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## Welcome back students!



The new school year got underway as students and faculty returned to campus and classes began this week. New Student Week leaders [welcomed](#) members of the [Class of 2024](#) as they arrived on campus to begin their Carleton journey. You can read more about the Class of 2024 in [this class profile](#).

## Opening Convocation: President Poskanzer and Stacey Abrams



Carleton marked the official beginning of the school year with our traditional [Opening Convocation](#), featuring remarks by President Poskanzer and keynote speaker Stacey Abrams. Convocations take place weekly and will be presented live each Friday at 12:30pm CT with recordings available afterward. Parents and families can [check out the schedule and watch recordings](#).

## COVID-19 updates and metrics

- [Our COVID-19 Dashboard](#) reports data related to tests, cases, and isolation and quarantine numbers for students, faculty, staff, and contractors who are living, learning, or working on campus this fall. Data is posted to the dashboard weekly on Thursdays.
- We are continuously monitoring the public health metrics of the campus in the context of county, state, and national data. We have identified [COVID-19 Action Levels](#) to help describe potential transmission scenarios and how Carleton would plan to operate at various stages.
- Think you've missed an important update? We have posted all of the [COVID-19 email updates](#) sent to the campus community for parents and families to access.

## Career Center: Welcome back and Career Prep Week



RJ Holmes-Leopold, Director of the Career Center



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Carls are intellectually curious. Carls are resilient when faced with challenges. Carls are creative in shaping their life stories. These are just three attributes our Career Center team loves about working with Carleton students. As the new academic year begins, we are ready to support Carls as they continue to create their career stories.

All first-year students this year are being assigned a specific career coach within the Career Center. Similar to liberal arts academic advisors, these career exploration coaches will provide a consistent source of guidance, support, and resources to help Carls in their first two years at the college. Sophomore, junior, and senior students will continue to work with any career coach of their choosing.

For sophomores, fall term includes an opportunity to participate in [Sophomorphosis](#). This two-week online program, starting September 30th, features several videos and live question-and-answer sessions to a wide variety of items sophomore students are thinking about. Brian Murphy, program director for career exploration, will be communicating directly with sophomore students in the coming weeks about how to best plan for a successful sophomore year.

Juniors and seniors in the fall tend to be focused on getting lined up for jobs and internships. In a period of economic uncertainty, a global pandemic, and a movement for racial justice in the U.S., finding the right job or internship can be an incredibly challenging proposition. However, it has been proven time after time that building relationships is the best strategy for job search success in tough times like we're experiencing now. The Career Center's employer relations team is focusing more than ever on fostering relationships this fall between employers and students, including an inaugural ["Career Prep Week"](#) from Monday, September, 21st through Friday, September 25th. This week will feature more than 120 alumni- and employer-led resume review opportunities, behavioral and technical interview workshops, and end with a fall recruiting fair (all delivered virtually).

The Career Center will continue to meet virtually with students 1:1 throughout the fall term. Students can schedule an appointment through our new career services platform, [Handshake](#). Skill development workshops as well as speaker presentations featuring alumni and recruiters will also be offered virtually. We look forward to working with your Carl at any phase of their career discernment journey at Carleton.

## Save the date for virtual Family Weekend - October 17

Traditionally, Family Weekend is held each fall at midterm to give parents and families a sense of what campus life is like for their students. Although we are unable to welcome you to campus this year, we are planning a virtual event on Saturday, October 17, to give you a taste of the Carleton experience. In addition, families will be invited to a series of informational sessions throughout the term to better acquaint you with different campus offices.



Watch your mailbox next week for more details!

### USEFUL LINKS

- [Parent/Family Gateway](#)
- [COVID-19 campus updates](#)
- [Weekly Convocations](#)
- [Campus Calendar](#)
- [2020-2021 Academic Calendar](#)



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