



Carleton



A SUCCESSFUL TRIO AWARENESS WEEK

Thanks to everyone who participated in the first-ever TRIO Awareness Week from October 18-21!

TRIO staff designed the week to increase TRIO's visibility on campus and raise awareness of Carleton's TRIO eligible population (low-income, first generation, and/or students with a documented disability), and encourage productive discussions about socioeconomic diversity. TRIO Awareness Week included a t-shirt and button day, raffle prizes, student and faculty stories, an interactive art display in Sayles, and a financial literacy workshop led by Student Financial Services.

Additionally, TRIO peer leaders collaborated with SAPB's Real Talk staff to facilitate one-on-one discussions of socioeconomic identities in Sayles as well as TRIO's campus-wide event each term, Class Act. Class Act drew one of the largest crowds ever, including RAs bringing the residents on their floors and a nearly even split of TRIO and non-TRIO students.

TRIO looks forward to continuing this new tradition next October!



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A Message from the Dean

When I was a graduate student and staff member at the University of Virginia, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting in Chicago sponsored by the Spencer Foundation. This invitation-only meeting was a discussion with college presidents, top educational scholars, and foundation leaders to discuss the state of higher education. One particular focus of this discussion was race and diversity in higher education.

I received this invitation from William "Bill" Bowen, who died last month at the ripe old age of 83. I met Bowen when he was a featured speaker for a diversity in education series at the University of Virginia. I shared with Bowen my background in undergraduate admissions, and he shared some of his admissions stories as well. Bowen told me to connect with the president of the Spencer Foundation to attend this meeting in Chicago, as Bowen felt I should be there. He was there too.

Bill Bowen was the longtime president of Princeton University and the Andrew M. Mellon Foundation. At Princeton, he embraced co-education and graduated the first class of female students. At the Mellon Foundation, he sponsored the creation of JSTOR and Artstor—electronic archives that we take for granted when we search for journals and digitized images. Bowen's writings have long shaped my professional journey. In 1998, Bowen and Derek Bok's *The Shape of the River: Long-Term Consequences of Considering Race in College* was a scholarly critique about the affirmative action debate. Although dense and rich in data, that book affirmed a professional pathway for a first-generation low-income student from South Carolina. I, too, could attend and work at some of the best colleges and universities in the country. Bowen's and Martin Kurzweil's *Equity and Excellence in American Higher Education* explored the challenges and opportunities that limit the degree of educational attainment for our most vulnerable students. He reinforced my sense of belonging.

As I reflect on my personal and professional journey, I am grateful for Bill Bowen—a very kind person who influenced my scholarship and practice.

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NEW FACES OF THE DIVISION



**Lauren Benolkin, PMH-NP
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner**

Lauren started her career working at Mayo for 9 years as a psychiatric RN on the acute psychiatric unit, including a year on the Behavioral Emergency Response Team, which involved managing psychiatric crises/emergencies throughout their campus. Her PMH-NP career started at Allina Health where she still works full-time to manage a panel of 700-800 patients.

SHAC's new Psychiatric NP position appealed to Lauren as she has "always found great joy and excitement working with students and young adults." However, it was Carleton's "unique culture and values that [she] found especially appealing." Her responsibilities here will be to prescribe medication (when necessary) to treat psychiatric conditions and symptoms that interfere with a student's ability to function academically, socially, or more generally.

When not working, she "can often be found outdoors" (though this statement applies almost entirely to summer). Of late, she's become very interested in hiking and trail runs. This works out well as she recently adopted a Dalmatian puppy (Skyler) and loves taking her for walks alongside Colbie, her much older Yorkie/Chihuahua mix.



**Mimi De Rosas
Administrative Assistant/
Project Specialist
Residential Life**

Mimi comes to Carleton from the Rice Country Social Services office as their office support specialist and prior to that worked as the receptionist at the Community Action Center in Northfield.

She is excited to make the close move to Carleton mentioning that she "likes the sense of community here on campus."

When not working, Mimi enjoys family outings with her husband, three girls, and a Great Dane. She also likes to garden and spend time with her parents back home in Albert Lea or her two grandchildren.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The **Academic Support Center** coordinated a visit by Dr. Saundra McGuire, a nationally renowned expert in metacognition, who came to campus on October 26-27 to educate faculty how to teach students to learn, peer educators how to tutor and mentor, and students to learn better ways of learning. Her visit was made possible by the generosity of the Elizabeth Nason Distinguished Women Visitors fund, the Dean of Students Office, FOCUS, and the LTC.

Dacie Moses House is having a wonderful fall with brunch attendance running between 60 and 90 people. The House has hosted a Spanish class, holistic health group, and guests in the guestroom. We are looking forward to a brunch with the GSC on the 23rd.

The **Office of Intercultural and International Life's** leadership retreat was held at Camp Victory in Zumbrota, MN. 56 students as well as various Staff & Faculty attended the retreat as we discussed community building with a focus on the various identities of individuals. Also, OIIL hosted the Latino American Heritage Convocation with Julissa Arce. Students/Staff/Faculty and the Northfield Community were highly engaged and involved during her two days stay at Carleton. Chili Night and the OIIL social event also saw great turnouts.

TRIO's Awareness Week (October 18-21) was a great success, and we look forward to continuing this new tradition next fall! Now we're prepping for our LTC "Acknowledging Class in the Classroom" on November 1. As we continue to delve into research on student learning and how best to support TRIO-eligible students, we look forward to opportunities to share our findings.

The **Student Activities Office (SAO)** spent a lot of time this last month supporting student organizations through event planning, trip preparation, and budget management. In addition, the Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) were involved with many events and activities by collaborating with TRIO for Real Talk and Class Act, partnering with others on a trip to *The Parchman Hour* at the Guthrie Theater, and hosting a Metro Access Fund trip to the U.S. Women's National soccer team match at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Student Flu Vaccine Clinic was a tremendous success for **Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)** with over 400 immunizations administered during the 2-day event. Basically, we gave out more than 4 shots every 5 minutes... for 8 hours straight. That's almost 22% of students on-campus this Fall, represents a 17% increase over last year's numbers, and resulted in having to close down early because we ran out of syringes! Keep your eyes peeled for info on the follow-up clinic we'll be hosting in November to ensure we immunize as many students as possible.

Fall closing for **Residential Life** is upon us in the month of November. All halls and houses close for the break at 2pm on Tuesday, November 22 and campus will open again at 12pm on January 2 for the winter term. If you are aware of any students who wish to remain on campus over the break, please direct them to the housing website and the Winter Break Application. This form is due by 5pm on Monday, November 7. Housing will again be in Cassat and Evans Halls and students can find their own spaces prior to submitting the form. For winter term housing we are anticipating placing 193 students returning to campus from fall OCS or other leaves. In other exciting news, Mimi De Rosas has officially joined our staff as an Administrative Assistant, please welcome her to Res Life and our Division when you get the chance!

The **Gender & Sexuality Center (GSC)** would like to thank everyone who participated in the Telling Our Journey events and provide a special thank you to those faculty & staff who were willing to share their stories around gender & sexuality. We will be hosting a campus wide vigil on November 16th for Transgender Day of Remembrance which will be a portion of Transgender Awareness Month.



The Carleton Organization of Nature and Outdoor Enthusiasts (CANOE) is one of Carleton's largest and most active student organizations. Until recently, the group considered Chaney House "home" with various other campus locations used to store their extensive collection of outdoor gear and watercraft. At the beginning of this term, the organization moved into the newly renovated "Wade House." The renovation was made possible by a generous donation from the Johnson Family. The house--formerly known as "Hill House"--was renamed in honor of the Johnson's son, Wade, who died tragically in 2009 during a climbing accident shortly after graduating Carleton. Wade was an active member of CANOE and served as House Manager. Wade House now boasts over 10,000 square feet of living and programming space and is currently home to 16 students.

The home was renovated with the specific needs of CANOE in mind. A committee of staff and students met for over a year with various contractors and architects to convey the needs of the organization. Unique features include several meeting areas, a study lounge, a commercial-style kitchen, and plenty of storage space--all while maintaining the historic integrity of the house. The property also has a large garage, specifically designed to store canoes and the organization's fully-loaded canoe trailer. Since their move to Wade House, CANOE has witnessed an increase in the number of students participating in their off-campus trips, which are offered every weekend during the academic year. Congratulations to CANOE on their new home!



Happy Birthday Carleton!

October 12, 2016 marked the 150th anniversary of the founding of Carleton College. This sesquicentennial is being celebrated from reunion 2016 through reunion 2017 with an extra special weekend October 13-15. The weekend overlapped with Family Weekend and included a full schedule of events.

The celebration started with an event on Bridge Square with brief speeches by Northfield Mayor Dana Graham, St. Olaf President David Anderson, and Carleton President Steve Poskanzer to recognize the college's relationship with the city of Northfield. Garrison Keillor was the special Sesquicentennial convocation speaker on Friday afternoon which was followed by a reception with birthday cake. Friday evening highlighted current student talent with culture, dance, music, and theater performances. The pinnacle of the weekend was on Saturday night with a carnival and live band on the Bald Spot followed by fireworks over Lyman Lakes. This weekend not only celebrated Carleton's 150th anniversary, but also the 15th anniversary of the Gender & Sexuality Center and the 100th anniversary of the Skinner Memorial Chapel.

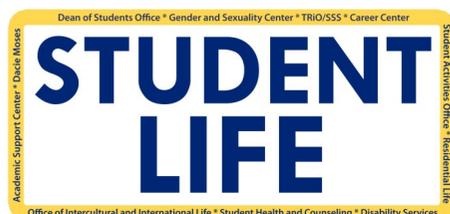


UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LTC: Acknowledging Class in the Classroom—Tuesday, November 1**
Weitz 236, 11:45am-1pm
- **Mindful Meditation Practice: Gathering Calm—Fridays, November 4, 11, 18, 25**
All are welcome to join us on Fridays, in the Buddhist Medication Room of the Chapel anytime between 8:15-8:45am, for mindfulness meditation in the manner of Jon Kabat-Zinn's Mindfulness– Based Stress Reduction program.
- **Native American Convocation: Adrienne Keene—Friday, November 4**
Skinner Memorial Chapel, 10:50am
- **International Education Week—November 7-11**
International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchanges. This celebration is normally held in various institutions in the United States the third week in November. Due to our academic schedule we tend to plan events before this. This year International Education Week will be the Week of November 7th. Our theme is 'What is the Norm: Discussing the Differences of Cultural Norms'
- **Chili Night—Wednesday, November 9**
Weitz 236, 6:00pm
- **International Education Week Dinner—Thursday, November 10**
Weitz 236, 5:15pm
- **Bagel Study Break—Thursday, November 17**
2:00pm, 4th Libe
- **Late Night Breakfast—Friday, November 18**
10:00-11:00pm, East Dining Hall-LDC
- **Halls and Houses Close for Fall Term—Tuesday, November 22**
2:00pm
- **Thanksgiving Dinner—Tuesday, November 22**
Evans Lounge, 5:00pm

A big shout out to our division staff that helped with the fall term volunteer event at Greenvale Community School: Joe Baggot, Cathy Carlson, Patrick Gordon, Jan Foley, Andrea Kubinski, Janet Lewis Muth, Kari Scheurer, Ana Sontag, Tegra Straight, Sarah Weiler, Sarah Wojnicki. Thank you for volunteering!!

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