conversations to promote interfaith dialogue and cooperation on and off-campus. The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life maintains a list of local churches, synagogues, and Islamic centers, sponsors regular brown-bag discussions on religious and cultural issues, and collaborates with other departments on campus to bring programming dealing with important topics to students, faculty, and staff.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT**

The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement promotes a sense of community through co-curricular opportunities and encourages student participation in all aspects of campus life. By engaging members of our community through leadership, involvement, and purposeful programming, we nurture and challenge students’ social responsibility, personal growth, and development. We seek to enhance students’ undergraduate education through student involvement and leadership initiatives, campus-based programs, and student organizations.

The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement provides advising and support for Lafayette’s many student-led clubs and organizations, including key programming and governing groups such as the Lafayette Activities Forum (LAF), Student Government, and the Lafayette Leadership Education Committee.

LAF is a student programming organization that sponsors activities throughout the year, including major concerts, lectures, films, comedians, student bands and DJs, issues-based theme weeks, tournaments, and other major and special events of all kinds.

Student Government maintains open and direct communication between students, faculty, staff, and members of the Board of Trustees. Most of Lafayette’s clubs and organizations are recognized and supported by Student Government. Among these are academic honor societies; sports clubs; service and social groups; academic organizations; multicultural, musical, and arts-related groups; and living organizations. These groups sponsor numerous programs each year that are open to all Lafayette students.

Student leaders and leadership opportunities are found across campus departments and throughout student-led programs. The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement advises one group that focuses specifically on leadership development for all students, the Lafayette Leadership Education Committee. The committee sponsors Leadership Challenge Series workshops open to all students during the year as well as its capstone programs, the Lafayette Leadership Institute each February and the annual Aaron O. Hoff Awards program for recognition of leadership and service to Lafayette at the close of each academic year.

We encourage students to get involved in campus life. Involvement provides co-curricular opportunities that complement the academic environment, foster student development, and prepare students for life beyond Lafayette.
Career Services' annual Career Fair is one of several opportunities for students to network with employers.

Student Services

CAREER SERVICES

The Gateway Program is a four-year career-development program that provides students with career guidance throughout their time at Lafayette. Students work with a Gateway counselor on an individual basis, and together they develop a plan for major and career exploration. Enrollment in Gateway means a commitment to self-discovery and to making optimal use of career and graduate/professional school-related resources at Lafayette. Gateway is a complement to the academic advising program.

Benefits of Gateway:

- Individualized support from a Gateway counselor to develop a plan aligned to the student’s specific interests and goals
- Connection with a network of volunteers with whom students can talk about fields of interest to them
- Interactive programs including workshops, alumni career panels, career fairs, and other career networking programs
- The opportunity for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors to apply for externships (two-to-five day shadowing experiences during January interim session)
- Mock interviews: in person, via telephone, or virtual
- Assistance in developing well-written resumes, cover letters, and graduate school documents
- One-on-one coaching through the internship or job search process, including on-campus interviewing
- Access to CareerVault (online job and internship postings) and Job Alert, a service that notifies students via email of jobs and internships that match specific interests
- Personalized assistance in exploring graduate/professional school opportunities and navigating the application process

Supporting Your Student: The college years are a time of exposure to new ideas and increased knowledge of career options. Parents and families can play an important role in supporting their student through this process. Here are some helpful tips:

- Support your student in the major selection process by keeping an open mind and seeing the situation from the student’s perspective.
- Encourage your student to get involved with Gateway in the first year.
- Keep up-to-date on the programs and workshops offered by Career Services. Sign-up to receive CSWeekly, our e-newsletter, by emailing careers@lafayette.edu.
- Talk to your student about your own career development path.
- Connect your student with people you know who can provide career insight, or information on internships and full-time jobs.
- Ask open-ended questions to help your student clarify his/her ideas and goals.
- Provide positive feedback when your student discusses his/her career-related activities with you.
- Above all, let your student know that you trust him/her to use all the resources available to make an informed decision.

For more suggestions on how you can support your student, visit the Career Services Parents & Families page.
Volunteering Your Time and Talent: Your participation as a parent volunteer significantly impacts the Lafayette experience and the individual students with whom you work. Career Services is committed to the continued connection between students and volunteers. Consider these volunteer opportunities for ways to assist students with career choices, or work with Career Services to develop your own.

COLLEGE STORE
The College Store is here to serve the needs of your students. We stock all of the textbooks and materials they will need for their classes, as well as a full line of school supplies, dorm supplies, small electronics, health and beauty aidsand all the Lafayette clothing and gift items they will want. Any revenue the College Store earns benefits the students by helping to fund important programs like financial aid, academic tutoring, career services, and many others services on campus.

At the store, we welcome many common forms of payment (cash, checks, credit cards, gift cards), but we also offer a unique convenience for your student—the ability for students to charge purchases using their Lafayette ID. If your student uses his/her student ID card to make a purchase, it will appear on the student account along with any other activity on that account. A bill for any amounts due are generally mailed near the end of each month, but activity also can be viewed online using a tool called Banner Self-Service.

Reserving Textbooks: Before your student even knows their course schedule, we can reserve their textbooks! During the summer the College Store will receive your students list of fall courses from our Registrars Office. We will then pull, pack and hold their textbooks for pick up on the first day of their Orientation Program. This service is free, convenient and easy!

To reserve textbooks, your student needs to complete the textbook reservation form no later than Monday, August 11, 2014. This form should be submitted as early as possible for the best selection of textbooks. The link to this form is on the Lafayette College website on the FYE page under the Summer To Do List. Once processed, the textbook charges will appear on your student’s bill that will be mailed at the end of August. When your student arrives on campus, they can pick up their books on Thursday, August 21st between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Farinon Student Center. The student must bring a photo ID. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call 610-330-5512 or email at email corsic@lafayette.edu.

COUNSELING CENTER
The Counseling Center provides high-quality counseling, educational programs, and psychological assessments designed to help students learn how to meet their intellectual, interpersonal, and developmental goals and to promote a healthy, equitable, and positive campus community. The center also offers crisis intervention services, as well as consultation to faculty, staff, and parents to assist them in their efforts to promote student learning and well-being.

Counseling provides students with opportunities to generate fresh perspectives, to develop greater self-understanding, and to try out new, healthy behaviors and attitudes. Counselors are also available to help students who are struggling with ongoing mental health concerns to develop strategies that will enable them to function effectively in a challenging academic environment. The center uses a brief psychotherapy model; if a student has a concern that cannot be addressed adequately within this model, staff members will assist him or her find the appropriate services in the community. Students may make an appointment by calling the Counseling Center, (610) 330-5005, or by stopping by the second floor of the Bailey Health Center. The center is open Monday–Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the academic year. All services provided by the Counseling Center are free.

The center is available to assist parents with their concerns about students. However,
psychologists are required by law and by professional ethical codes to protect the confidentiality of their contacts with students. Without a student’s permission, counselors cannot discuss the content of counseling sessions nor can they confirm a student’s attendance at a counseling session, except in cases in which a student is deemed to present a danger to self or others. Students are asked to sign a release of information if they wish their counselor to discuss their counseling sessions with their parents.

Students and their family members can find more information about the services offered by the Counseling Center, self-help information and resources, and frequently asked questions by visiting the Counseling Center website.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Carolyn Huntington Bailey Health Center is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m.–3 p.m. weekends during the school year. There is no fee for medical services provided by the Health Center. Student accounts may be billed for prescription co-payments, point of care diagnostic testing, and vaccinations. The Health Center has a pharmacy and most medications are available on site. There are several pharmacies located close to campus and medications can be delivered to the Health Center if necessary.

The Health Center is staffed by a College physician, part-time physicians, mid level providers, and four registered nurses. Physician visits are available by appointment Monday through Friday. Our services include comprehensive primary care, gynecology, psychiatry, travel medicine, and sports medicine. In addition to office visits, students may require extended care for intravenous therapy or observation during the day. Health Center personnel can help arrange consultations with specialists and outpatient diagnostic testing off campus. Students can be transported to these facilities by taxi or the Office of Public Safety.

When the Health Center is closed, students needing emergency care will be transported to one of the local hospitals. Easton Hospital, is located just a few miles from campus. Students will be transported to the hospital by Public Safety or by ambulance depending on the severity of the problem. A physician is on-call when the Health Center is closed. Public Safety can direct calls to the physician on duty during off hours.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ITS provides new students helpful information about IT-related services at help.lafayette.edu/newstudent. In May, new students are sent their Lafayette credentials—a Network ID and password—providing them access to campus network services.

Computers: Lafayette provides networked public computer labs in several buildings for the convenience of students. In addition, all buildings on campus, including residence hall rooms and College-owned fraternity and sorority houses, can access the campus network through both wired and wireless connections. Students are welcome to bring their own computer or may purchase one through arrangements made by Lafayette with Dell and Apple; about ninety percent of students bring their own. Because of the extensive access to wireless on campus, for most students a laptop makes more sense than a desktop. Purchasing details through the Dell and Apple programs can be found at help.lafayette.edu/newstudent.

Software: Windows 8 or 7 (except Home Basic) and Mac Snow Leopard are the preferred operating environments for student computers. Microsoft Office is the productivity suite used on campus. Students have two choices when purchasing Office. Office 365 (mac and PC) is a subscription service that offers options that span multiple years and allow installation on multiple computers. If the subscription is not renewed, access to both the software and the cloud storage service ends.
traditional option is to purchase the Office suite which does not include cloud services and limits installation to one computer, but use of the software never expires. The current versions for this option are Office 2013 (PC) and Office 2011 (mac). Lafayette provides antivirus software for all student computers at no additional cost and is available to download from the ITS web site. The College does not license any other applications for installation on student-owned computers.

**Campus Network:** The campus network provides high-speed access to services such as email, Internet, course management, student records, course registration, library resources, and networked storage space for each student. Many specialized departmental servers are also available through the campus network. Students may access these services over the wired or wireless networks. Most wired connections require a standard Ethernet cable, whereas a very limited number of others require a unique IBM ACS gold connector. This unique cable is not easily purchased in the marketplace, but is available for purchase at the College Store.

**Insurance:** Students are responsible for insuring their computers and personal electronic devices. Many homeowners’ policies will cover this type of equipment at no additional cost, though some require it be itemized on the policy.

**Assistance:** The Lafayette Help Desk provides technical support to students for ITS supported hardware, applications, and services. Students can contact the Help Desk at (610) 330-5506 or help@lafayette.edu.

The ITS website provides access to help documentation, answers to frequently asked questions, a catalog of available services, ITS news and alerts, policies, and an online Help Desk request form. The Tech Lounge, located on the lower level of Pardee Hall, provides in-person support and has hours of operation during the fall and spring semesters.

**MOTOR VEHIICLE POLiCy**

Juniors and seniors are authorized to have vehicles on campus. A limited number of first-year students and sophomores will be permitted to park at an off-campus satellite parking lot. First-year students and sophomores having continuing medical appointments at home may apply to the Health Center for special permission to have a vehicle on campus. Parking is extremely limited, and all requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until all available parking areas are filled.

The Easton Fire Department has designated certain fire lane “red zones” on campus. These zones are delineated by appropriate signage, and the curb has been painted red. All vehicles (except emergency vehicles) parked in these “red zones” will be towed without any prior notice. The owner or operator is responsible for paying a $50 fine plus towing and daily storage costs. Vehicles parked in yellow “no parking zones” will be ticketed in the amount of $25. The fine for Handicapped Zone violations is $100. We ask that parents visiting campus park at the Markle Parking Deck, which is located behind Markle Hall.

**PUBLICITY**

The Communications Division is responsible for communications and marketing initiatives focusing on the College’s strategic objectives and distinctive characteristics. The activities of students are promoted in many ways: Academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular achievements and honors—including scholarly, artistic, and athletic accomplishments, dean’s list, and graduation, among others—are promoted through the College’s web site, campus multimedia displays, and other communication channels. The College strives to secure coverage in national, regional, and local media, as well as media in the students’ hometowns.
Upon enrollment, students are given the option of declining all personal publicity. Those who choose this option and later change their minds may remove the no-publicity designation at any time by contacting the Communications Division.

PUBLIC SAFETY
The best assurance of campus security is for each person to assume a sense of responsibility for campus safety. Please encourage your sons and daughters to promptly report any matters of concern to Public Safety.

A staff of professionally trained commissioned police officers and security officers provide protection 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The department also maintains close working relationships with Easton police, fire, and emergency medical services. All residence halls are kept locked and are centrally monitored by an electronic access control system. Additionally, all residence halls are protected by fire-safety equipment, including automatic fire-detection systems, sprinklers, and fire extinguishers. Fire drills are held regularly.

All incoming students receive information on security procedures and crime prevention tips. Also, all students receive an annual report detailing reported criminal activity on campus and in the immediate vicinity of campus. Programs covering personal safety, fire safety, rape prevention, and theft deterrence are presented each year. Upon request, safety escorts are provided to students between college buildings.

Lafayette’s mass notification system, e2Campus, is available and free to all students, faculty, staff, and parents. It enables subscribers to receive text alerts on their cell phones and email accounts in the event of an emergency on campus. Please encourage your sons and daughters to enroll in this emergency alert system. To complement the e2Campus alert system, a public address/siren may be utilized to alert the community that an emergency exists.

For more details about the Office of Public Safety and the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, please refer to the Public Safety website.

STUDENT BANKING
There are a number of bank branches in downtown Easton within walking distance or along the route of the College’s free shuttle service. These include Bank of America, Keystone Nazareth Bank & Trust (KNBT), Lafayette Ambassador Bank, PNC Bank, Santander Bank, TD Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank. There are no bank branch offices on College Hill (the neighborhood immediately surrounding the Lafayette College campus).

There is a full-service ATM on the lower level of Farinon College Center, which is affiliated with Lafayette Ambassador Bank. There is also an ATM in the Wawa convenience store at the corner of Cattell and High streets, one block from campus.

Please note that the College does not cash personal checks for students or employees. If the student is an employee, he or she is encouraged to sign up for payroll direct deposit by stopping by the payroll window on the second floor of Markle Hall.

We recommend that students make their banking arrangements in advance of their arrival on campus in late August.
Financial Policies and Services

FINANCIAL AID
The Office of Financial Aid administers all institutional, federal, state, and private funds as well as all endowed scholarships. Approximately 65 percent of our students receive some type of financial aid through college-funded grants, scholarships, student loans, parent loans, and/or work-study jobs. Assistance provided by Lafayette College through college-funded need-based grants is considered supplemental to the family’s contribution toward college costs. Students and parents who are seeking loan assistance may refer to our website for loan options. A listing of work-study opportunities is available in the Office of Financial Aid, and openings are posted as soon as departments notify us. All students are paid monthly.

Please note that our office now provides online access so students are able to check the status of all required documents by using the Banner self-service tool. Each student has a user ID and password that allows access to the information at any time. Given increased demand and budgetary limitations, we encourage you to follow up with your student about filing requirements since files always are reviewed as they become complete, and deadlines will be observed.

Renewal instructions are available on the financial aid website.

We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year and welcome your comments and questions. We always can be reached at (610) 330-5055 or by email.

ROTC: The Military Science program sponsors the ARMY Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), leading to duty as a commissioned officer in the active Army, Army Reserves, or National Guard. Students may take ROTC first-year and sophomore (basic level) classes any semester without military obligation. In order to attend the Military Science level 300 and 400 (advanced level) classes, individuals must be contracted. To be eligible for commissioning as an officer, a student must be a U.S. citizen, must not reach 31 years of age by December 31 of the year he/she will graduate from college, and have a minimum college GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. If students are taking or have taken college courses they must be considered an academic sophomore for the 3-Year and an academic junior for the 2-year Scholarship, and have the same number of years remaining for a baccalaureate degree upon enrollment. As part of the United States Army Cadet Command, the program holds all classes and activities on the Mountaintop Campus at Lehigh University, where the program is headquartered. Contracted students receive a tax-free monthly stipend during the school year. Full on-campus tuition scholarships are available. These maybe awarded to cadets who meet qualifications and they require a military obligation. For more information about ROTC, interested students who are U.S. citizens may call (610) 758-3272 or visit the Military Science website.

PAYMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES
Bills and Fees: The Controller’s Office issues electronic bills and receives payments for student fees. All College fees must be paid by the established date, which is normally 20 to 30 days before the beginning of each semester. For your convenience, Lafayette continues to offer several payment options, including electronic funds transfer via eCheck, paper check, wire transfer, an installment plan through Higher One, Inc., and a tuition pre-payment plan. Students will not be allowed to register or attend classes until accounts are paid in full or until satisfactory payment arrangements are made.

Lafayette’s tuition pre-payment plan permits families to “lock in” the College’s current tuition rates in advance. The plan is not available to students receiving any institutional
Financial Policies and Services

This plan requires the full pre-payment of the student’s tuition for all remaining semesters (up to four years of tuition). Utilization of this plan will guarantee the student’s tuition rate through graduation. If this plan is used, the pre-payment is applied to future semester invoices as tuition charges are posted to the student’s account. The student will continue to be liable for all other non-tuition charges such as student activity fee, technology fee, room, and meal-plan charges at the rates current on the billing date. Inquiries about the pre-payment plan should be directed to the Controller’s Office at (610) 330-5136.

The College also recognizes that financial aid, such as grants and loans, is the primary means by which many families fund their student’s education. Families are strongly encouraged to begin this sometimes lengthy process early so that the aid is available when needed to pay the student’s bills by the due date. It is the responsibility of the students/parents to file and follow up on all necessary financial aid forms, loan applications, etc., to assure that anticipated aid is approved and credited to the student’s account.

Bills are posted on-line on or about July 1 for the fall semester and on or about December 10 for the spring semester. Students can access on-line bills via Banner Self-Service. FERPA requires students to grant permission to others (i.e., parents) to view their bill and make payments. Students can do this by setting up “Authorized Users” in the on-line billing system.

The College will apply credits such as financial aid, the TuitionPay Plan, and Tuition Pre-Payment credits to the student’s account if such credits are known when bills are prepared. A late payment fee of $300 is assessed if payment is not received by the established due date, and additional late fees are assessed on unpaid balances that remain after the first day of classes. Charges for other expenses incurred during the semester such as room damages, late payment fees, fines, etc., are billed monthly and due upon receipt of the bill.

INSURANCE

Health Insurance: The Affordable Care Act requires all individuals to be covered by health insurance. To ensure that all students have access to comprehensive medical care while attending Lafayette, all students will be automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan (“SHIP”). This enrollment will result in an automatic premium charge to the student’s account. This charge will only be removed if the student waives the enrollment. Students may waive the coverage only if they are enrolled in a comparable insurance plan. To waive enrollment in the SHIP, access the Lafayette College link found at www.universityhealthplans.com, provide proof of comparable coverage, and submit the on-line waiver form by the semester’s billing due date. Please closely evaluate your coverage to make an informed decision regarding health insurance needs while enrolled at Lafayette. The College is not responsible for medical or other expenses resulting from injuries sustained by students while enrolled, whether such injuries occur on or off campus. Additional questions regarding the SHIP can be directed to University Health Plans at (800) 437-6448 or at www.universityhealthplans.com.

Property Insurance: The College assumes no responsibility for loss of or damage to any student’s personal property while located in College-owned premises. Students should verify that coverage is provided under their own family’s homeowner’s policy or contact an insurance agent concerning protection against such losses.

Liability Insurance: While not required, the College recommends that students verify that their family’s liability insurance extends coverage for the student’s actions both on and off campus.

Students will not be allowed to register or attend classes until accounts are paid in full or until satisfactory payment arrangements are made.
Travel to Campus

**BY CAR**
From Route 22 East/Interstate 78 East: (shorter route) Exit I-78 onto Route 22 (heading toward Pa. Turnpike, LVI airport/Whitehall); follow Route 22 for about 20 miles to Easton. Take the Fourth Street exit. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Third Street. Third Street goes under Route 22 and becomes College Avenue—a steep hill leading up to the college entrance.

Entering Campus: At the top of the hill, turn left on McCartney Street. At the first stop sign, turn left on High Street. After the stop sign, take the next right turn onto the parking deck, located behind Markle Hall.

- **From Interstate 78 East:** Exit I-78 at Route 33. (Rt. 33 only goes north from I-78.) Take Route 33 to Route 22, exiting onto Route 22 east towards Easton. Take the Fourth Street exit off Route 22, turning left at the end of the exit ramp. Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Third Street. Third Street goes under Route 22 and becomes College Avenue. Follow directions above.

- **From Interstate 78 West:** Exit Interstate 78 at Route 22 (Alpha, N.J., Exit 3). Proceed through Phillipsburg and across the bridge leading into Easton. Stay to the right and take the Easton exit, the second right after the bridge. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto College Avenue and follow directions above.

- **From Northeast Extension of Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-476):** Exit at the Lehigh Valley interchange (Exit 56). Proceed through the toll plaza and take Route 22 East. Follow Route 22 for approximately 15 miles to Easton. Take the Fourth Street exit. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Third Street. Third Street goes under Route 22 and becomes College Avenue. Follow directions above.

**BY BUS**
The Easton Bus Terminal (610) 923-6835 is serviced by Greyhound, Susquehanna Trailways, and Trans-Bridge Lines, and is a 15-minute walk from campus.

**BY PLANE**
Major airlines serve the Lehigh Valley International Airport, 20 minutes from campus by car, and the Newark and Philadelphia airports, less than one-and-a-half and two hours from the College by bus, respectively. You can contact the airport at 1-888-FLY-LVIA or via its web site.
LAFAyETTE DAY
Spend the day exploring downtown Easton! Easton Main Street Initiative, a downtown revitalization group, began the event in 2007 to welcome the Lafayette community to downtown Easton. A full-day affair, it includes live music, free food, games with the Mayor, and more. Check out the Easton Farmers’ Market and Riverside Festival of the Arts, shop in funky boutiques, and dine in delicious restaurants. Lafayette Day takes place on a Saturday in September.

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A Main Street Community since 2004, Lafayette’s home city also is well known as the birthplace of Crayola Crayons. It has much to offer. The seat of Northampton County since its founding in 1752, Easton is one of only three places where the Declaration of Independence was read publicly in 1776. Eastonians celebrate this annually on Heritage Day, the first Sunday after the Fourth of July. With its rich history, proximity to New York and Philadelphia, and distinctive location at the confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware rivers, it is no surprise that downtown Easton is buzzing with excitement.

Easton’s 27,000 residents understand what the excitement is about. The Crayola Experience welcomes more than 450,000 visitors per year. The landmark State Theatre for the Performing Arts attracts another 150,000 patrons to more than 100 shows annually. Visitors to the Sigal Museum are awed and inspired by the artifacts and interactive displays telling the stories of Northampton County’s place in American and world history. The Nurture Nature Center is home to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s famed Science on a Sphere exhibition, along with several art galleries, educational events, and new Urban Recycle Garden.

Residents and visitors alike enjoy Easton’s arts community with many galleries displaying works by nationally-known and local artists. More than 40 specialty retail shops neighbor
these galleries and occupy distinctive historical buildings. Easton is known as the fine
restaurant hub of the Lehigh Valley. With more than 30 restaurants and more in the planning
stages, Easton has an active nightlife, drawing “foodies” from near and far. Lovely parks
along the riverfront and in Centre Square are hubs of activity as friends meet and families
stroll through the paths and enjoy summer concerts and festivals. Visit the Easton Farmers’
Market, the longest running open-air market in the country, on Saturday mornings May
through November and Wednesday evenings June through September. Easton Ambassadors, the
first program of its kind in the Lehigh Valley, help to keep our streets clean and beautiful and
make visitors and residents feel welcome and secure.

The vibrancy and charm of Easton’s authentic downtown is evident. Be sure to visit and
see for yourself!

We encourage you to visit www.EastonMainStreet.org regularly for information
on special events, news of business openings and promotions, and directory of downtown
businesses. Now available for gifting is the Downtown Easton Gift Card. Easily purchased
through the Easton Main Street website it may be used at over 60 downtown shops and
eateries. Be sure to download the FREE Downtown Easton App, available for iPhone
and Android, and have all this great information and more at your fingertips.

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Hugel Science Center houses Lafayette’s programs in chemistry, physics, and biochemistry.

Alumni Memorial Plaza, near Oechsle Hall, is dedicated to alumni who gave their lives in military service.
HERE’S AN INFORMAL GUIDE TO SOME OF THE CURRENT LINGO ON CAMPUS.

AEC  Acopian Engineering Center, a state-of-the-art complex where engineering majors spend much of their time

APK  Allan P. Kirby Sports Center, home of a fitness center, indoor track, pool, basketball and racquetball courts, climbing wall, and more

Bailey’s  Bailey Health Center

Bigs and Littles  Big sisters and little sisters in sororities. “My Big is so helpful!”

Brown Bag  Noon-hour discussion, presentation, or performance. Enjoy a free lunch or bring your own brown bag

Campus  Campus Pizza, a popular nearby restaurant with a club atmosphere at night

The Circle  Centre Square in downtown Easton (Is it a circle or a square?)

The Courts  Watson Courts, featuring town-house style campus apartments for upper-level students

Dingle  Double room that becomes a single when a roommate moves out or goes abroad and is not replaced

Externship  Three-to-five-day job shadowing experience with a Lafayette alumnus or parent during January Interim Session

Flex/Pard Card  Declining cash balance account that can be used to buy a meal on or off campus

Gilbert’s  Campus hangout spot for food and entertainment

The Hill  Local reference to Lafayette’s location on College Hill

Hoagie  Known in other parts as a submarine or hero sandwich, it’s served with Italian salad dressing

Hoff Awards  Annual honors for select students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members for outstanding service and leadership to Lafayette. Named in honor of Aaron O. Hoff, the College’s first African American student who blew the horn to summon the first class in 1832.

LAF  Lafayette Activities Forum, a student-run group that plans educational and social programs and live entertainment events each year

Lafapalooza  A day of service in which students and alumni participate in projects in communities across the country

Landis  Community Outreach Center on campus. Coordinates service programs on campus and in the Easton community
LCAT Lafayette College Area Transportation, a free shuttle service to parking lots, downtown, movie theaters, shopping areas, Easton bus terminal, and LVI airport

LLCs Living Learning Communities, themed student residences on Monroe St.

LLI Lafayette Leadership Institute, an annual conference in February educating student leaders via a keynote address, educational sessions, alumni panel and round tables, and leadership resources

LVAIC Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, an organization of six colleges (Cedar Crest, DeSales, Lafayette, Lehigh, Moravian, and Muhlenberg) promoting student exchange, professional development, and greater efficiency in operations

Lower The Food Court on the first floor of the Farinon College Center

Marquis A multi-purpose building housing a women’s residence hall, classrooms, Public Safety, Reprographics, and one of Lafayette’s two student restaurants

100 Nights Annual senior celebration of the last 100 days before graduation

1,000 Nights Annual celebration for first-year students of 1,000 days until graduation

Oechsle Pronounced “ox-lee,” it’s the home of the psychology and neuroscience programs

OL Orientation Leader. Upper-level student who assists a group of new students through Orientation and the transition to college life.

Pardee Pardee Hall, a classroom building. (Listen carefully—you student is probably saying, “I’m going to Pardee tonight.”)

P-Safe Office of Public Safety

P’ards Short for Leopards, the Lafayette mascot

P’burg Phillipsburg, N.J., just across the bridge from downtown Easton

Quad Sit Relaxing on the Quad on a nice day

RHC Residence Hall Council, which represents and advocates for the interests and concerns of residential students and plans events for students to meet and socialize

Recruitment A week-long recruiting process for fraternities and sororities preceding the new-member education period. (Formerly called Rush).

TA, WA, PLA Teaching assistant, writing assistant, psych lab assistant

Simon’s Eatery in Kamine Hall that’s open until after midnight

Spring Flip A new tradition, the annual Pancake Flip on the Quad

The Spot Late-night campus hangout with dancing, music, theme parties, game rooms, and free munchies and beverages

Upper The student restaurant on the second floor of Farinon College Center

Wawa 24-hour store/deli one block from campus
Hogg Hall houses Career Services and other administrative offices.

### DIRECTORY

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