



Welcome to the October edition of the Carleton alumni newsletter! On campus, leaves are falling and midterms are looming, and in the online world, opportunities abound for staying in touch, helping out, and making your voice heard. Read on to learn about a wide range of new events and information.

Carleton and Anti-Racism: Updates and Opportunities for Alumni

Carleton is committed to improving campus life for students who are Black, indigenous, or people of color through systemic and long-term change. The Board of Trustees at a special meeting on August 28 endorsed the creation of a Community Plan for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity at Carleton, with a special focus on Black experiences. Trustee Jeninne McGee '85 and Professor Chico Zimmerman recently agreed to co-chair the planning effort, which will include inclusive processes to provide students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and friends across the college community the opportunity to add their voices and views.

Here are the most recent updates on what the college is doing and how to get involved:

- Learn about the U.S. Department of Education's [\\$1.4 million TRIO/Student Support Services \(SSS\) grant](#) to help Carleton support 140 students who come from low-income backgrounds, who are the first in their family to attend college, or who have a documented disability.
- Read the latest news from the President's office on its [Eradicating Racism](#) page, including [Action Report](#) updates.
- Listen to this term's opening Convocation and [President Poskanzer's statement](#) about the college's commitment to inclusion, diversity, and equity.
- Read the conversation among members of Carleton's Black Student Alliance and philosophy faculty member Eddie O'Byrn in the fall issue of the [Voice](#).
- Explore the involvement of Carleton faculty in the Humanities Center's [Summer Research Circles](#), focusing on issues of racism and systemic inequality.
- Visit the [Alumni Digital Community](#) for a list of [Alumni Racial Justice Resources](#).
- Participate in this month's online [Leflor/Broom Lectures on race and history](#).

Sponsored by Carleton's history department, the annual [Leflor Lectures](#) feature preeminent scholars and speakers on topics that bridge the past and present. Race and history are the theme for this year's lectures, which are also sponsored by the Broom Fund for Public Scholarship, and two online talks this month focus on "Public Reckoning with the Troubled Past." These lectures are open to Carleton students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the general public.

The 21st-Century Museum and Social Justice Thursday, October 22, 5:00 pm CDT

Dr. Spencer Crew is the Interim Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Dr. Crew will discuss the obligations of history museums to advance the work of social justice. [Registration](#) is required.



Learning from the Germans Monday, October 26, 1:00 pm CDT

Professor Susan Neiman directs the Einstein Forum in Potsdam, Germany. Her lecture will ask what Americans can learn from the Germans about confronting the evils of the past. [Registration](#) is required.



Convocations Go Live Online—Tune in Every Friday!

Carleton's weekly Convocations bring fresh insights and perspectives from experts in a variety of fields. All Convocation lectures this term are available for live viewing online. [Check out the calendar](#) to register for upcoming talks and enjoy recordings of past Convos, and note this week's offering:

Convocation with Anika Fajardo Friday, October 9, 12:30 pm CDT



Author Anika Fajardo suggests it is up to each of us to decide what portrait to paint for our own lives. Born in Colombia and raised in Minnesota, she shares her experience in her 2019 memoir, *Magical Realism for Non-Believers: A Memoir of Finding Family*. Her 2020 middle grade novel, *What If a Fish*, is a whimsical and unflinchingly honest generational story of family and identity. A former librarian,

Fajardo is a writer, editor, mentor and educator.

[Registration](#) is required. This Hispanic Heritage Convocation is sponsored by the Office of Intercultural and International Life.

Carleton Connects: What Matters Now

Jonathan Capehart '89 on What Matters Now Tuesday, October 13, 12:00 pm CDT

Join Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* opinion writer Jonathan Capehart '89 for a wide-ranging conversation on national, personal, and topical issues, with plenty of time for questions from the audience.



[Learn more and register online](#), and browse nearly a decade of episodes in the [Carleton Connects archive](#).

A Opportunity to Talk About Disability

The staff and peer leaders of Carleton's [Disability Services](#) have planned a virtual roundtable discussion with staff, faculty, and alumni who live with a disability. The discussion will focus on post-collegiate life and employment. The online event will take place on Wednesday, November 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. CST. For more information, contact Chris Dallager, Director of Disability Services, at gdallager@carleton.edu or 612-613-8209.

What Does It Feel Like to Become a Part of Carleton?



The Class of 2020 began college this fall with an introduction to campus life that focused on the hard but fundamental work of ensuring that every Carl feels and develops a sense of belonging. [Watch the CarTalk: Belonging video](#) to learn what they learned.

More Ways to Support Current Students: Food, Flowers, Fleeces

The [Carleton Cupboard](#) alleviates food insecurity for students who stay on campus over break, and the [Carleton Winter Wardrobe](#) provides students with gently used winter clothing and accessories. Both of these programs, which come at no cost to the students themselves, are made possible by the generous donations of the Carleton community. Winter is on the way, and our inventory is low. We could use your help! Please click on the links above to learn how to donate to these essential programs.

Virtual Friday Flowers: Participate in a blossoming Carleton tradition by sending flowers to a Carl's inbox. Your recipient will receive your email address, the flower you select, and an optional note. Messages received by 5 PM CT on Thursday will be sent the next day.

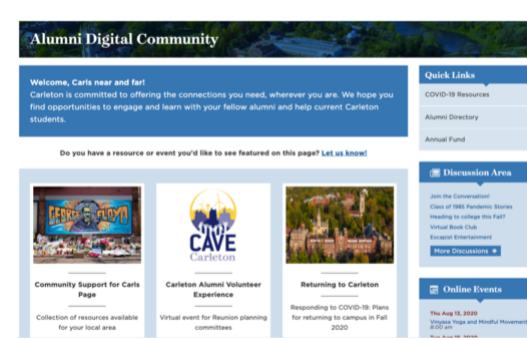


Reunion 2021 Planning: Honor Your Classmates

The celebration of Alumni Association Awards and the 'C' Club Hall of Fame is a central element of every Reunion. If 2021 is your Reunion year and you wish to nominate a classmate or learn more about the process, [look online for more information](#). The deadline for submitting complete nominations is **November 15, 2020**.

Join the Conversation and Stay Connected

Stay connected with Carls near and far and [engage in conversations](#) about important and timely topics. Check out the [Alumni Digital Community](#) for opportunities to connect with fellow Carls, more ways to help and support students and alumni, and Carleton experiences to discover and enjoy. [Follow us on Instagram](#).



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