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## Update from Dean Livingston



Dear Carleton Parents and Families,

We are nearing the Fall Term mid-point and autumn has arrived. At 8:30 a.m. this morning, the temperature here in Northfield was a brisk 45 degrees. Last week, a series of messages was sent to the Carleton community and I wanted to share them with you as well.

The [first communication](#) highlighted the importance of surveillance testing for the entire community, travel guidelines, and information about social gatherings.

Another communication (with more details later in this newsletter) shared information about the [Carleton Winter Wardrobe](#). The Wardrobe provides Carleton students with gently used winter clothing and accessories free of charge. Minnesota winters can be challenging and we recognize that not all students are adequately prepared to be outside during the long winter months. The Wardrobe focuses on Carleton students with the greatest financial need but is available to the entire student body. The **Winter Wardrobe will take place October 15-19** and again near the beginning of the Winter Term for students arriving to campus for the first time this academic year.

In the upcoming weeks, students will receive information about Winter Term housing at Carleton. It remains true that a student's choice to live on campus or study remotely for Fall Term will not impact a student's Winter Term housing status. Winter Term housing information will coincide with academic advising.

All best as we continue through the Fall Term,

Carolyn H. Livingston

## Student voting in Minnesota

Does your student have questions about voting in Minnesota in the upcoming November 3rd election? Director of Advising Al Montero has assembled information for students on the [Center for Community and Civic Engagement's \(CCCE\) website](#). Early voting in Minnesota is underway!

## Remember to register for Virtual Family Weekend events



This year our Family Weekend events will be virtual and will be spread across several dates during the term, with the next event coming up on Monday, October 12. Whether your Carl is a first-year or senior, sessions are intended for everyone, and we hope families from every class year will find something of interest to participate in! You can find a current listing of events with registration information on the [Family Weekend](#) website.

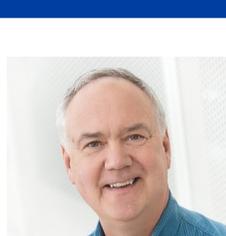
## Upcoming virtual events for election season

In this political season, Carleton has a number of virtual events coming up that parents and families are invited to attend.

- Tuesday, October 13 at 12:00pm CT. Join alumni for a conversation with Pulitzer-prize winning journalist **Jonathan Capehart '89** on politics and the state of our nation. This event is part of the monthly Carleton Connects event series, which features alumni, faculty, and staff doing new and notable work. [Learn more and register here.](#)
- Friday, October 16 at 12:30pm CT. Convocation with political sociologist **Mindy Romero**, examining patterns of voting and political under-representation among youth and communities of color. [Register here.](#)

## Career Center: Sophomorphosis

[Sophomorphosis](#) presents a series of workshops that provides second-year students with a wealth of information about some key resources available to them as they move through their sophomore year, as well as the remainder of their time at Carleton. The topics included in Sophomorphosis are off-campus studies, fellowships, the writing portfolio, undergraduate research, career development, pre-health, and, finally, the path towards declaring a major in the spring.



Brian Murphy, Program Director for Career Exploration

The subject of one of the Career Center's two [Sophomorphosis workshops](#) is the *Focus 2 Career* web tool, which provides a clear developmental pathway for students to follow throughout the year. This tool walks them through a process of exploring their career-related interests, values, skills, personality type and preferences. It then helps them connect the fruits of this exploration to possible majors and occupations. Students who work through the *Focus 2 Career* tool, and who reflect on the results with a career coach, will be better equipped to identify the career fields, major areas of study, and education pathways that are compatible with their personal attributes.

The Career Center's [second Sophomorphosis workshop](#) is on the topic of professional presentation, with the goal being able to provide students with an introduction to how to most effectively prepare for and follow through with the internship or job application process. The workshop reviews the essentials of the resume, cover letter, and interview with a central focus being to teach the students the importance of conducting the substantial amount of research that it takes to be an informed applicant who can communicate one's qualifications and fit for a particular position and organization.

The Career Center has participated in Sophomorphosis every year since its inception because it provides the opportunity to reach a large number of students and introduce them to the amazing possibilities of career growth that are available to them during their second year, and beyond. We are looking forward to engaging another group of sophomores this year to help them move along the path towards succeeding in their career paths and living a meaningful life after Carleton.

## Help us stock the Carleton Cupboard and Winter Wardrobe



The [Carleton Cupboard](#), our food pantry on campus, and the [Carleton Winter Wardrobe](#), which provides students with gently used winter clothing and accessories free of charge, are made possible by the generous donations of the Carleton community. Our inventory is low in the Cupboard and Wardrobe - we could use your help!

We are currently accepting donations of jackets and coats, scarves, gloves and mittens, winter boots, and hats for the Winter Wardrobe. If you are interested, please send your gently used winter clothing items to:

Carleton College  
Student Activities Office  
1 North College Street  
Northfield, MN 55057

### Amazon Wishlists:

Both the Cupboard and Wardrobe can also be supported by purchasing items from their respective wishlists:

[Carleton Cupboard Amazon Wishlist](#)

[Winter Wardrobe Amazon Wishlist](#)

Thank you for making both programs a success! If you have any questions, please contact the Student Activities Office at 507-222-4462.

## USEFUL LINKS

[Parent/Family Gateway](#)

[COVID-19 campus updates](#)

[Family Weekend](#)

[Weekly Convocations](#)

[Campus Calendar](#)

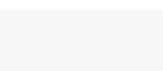
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