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## FAMILY WEEKEND | Sept. 24-26, 2021

The students of the 2021 Lafayette Family Weekend Committee have already begun making plans to welcome you to campus for this annual fall tradition. We hope you can join other families to experience your student's Home on the Hill. Registration will become available at the beginning of the fall semester. Until then visit [families.lafayette.edu/family-weekend](https://families.lafayette.edu/family-weekend), which includes a link for the 2019 schedule to help you plan while we develop this year's schedule. And be sure to click on the link for the Family Weekend Committee to learn about the team of students who will make it all happen!



**Social Media:** Follow us for news and updates this summer and at the start of the fall semester on Facebook @lafayettefamilyweekend and Instagram @laffamilyweekend2021



Get to know your student's home away from home for the next four years. Home to Easton Farmers' Market—America's oldest, continuously running outdoor farmers market—and situated on the banks of the Delaware and Lehigh rivers, Easton is a historic city. It's one of three places where the Declaration of Independence was first read aloud. Easton Main Street Initiative (EMSI) and the nonprofit Greater Easton Development Partnership (GEDP) plan a number of festivals and events throughout the year and run both Easton Farmers' Market and Easton Public Market. Feel like exploring their new downtown? EMSI is unveiling a new self-guided ArtsPath this season, designed to take visitors past the city's public art, including murals, artist-designed bike racks, Little Free Libraries, and wall poems. Four custom versions of the tour are available (including a family-friendly version and an iteration

that accommodates a flat, compact route for those with mobility restrictions). At each stop on the tour, viewers will be able to click on a pin on the map to see a picture of the artwork, along with the title, artist, etc. Visit [shopdowntowneaston.com/explore](https://shopdowntowneaston.com/explore) to find the tour that's right for you.

- ▶ Visit [eastonmainstreet.org](https://eastonmainstreet.org) to learn about the city's history and buy a Downtown Easton gift card for your student to use at more than 40 restaurants and attractions (even parking meters)
- ▶ Sign up for our weekly email newsletter that showcases the weekend happenings at [tinyurl.com/EastonEupdate](https://tinyurl.com/EastonEupdate).

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Easton!



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## PARENT & FAMILY RELATIONS

Hello Lafayette Families,



Welcome to the Class of 2025 and welcome back to our rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors! After the roller coaster of the 2020-21 academic year, it's an absolute pleasure to be looking forward to a less turbulent year ahead. As I compose this greeting in May to prepare for publication, it seems prudent to at least mention the possibility of "unknowns" in the months ahead, but with so many lessons learned last year and with the vaccine already being widely available, let us hope that the pandemic's downward trend continues.

New Leopards and their families are joining a community of learners, educators, staff, alumni, and families who all work in concert to support students as they learn and grow throughout their Lafayette experience. We are excited to work together to provide your students with resources and support. Please utilize [families.lafayette.edu](https://families.lafayette.edu) as your prime resource for supporting your students with all things Lafayette. This is specifically designed with YOU in mind, to provide a central location for links to resources across campus, all gathered for families seeking to support their students.

My role is to serve as your liaison to the College. Please contact my office if you need information, or if you need assistance helping your students locate the campus people and places to support them. Now is the time to empower your students to find solutions using all the campus resources available to them through your role as a mentor, adviser, supporter, and guide. Students will, in turn, learn to become independent problem-solvers and decision-makers throughout their time at Lafayette.

- ▶ Campus Housing and Move-In Information: [reslife.lafayette.edu](https://reslife.lafayette.edu)
- ▶ First-Year page: [firstyear.lafayette.edu](https://firstyear.lafayette.edu)
- ▶ Family Information Form: [bit.ly/LafayetteFamilyInfoForm](https://bit.ly/LafayetteFamilyInfoForm) (case sensitive)
- ▶ Family Info Update/Changes Form: [bit.ly/LafayetteFamilyUpdateForm](https://bit.ly/LafayetteFamilyUpdateForm) (case sensitive)
- ▶ Leopard Alerts Sign-Up: [publicsafety.lafayette.edu/omnilert](https://publicsafety.lafayette.edu/omnilert)
- ▶ Academic Year Calendars: [calendar.lafayette.edu/categories/academic](https://calendar.lafayette.edu/categories/academic)
- ▶ Student Billing and Finances: [finadmin.lafayette.edu/information-for-students](https://finadmin.lafayette.edu/information-for-students)
- ▶ Follow Lafayette College accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

On a personal note, as the pandemic necessitated working exclusively from home, it also provided an opportunity to relocate earlier this year. With the incredible support of my colleagues at the College, I continued in my role from Sacramento, California... hopefully seamlessly! Being closer to my family here has been a gift I'm so grateful for, all while being able to continue to serve the families of Lafayette College. I'll be returning to campus regularly, so hope to meet new families and greet returning families in person this fall.

I hope you find this mailing and these resources useful. We look forward to working together as a community to help your students navigate their way at Lafayette so they may succeed.

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## Meet Lafayette's New President



On May 19, Lafayette announced that Nicole Hurd, Ph.D., will become the College's 18th president. Hurd is the founding CEO of College Advising Corp., the nation's largest college access program. She also previously led efforts to promote undergraduate excellence and research opportunities at University of Virginia. Hurd succeeds Alison Byerly, who will become the 12th president of Carleton College.

"One of the things you'll hear me share with Lafayette students is that none of us lives a linear journey. Lafayette is the next part in my own nonlinear journey, and I could not be more excited," said Hurd. "I am bringing my head, heart, and hands to a community that will pursue a braver, bolder future as a model of academic and inclusive excellence in higher education. It is a terrific honor to help build the College's next chapter."

Hurd holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from University of Virginia, an M.A. in liberal studies from Georgetown University, and a B.A. in history from University of Notre Dame. Her family includes husband Bill, children Monica (a student at University of Virginia) and Matthew (who will be a first-year student this fall at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), and golden retrievers Sunshine and Sadie.

Hurd begins her new role on July 1. To learn more visit [www.lafayette.edu/new-president](http://www.lafayette.edu/new-president).

## Greetings from the Gateway Program

Regardless of physical location, Gateway is here for your students.

To complement our on-campus resources, Gateway will offer a range of opportunities during fall 2021, such as one-on-one counseling, the Career Fair, workshops, and other programs.

Gateway, Lafayette's four-year career-development program,

- ▶ is designed for students at all stages of career exploration
- ▶ provides personalized support, resources, and guidance

Learn how you can support your student's involvement with Gateway by visiting the Student and Families page at [gateway.lafayette.edu](http://gateway.lafayette.edu).



## Gateway Parent Partnerships

Does your organization offer opportunities for college students and/or recent graduates? You can help to increase career connections for Lafayette students by sharing contacts at your organization.

Please complete our online form, [gateway.lafayette.edu/pardprofessionals](http://gateway.lafayette.edu/pardprofessionals) or contact us using the information above.

Interested in staying up to date with Gateway Career Center news? Please email us at [careers@lafayette.edu](mailto:careers@lafayette.edu) to join our Gateway Weekly e-newsletter mailing list.

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## The Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs

This Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs is an important academic resource for students. The office's vision is simple yet impactful: to guide Lafayette students to thrive and enhance their educational journey. When visiting Scott Hall, students can utilize an array of resources including, but not limited to, general advising and academic coaching, scholarship/fellowship assistance, and health professions advising. We also have a very successful Lafayette Forensics Team (speech, debate, and mock trial) as part of our office. We invite all students to familiarize themselves with Scott Hall by visiting [advising.lafayette.edu](http://advising.lafayette.edu) and you can view our full staff here: [advising.lafayette.edu/staff](http://advising.lafayette.edu/staff).

## Academic Resource Hub

"The Hub" provides students academic services to enhance student access and success. There are services to support students with disabilities, student-athletes, English for Academic Purpose (EAP), and academic enrichment and support resources. Encourage your student to connect with the outstanding team at The Hub! [hub.lafayette.edu](http://hub.lafayette.edu)

## Sustainable Campus

Lafayette College is committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2035, integrating sustainability into the curriculum, and cultivating creative solutions to ensure a more just and verdant future. Our unique blend of liberal arts education and engineering makes us enormously well-situated to lead in this arena. Aligning our values with the student experience is crucial in demonstrating our principles in action. Exploring sustainable living on campus prepares students for a life of environmental citizenship. Students, faculty, and staff interact with components like LEED-certified buildings and the College farm that make the Lafayette campus a living laboratory. Connect with the Office of Sustainability to learn more about opportunities for internships, volunteering, student engagement efforts, and project support: [sustainability.lafayette.edu](http://sustainability.lafayette.edu)



## Green Move In

During move in, visit the Green Move In stations around campus to recycle your cardboard, plastic bags, styrofoam, and other items used while moving. Last year we recycled over 4 tons of cardboard during Green Move In. More info: [sustainability.lafayette.edu/events/green-move-in](http://sustainability.lafayette.edu/events/green-move-in)



## Summer Welcome Events

Each summer in mid- to late-July through early-August, Lafayette College offers regional receptions to welcome the incoming class of students and their families to the Leopard family. For summer 2021, we will be looking at your local COVID regulations and working with our alumni and parent hosts to decide if each event will be in person, virtual, or a hybrid.

All Lafayette students and families are encouraged to attend a Summer Welcome Event. This is a wonderful way for incoming students and families to meet other Leopards near your home or at any of the locations; engage with each other, share experiences, make connections, reach out with questions or ideas, and build YOUR Lafayette community. Scheduled events and registration can be found on Leopard Link ([bit.ly/leopardlink](https://bit.ly/leopardlink)). Check this site regularly in the weeks ahead as we add and update locations.

Families are encouraged to attend events coordinated by the Office of Alumni Relations, so please bookmark Leopard Link and take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities to meet, connect with, and enjoy being a Leopard family!

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES YOU!



After successfully navigating an unprecedented and mostly virtual college search process, the big event is finally approaching: Your student will arrive at Lafayette College for the first time as a college student. College drop-off

day is a milestone event for families. I recall the excitement I felt back in 1978 as an incoming first-year, and I can still get choked up thinking of the day we dropped off our son at Lafayette in 2013. It was easier being the student!

As both an alumna and as a Lafayette parent, I would like to welcome you to the Lafayette community. The Alumni Association represents the more than 29,000 Lafayette graduates throughout the United States and the world. From the moment your student arrives on campus, they are part of the Lafayette network that is a lifelong resource for students, parents, and alumni. Alumni feel a strong sense of pride in our connections to our alma mater, and we take an active role in your student's Lafayette experience.

Alumni would love to meet you and your student at summer welcome receptions we host throughout the country. We will be on hand to greet you at Convocation in August and throughout the year at many on- and off-campus events, as well as virtual events that sustained us during the past year. These events include Family Weekend, career networking events, athletic events (including Lafayette-Lehigh telecast parties held in 80 locations), faculty lectures, and presentations by the College's leadership. I encourage you to join us as you become part of the Lafayette community.

I wish your student a wonderful and successful Lafayette experience, and I look forward to connecting with all of you in the near future. Best of luck at drop-off!

With Pard Pride,

*Tracy Hagert Sutka*

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