Lafayette Advising newsletter

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Office of Advising FAQs for remote learning period

The Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs is committed to supporting and guiding students during the remote learning period that has been put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please visit our site to find <u>FAQs related to our remote services.</u> We are wishing everyone good health during this challenging time.



April 8th - Pass/Fall advising Q & A session for advisors

Wednesday, April 8 - 12:00 p.m.

All faculty advisors are invited to join a virtual advising session focusing on the <u>modified</u> <u>pass/fail policy</u> and guiding advisees through the decision process. Representatives from Advising, Registrar, Health Professions Advising, Financial Aid, Gateway, and Athletics will be on hand to answer your questions.

RSVP here, and a Zoom link will be provided to all attendees



Academic Resource Hub support during remote learning period continues

We are happy to share the following news regarding the Hub's Academic Support programs during the remote learning period:

- 85.5% of the peer support staff, comprising <u>SI Leaders</u>, <u>Mentored Study Group Tutors</u>, and <u>Individual Peer Tutors</u> have agreed to continue to offer support to their peers on a remote basis.
- We have 100% coverage for Supplemental Instruction, which will continue to be offered in Biology, Chemistry, Economics, and Physics, on a remote basis through Google Meet and Zoom.
- Revised schedules for both SI and Mentored Study Groups are available within the <u>StudyTree App</u> or the <u>StudyTree website</u>. Schedules will also be updated on the <u>Hub's</u> <u>website</u> as soon as possible.
- Students may book individual sessions with tutors through the <u>StudyTree App</u> or the <u>StudyTree website</u> for courses in: Anthropology & Sociology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics Engineering, Foreign Languages, Geology, Government & Law, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, and Religion.

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer academic support to students during this challenging time and hope that it provides some semblance of connection to the campus for both tutors and tutees. A big **THANK YOU** to all of the faculty members who provided the

necessary coordination and guidance to continue to offer structured sessions, as well as Jill Heilman and Conni McDermott who moved our program online, coordinating with faculty and tutors. And lastly, much appreciation goes to our student peer support staff without whom we could not offer these programs.



Recent external scholarship and fellowship award winners!

We are delighted to announce some recent winners of prestigious external scholarships and fellowships. Savanna Toure '21 was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship and Liming Lin '20 was Lafayette's 2nd ever Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Gaither Junior Fellow awardee. Liming will work with senior fellows within their Asia Studies program.

In addition, Joanna White '20, Jordan Gusdorff '20, alum Tawfiq Alhamedi (currently at UC-Irvine) and alum Katerina DiLillo (currently at UMich-Ann Arbor) all were awarded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship awards. Clark Addis '20, alum Victoria Parson (currently at UNC), and alum Rachel Tritt (currently at UW-Madison) were all named Honorable Mentions.

Congratulations to them!



Lafayette Receives First-gen Forward Designation

The Office of Advising & Co-Curricular Programs is happy to announce our recent recognition from NAPSA - Student Affairs Adminstrators in Higher Education. Lafayette College joined a cohort of 77 institutions as a recogonized First-gen Forward Institution!

This designation recognizes institutions of higher education who have demonstrated a commitment to improving experiences and advancing outcomes of first-generation college students!

As a First-gen Forward Institution, members of the Lafayette community will be afforded multiple opportunities to engage with peer and aspirational institutions who are also creating environments that improve the experiences and outcomes of first-generation students. We intend to continue offering current programming for our first-generation population, as well as new interactive and exciting opportunities for our campus population.

Learn more about the program <u>from NASPA</u>, and check out the <u>article that was published on</u> <u>Lafayette's website</u> as well!



Did you Know? Advising Resources for Faculty

Did you know that the Office of Advising website has <u>a number of useful resources</u> for academic advisers, including Lafayette-specific advising information, advising resources, and advising-related articles? We also have information on <u>advising basics</u>, <u>academic coaching</u>, <u>first-generation student support</u>, and other topics. More information will be added and updated soon!



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