



LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE

Loyalty Circle

WINTER 2020

Dear Loyalty Circle Members,

The year 2020 holds great promise for Lake Forest College with new academic programs, historic Brown Hall construction, and other exciting initiatives in store. There is high enthusiasm on campus as we begin a new semester, and I am pleased to offer this brief update with my thanks for your continued support.

In this issue you will read about our new data science program, the Oppenheimer Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and impressive recent achievements in the humanities. You will also see an ad for the forthcoming men's and women's lacrosse program, which will begin varsity competition in 2021. These developments—along with our exceptional faculty, Career Advancement Center, and broad network of alumni and friends—will enhance the College's appeal to highly qualified prospective students from across the country and around the world.

Today's prospective students are also attracted by the great diversity of our student body and the College's commitment to be a truly inclusive community. Our students come from more than 40 states and 85 countries, 28 percent are American students of color, and another 11 percent are international students. They reflect the entire world—the world they will inhabit, work, and succeed in—and the College has the opportunity and responsibility to welcome and support each and every one, and prepare them all well.

Building upon the strengths of our community, Forester Day is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 27, and I hope you will make plans to participate. You will hear more from Vice President for External Relations Philip Hood about Forester Day opportunities.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. All good wishes to you and yours.

STEPHEN D. SCHUTT
PRESIDENT



Loyalty

PROFESSOR MEYER TAKES CLASSIC LITERATURE INTO A NEW DIRECTION

Though translated into more than 20 languages in nearly 100 years, Professor Don Meyer is among an elite group of artists who has set the poet Khalil Gibran's famed work "The Prophet" to the universal language of music.

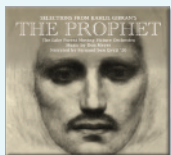
Written in 1923, "The Prophet" is a slim, 107-page collection of prose poetry fables that was among the best-selling books of the 20th century. Selling more than 9 million copies in the US alone, "The Prophet" is one of the most translated books in history.

"I have always found the quality of the language intriguing, and when I learned that the book had come into the public domain, I knew this would be a perfect vehicle for one of my music projects," said Meyer, professor of music. "I also knew we had a talented group of student musicians this year and was excited about the opportunity to feature them on the album."

Inspired, Meyer spent last summer writing original music to 15 of the book's 26 poems with specific student musicians and a student narrator in mind. The resulting pieces were performed in a combined live music and spoken word concert in Lily Reid Holt Memorial Chapel on November 21.

Meyer hand-picked Fernand Qvyjt '20 to provide the vocal narration. "I was so happy to help Professor Meyer on this project," Qvyjt said. "I wanted to give back to him for helping me so much throughout my four years at the College."

Pianist Tam Nguyen '20 felt much the same. "I think the whole idea and concept of this album is very unique," she said. "I was struck by the beautiful words and I love that the performance features real musicians who are students, like me. I was very excited to be performing at the concert as part of this fantastic ensemble."



The pieces, featuring nine student musicians, a narrator, and Meyer, is available on CD. The CD was recorded in the Lake Forest sound studio V/ES Lachot Design Group, which is headed by Dustin Bennett who has a Lake Forest College connection: He is the grandson of late Lake Forest College Professor of English Ken Bennett.

—Peter DiPietro '20



THE GROWING FIELD OF DATA SCIENCE IS NOW AVAILABLE AT LAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Last fall, Lake Forest College launched data science, a new interdisciplinary academic offering, to meet an intensifying demand for expertise in the management and analysis of data.

The new program emphasizes instruction and training in the areas of quantitative finance and economics, statistical analysis, and computer science—particularly, computer vision and “big data” strategies. While it falls under the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, the program is designed to add value to and complement any major and is easily accessible to all students, requiring no previous computing instruction and only successful completion of high-school mathematics. This accessibility allows students from all fields to easily study data science and apply that knowledge to their own careers and fields of study.

“The field of data science has grown out of the reality that everything in society today revolves around data,” said DeJuran Richardson, Ernest H. Volwiler Professor of Mathematics, Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science. “There’s the need to be able to acquire data in an efficient way, store it in an efficient way, summarize it in meaningful ways, and then analyze it in order to make decisions. Data science deals with all of that.”



Students are working with faculty on many data science research projects, including statistical analysis of the intensity and rate of helmet contacts in college football, image-based classification of body language poses to emotions, applying machine learning and statistical algorithms on the human genome to predict colorectal cancer, and developing software in collaboration with the Department of Preventive Medicine at Rush University Medical Center of Chicago.

Because of those research opportunities and training, Foresters studying data science have already found internships at Abbott Laboratories, Accenture, Airspace, Wolverine Trading, and many other companies. Students who have studied data science have gone on to pursue career paths in actuarial science, biostatistics, data analytics, financial analysis, machine learning engineering, marketing analytics, and sports analytics. Based on the growing need for data science experts, faculty anticipate enrollment in this major to out-pace those in math or computer science.

Students already enrolled in the new major are enthusiastic about the program. “What the College is doing with its data science program is giving students a very strong basis in computer science as a whole,” said George Napier ’20, a double major in computer science and neuroscience.

While exploring master’s degree programs for his next step after graduating from Lake Forest College, data science major Leo Carrico ’20 has discovered the work he is doing now at the College will have a big impact on his future success. “When I’m talking to recruiters for those programs, they always mention that doing both research and getting an undergraduate degree in data science is extremely beneficial to work on my master’s and to find a job after graduation,” Carrico said.

Nationally, Illinois is becoming a leader in the field of data science. The state ranks fourth nationally with 9,160 professionals employed in data science-related occupations. Statewide, jobs in the field have grown by 16.6 percent annually since 2013—more than twice the national growth rate of 7.9 percent.

The Illinois Science and Technology Institute—a STEM-focused nonprofit that provides programs and partnerships to connect companies with classrooms—featured Lake Forest College’s data science program in its 2019 Talent Index. ISTI has connected 1,700 students from 40 schools with over 450 mentors from companies around the state.

—Linda Blaser

 Watch the video and learn more about Data Science at lakeforest.edu/datascience

COMING SOON: OPPENHEIMER CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

The right learning and work environment can make all the difference as today's students look for new ways to collaborate, innovate, and problem solve. That's why the College is creating a new center for entrepreneurship and innovation in a prime space in the Donnelley and Lee Library, centrally located on Middle Campus.

Designed specifically for the College's most popular and growing minor, the Oppenheimer Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (OC) will "facilitate collaboration in the pursuit of identifying problems worth solving and mobilizing the people, resources, and networks to solve them," Chair of Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Associate Professor of Economics Amanda Felkey said.



The new space is made possible by a donation from two alumni, Jim '65 and Harry '66 Oppenheimer, along with their brother, Ted. Located on the second floor of the library in the area that once housed the College's periodical reading room, "the OC will be designed to provide spaces and opportunities for students to think, do, and share in a way that will foster the entrepreneurial mindset, and spark and nurture entrepreneurial activity and innovation," Director of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program (ENTP) Patricia "Trish" Thomas said.

In addition to providing a home for the ENTP program, the new center will be a place for students to collaborate with each other, faculty, mentors, and community members. To that end, students enrolled last fall in Thomas' Entrepreneurial and Social Ventures I: Product-Market Fit class worked together to develop the programming needs for the new space, including areas to think, do, and share. "Their work informed and interacted with designs for the space professionally developed in the same timeframe," President Schutt said.

As a result of that collaboration, the Oppenheimer Center will feature shared workspaces, a classroom that can convert to a public presentation space, video conferencing screens, whiteboards, locked storage, designated workspaces for students pursuing real-world ventures, and as much sound-absorbing material as possible.

"The Oppenheimer Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center will give all students an effective and meaningful space to collaborate with each other, mentors, and community stakeholders in a positive, functional, and flexible environment," Thomas said. Watch for the grand opening in September 2020.

—Linda Blaser



COMING FALL 2021

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VARSITY LACROSSE

lakeforest.edu/lacrosse

SUMMER IN THE CITY OR IN LAKE FOREST

ACTIVATE: Summer Internship Program

Lake Forest students can hone their career goals while living and interning in Chicago.

For-Credit Summer Classes

College students and high school students can earn college credit by taking courses in one of our three summer sessions.



Visit lakeforest.edu/summer

ON-CAMPUS DIG UNCOVERS SIGNS OF HISTORIC CHURCH

Associate Professor of Anthropology Rebecca Graff gave her students hands-on experience uncovering local history in her Archaeological Field Methods course last semester. Graff led her fall SOAN 215 class in an archaeological dig at the previous site of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lake Forest. When it stood at the corner of Washington Avenue and South Campus Drive, the small building served as a place of worship for African Americans from 1870 through the 1920s.

The goal of the on-campus project was to unearth further information about and raise awareness of the past and present African American communities of the North Shore and Chicago. "I've been teaching students how to do archaeology by actually doing archaeology," Graff said of her popular field study class. "They're learning both about the practice and also how we use it to illuminate a certain history."






An open house and media day in November drew several news outlets interested in the College's first on-campus dig supported by the Mellon Grant and what was uncovered at the site. Visitors to the open house watched as students in the new archaeology lab cleaned and examined artifacts they unearthed from the excavation site. Located on the third floor of Hotchkiss Hall, the expanded archaeology lab opened in September 2019. The items uncovered included three vertical wick oil lamps, portions of two bottles from different Chicago breweries that closed during Prohibition, glass medicine bottles, shards of pottery, and different types of building materials possibly used in construction of the church.



"The research Dr. Graff and her students are doing is absolutely crucial to creating a fuller picture of our community's history," said Laurie Stein, curator of the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff. This was Graff's third archaeological field class at Lake Forest College. The last took place at a home in Chicago's Old Irving neighborhood that was rumored to be a stop on the Underground Railroad.

—Peter DiPietro '20

JOIN THE FORESTER COMMUNITY ONLINE

-  Read more and subscribe to monthly e-news at lakeforest.edu/foresternews
-  Stay connected at facebook.com/lakeforestcollege
-  Join the conversation at twitter.com/LFCollege
-  Connect with Foresters at linkedin.com/school/lake-forest-college
-  Subscribe to monthly calendar of events at lakeforest.edu/calendar

LOYALTY CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT: MOLLY MAJOR '19



Every donation to Lake Forest College, no matter the amount or frequency, makes a profound impact. This is especially true when younger alumni, who've recently begun their career, decide to give back. Molly Major, class of 2019, is one of the young alumni who has already chosen to give back by establishing a recurring gift through the College's Loyalty Circle Guardian Society.

A member of the Guardian Society is anyone who establishes a recurring or multi-year pledge of support for the College, which can be monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual. In fact, one quarter of Guardian Society members are graduates of the past five years.

Currently a quality assurance lab analyst for AbbVie Pharmaceuticals, Major chose to give back to the College as a young alumna because she is thankful for how the College set her up for a prosperous future. "The College gave me all the necessary tools to be successful in a job at a top company in my field of interest. Beyond that, I also cannot stress enough how grateful I felt to have support from so many people while at the College. They were better mentors than I could have ever hoped for," Major shared.

During Major's tenure at Lake Forest College, she was an active member of Relay for Life, the women's varsity soccer team, Kappa Alpha Theta, the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, a Richter Scholar, and a teacher assistant for the chemistry department.

"I donate to Lake Forest because I know that my experience led me to a great future and I want other students to be able to have that same experience," said Major. In addition, she encourages others to give back to the College and "consider their experience, remember how it set them up for success, and think about how they have the opportunity to help others receive a similar experience through giving."

—Catherine Bernardi

 Read more stories at lakeforest.edu/foresternews

What does it mean to be a Loyalty Circle Member?

The Lake Forest College Loyalty Circle recognizes the College's most loyal and generous Forester supporters.

GUARDIAN SOCIETY:

Establish a recurring or multi-year pledge of support for Lake Forest College.

RED AND BLACK SOCIETY:

Consistent giving to Lake Forest College in each of the past five years or more.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:

Contribute \$1,000 or more to Lake Forest College within the past year.

FOUNDER'S SOCIETY:

Demonstrate cumulative lifetime giving to Lake Forest College exceeding \$25,000.

1857 SOCIETY:

Establish a life-income gift or provide for Lake Forest College through your estate plan.

UPDATE FROM VICE PRESIDENT
FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND
SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE

PHILIP R. HOOD



Thanks to your continued generosity, ACCESS | The Campaign for Lake Forest College now stands at nearly \$140 million in commitments. These gifts have made possible many significant capital projects on campus, including the Lillard Science Center and Brown Hall, as well as strengthened faculty support and student scholarships, investments in the Career Advancement Center, and many other features of a Lake Forest College education.

You may recall that the Princeton Review recently recognized the College for the strength of its alumni network. Another positive measure is the degree to which alumni, parents, and friends of the College come together to support Forester Day, which is coming up on Thursday, February 27. Foresters will rally at events in more than 20 locations across the country, as well as participate in supporting the College online. On this day, you can celebrate your Forester spirit by making a gift in support of an aspect of the College that is important to you, whether it be an academic program, club or student organization, student scholarship, athletic team, or one of many other important initiatives. This year, our goal is to have more than 1,000 donors participate on this day. To learn more, please visit lakeforest.edu/foresterday.

Many of you are new to the Loyalty Circle this year by joining the College's Guardian Society. Membership is as simple as establishing a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual gift to the College on your credit card. These gifts are an easy way to stay current in your support of Lake Forest College, while providing sustaining support to an area of campus that you care about most. More than 600 Loyalty Circle members are part of the Guardian Society and you can similarly join by visiting lakeforest.edu/give and selecting "recurring" when you input your credit card gift online.

Many thanks again for your leadership and continued support.

Loyalty Circle



LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE

Extraordinary things are accomplished when Foresters come together.

February 27, 2020: a day when hundreds of Foresters—alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, and friends—celebrate the Forester Family and give back. Foresters will gather online and in-person to advance the College's future.

We are Lake Forest. **This** is Forester Day.

Advocate **Share** **Celebrate**

For more information, go to lakeforest.edu/foresterday





LAKE FOREST COLLEGE
555 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS 60045-2338

LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE



lakeforest.edu/loyaltycircle

SAVE THE DATE

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

OCTOBER 9–10, 2020



LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE



Featuring Signature Weekend Events: Grand Opening of the Oppenheimer Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, FanFest, Football Game vs. Macalester College

Class Reunion Events: Platinum, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015

HOMECOMING IS OPEN TO ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE.

847-735-6000 • lakeforest.edu/homecoming