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Understanding Self-Identity during OIIL Retreat 2019

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On October 16, the Division of Student Life’s Assessment Team hosted the Assessment Roundtables event. The event was an opportunity for each department to share their 2018-2019 assessments learnings and engage in conversation with colleagues about their work. The outcomes for the event were to continue to sustain our culture of assessment, broaden assessment ideas, inform colleagues of learnings, and cross-disciplinary awareness. To continue the assessment work the Assessment Team will make available opportunities for the division to continue to expand their assessment skills and knowledge.

Assessment team: Laura Clemens, Robyn Crutchfield, Hanah Diebold, Sindy Fleming, Janet Lewis Muth, and Trey Williams.

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With gratitude for all you do,

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Academic Support Center is delighted to welcome Oscar Alvarez, who will be offering drop-in academic skills coaching office hours in our space on 4th Libe. They also welcomed and trained 14 new writing consultants and 14 new prefects, and also gave away more than 500 of their large term calendars which have been used this fall. Let them know if you need more! Oscar Alvarez has seen many students seeking academic skills coaching. Renata Fitzpatrick and Kathy Evertz led a workshop on the consequences of binary thinking in writing centers on October 18 at the International Writing Centers Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

The Career Center has a new look! Week three saw the formal launch of their new logo. Additionally, they welcomed two new staff members this term: Chad Ellsworth and Jovan Johnson; come by to meet them. The Career Center continues to build relationships across campus and with alumni, families, and friends to enhance opportunities for Carls. They will continue to connect, create, and engage in meaningful experiences that will help them launch into life after Carleton. If you are interested in partnering with the Career Center, please contact Toni Grant. Furthermore, externship offers are out and students are accepting! The Career Center had a fantastic crop of externships this year and are looking forward to hearing student’s stories when they return in January. Externship questions can be directed to Jovan Johnson or careercenter@carleton.edu. The Career Center also hosted a very successful Etiquette Dinner with SAO and TRIO earlier in the month and almost 70 students participated!

Dacie Moses has had a fun and busy summer hosting bonfires, outdoor brunches, 250 people for the reunion homemade ice cream event, the pie baking contest, Sunday brunches and more. Fall brought a large number of international students which they also hosted for an outdoor homemade ice cream event for 70 students. New student week hosted many excited freshman (about 100) coming to bake and find out about Dacie’s. At this time, as the trees turn their beautiful fall colors, one finds themselves in times of reflection. Dacie Moses is in the process of moving forward on The Dacie Story Project which will help us gather some of the unheard stories about Dacie and her house. Earlier, Dacie Moses was able to host a brunch outdoors with a bonfire. This past weekend (of fifth week) with the help of guest chef’s, Alex Zhai (2020) and Sarah Stienke (2020) Dacie Moses hosted 90 parents, alumni, and students for an exciting brunch. This Sunday Dacie’s will host a joint potluck of the Dacie Moses committee and student workers. In November Dacie Moses will be hosting a Summer Institute Staff meeting for coffee and treats. All departments are welcome to contact Dacie Moses to host staff meetings!

The Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) is welcoming the 2019-2020 academic calendar with clarified mission and vision statements along with guiding principles—specifically centering resources and support for LGBTQIA+ people at Carleton. The GSC strives to grow a community that celebrates the dynamic experiences and contributions of LGBTQIA+ people at Carleton and beyond.

OIIL welcomed new Assistant Director, Klamesha Richards to Carleton College this summer and started off the year with International Student Orientation, a 5-day program which helped 64 new international students adjust to life in the U.S. and Carleton before New Student Week. In addition, OIIL is excited to be fully staffed! On 10/16, Bruce Yang joined the OIIL staff as an Assistant Director, specifically focused on the cultural houses. In October, OIIL held their annual Block Party in the Great Space Club after being rained out of Union Street. Despite the rain, the event was a huge success, bringing together students from all of the cultural houses and interest clubs for food, dancing, massages, and celebration. OIIL also held two OIIL Talks in October, one on (Re) Defining Liberalism and one on Cultural Appropriation vs. Cultural Appreciation.

The Student Activities Office was pleased to introduce the Carleton Winter Wardrobe this term, which provided hundreds of donated coats, gloves, hats, boots, and scarves to Carleton students. Additionally, the office is about to launch the next food drive for the Carleton Cupboard, opening for the winter break.

Student Health & Counseling (SHAC) is off to a busy Fall Term! Our Administrative Assistants and Medical staff have been hard at work this summer and fall ensuring that every incoming student is compliant with all Carleton immunization requirements. We hosted a tuberculosis screening and Immunization clinic on September 5th and saw over 60 international students! Counseling is getting ready to kick off some great group therapy options for students, as well as hosting biofeedback orientations. SHAC has also welcomed three new Graduate Counselors to the team this fall. They are Milo Due, LaShawn Gooden, and Stacey Johnson (’15). Please help us welcome them to Carleton for their year of training with us!

TRIO recently welcomed 38 first-year students as part of the 2023 cohort. During week 1, they hosted an ice cream social–thanks to all who attended! and took 29 students to Camp Omega for their All-Class Retreat. They are busy preparing for TRIO Awareness Week and their first Class Act of the year during week 6! TRIO also celebrated TRIO Awareness Week during 6th week, beginning with tabling in Sayles and culminating in a student panel open to the entire campus. Thank you to the campus supporters for showing TRIO pride by wearing t-shirts and buttons and attending TRIO events!
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The Wardrobe is open two weeks each year—one week in October and one week in January—and will be located in the Sayles-Hill Campus Center (Great Space), just outside the main entrance to the Carleton Bookstore.

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Carleton students are in need of the following:
- Coats & Jackets
- Scarves
- Gloves & Mittens
- Winter Boots
- Hats
- Earmuffs

The Winter Wardrobe will take place again during the first week of Winter Term for students returning from OCS programs.

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Out After Carleton (OAC) exists to mobilize Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Asexual and Allied (LGBTQA+) alumni, students, and friends of the College as a community to support Carleton’s overall educational, admission, careers, and fundraising programs and objectives, especially as they relate to and affect LGBTQA+ students, alumni, faculty, staff, and allied friends of the College.

Out After Carleton hosted its 6th OAC Family Reunion October 11 and 12 (hosted every four years) and partnered with various Division of Student Life offices including the Gender & Sexuality Center and the Career Center. This program series was made up of panels, luncheons, documentary screenings and open to all community members.

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