

Lafayette Advising newsletter

September 2020 edition

We hope this outreach finds you healthy and doing well. We invite you to read below some news and announcements from the Office of Advising. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at deanofadvising@lafayette.edu if you have any questions or need additional information. You can also find us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).



Advising Skills Workshop Series

The Fall 2020 Advising Skills Workshop Series kicked off with a general advising Q & A in mid-August, and picks up again later this month. The sessions being offered will focus on various topics including skills and information for new advisors, accessibility issues, understanding the intersection of identity and advising, and mental health resources to be aware of when working with advisees. [Check out the schedule here](#), and announcements/RSVP links will be sent through the *Lafayette Today* approximately one week before each session.



Introducing Amy Arnold, Accessibility Coordinator!

The Office of Advising and the Academic Resource Hub are thrilled to be welcoming Amy Arnold as the college's new Accessibility Coordinator! Amy brings numerous years of experience working with students with disabilities in higher education and a passion for inclusive services. She earned a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Scranton (where she also earned her Bachelor degree). As a member of the Disability Resources and Services team at the University of Pittsburgh, Amy supported a caseload of over 300 undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities, created and executed plans for reasonable accommodation, and disseminated accessibility plans throughout the University community. In addition to her direct student work, she has also been very active with diversity and inclusion initiatives. Amy also recently completed an Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support and Group Intervention Certification. Her skill set, experience, and passion will be a tremendous support to our students. Welcome to the team, Amy!



Health Professions Advising Updates

As we all move through Week # 4 of this rapidly changing pandemic Fall 2020 semester, some things remain constant. One of those is how the Health Professions Advising Office is here to

support you as Academic Advisors. You can guide your students to the programming and resources we make available to them in their quest to enroll in a post-graduate health professions program. We stress to them and to you that HP Advising is here to complement, not supplant, the valuable insight of the Academic Advisor. For us, Fall 2020 is just an extension of Spring and Summer 2020 for the nearly two dozen current students and recent alumni undergoing the 19 month application cycle to medical, dental, veterinary and optometry schools so to attend in Fall 2021. For these students, your Letters of Recommendation and supervision of our applicants are critically important to their overall success. We want to thank you for having written so many wonderful evaluations and your continued willingness to author them and guide our aspiring health professionals.

Superimposed on the upperclass students in the current application cycle are resources for our newest students on campus, and those beginning the process. We want to remind continuing AA and alert new AA to the richness of programming we have launched and will be developing. If any of your Academic Advisees express an interest to you for medical and health fields, instead of just telling them to come talk with us, we ask that you direct them to research and explore our offerings at healthprofessions@lafayette.edu. Here they can find specific information sessions, workshops to master virtual interviewing and multiple-mini interviewing styles, helps for developing a personal statement and reflective writing. We are cultivating alumni mentoring programs and alumni networking opportunities. We provide access to exploration at regional and national virtual fairs that cover A to Z of every health specialty imaginable, from audiology and allopathic medicine to podiatrists, surgeons and veterinarians. Along with our partners in the Gateway Career Center, we are dedicated to providing to you as faculty and staff the tools that enable you to support students in preparing to reach their goals. If you haven't done so and are interested, please feel free to browse through the comprehensive, timely and data-driven information and advice we provide on our website. Of course, we are always here and ready to answer questions from Academic Advisors on how best to address pre-health professions questions! Please feel free to reach out to any of us on the HP Advising Team directly. We are just a Zoom call away!

Currently on the horizon is a pivotal information session--*Health Professions Program: 3rd and 4th Year Student Pre-application Information Meeting* from **12:00pm-1:00pm on Monday September 29, 2020**. Please encourage your students to consider attending, since it will help them focus and refine their interests, as well as jettison them into the extensive application process. It is tied to our special GreenSheet Advising process. Their first step in starting their application is recruiting strong Letters of Recommendation from their faculty and staff supervisors. So, we want you to be prepared for the incoming requests! We offer specific guidelines for your letters to have the maximum intended impact for your student. You can peruse some of them and explore nuances on our Health Professions advising website at www.healthprofessions.edu. If we have whetted your interest, why not attend an information session? Or consider serving on the Health Professions Advisory Committee? Appointments for HPAC are on the near horizon!

Lest we forget, we want to extend to you our deep thanks for all you do to help us help the students who will become our health care providers on the future front lines of medicine and health care. Your investment in them is an investment in all of us. Thank You!

The Health Professions Program Team:

Prof. Nancy McCreary Waters, Faculty Health Professions Advisor

Mrs. Simona Glaus, Health Professions Program Coordinator

Mrs. Chelsea Emrick, Administrative Coordinator



English for Academic Purpose Center updates

Online workshops

EAP workshops present learning materials and study strategies that help English language learners succeed in academics. If you are teaching a writing course or know any students might benefit by taking the workshops, please invite them to register. [See the workshop schedule and registration information.](#)

To find more information regarding teaching and advising international students and academic support that the college provides for ESL learners, please visit our website at <https://advising.lafayette.edu/eap/> or contact our Multi-Language Learner Support Specialist, Tingting Kang at kangt@lafayette.edu.



Pennsylvanian Rachel Carson's Hawk Mountain Legacy - '20-'21 Community Reading session and Q&A

On Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 12:25 - 1:10 PM, [Prof. David Brandes](#) from Civil & Environmental Engineering and Chair of the B.S. Engineering Program is offering a lecture and Q&A related to *Silent Spring*, this year's Community Reading. The focus of the session will be on *Pennsylvanian Rachel Carson's Hawk Mountain Legacy*.

Rachel Carson included observations from nearby [Hawk Mountain](#) in making her case for the devastating impacts of DDT on the avian food chain. She asks pointedly whether we really want a world without insects if it is also a world "ungraced by the curving wing of a bird in flight." The talk will focus on Rachel Carson's connection to Hawk Mountain, and how raptor migration data and citizen science continue to inform us about the health of our environment.

Prof. Brandes is also Advisory Committee for the Programs in Environmental Science & Studies.

Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for an RSVP link through the *Lafayette Today*. Each registrant will be send a Zoom link for this program.



Interested in offering a program related to Silent Spring, the '20-'21 Community Reading?

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the '20-'21 Community Reading of *Silent Spring*, and we are seeking program ideas and partners to help ingrate the book into our new academic year. The Office of Advising can help fund interdisciplinary events that explore the themes of this groundbreaking book and engage the community in intellectual dialogue. [Email Mike Olin](#), Dean of Advising, to discuss any program ideas. [Read more about the Community Reading.](#)



First-Generation Faculty & Administrator Directory

To further the visibility of Lafayette College's first-generation population, this directory has been created to highlight faculty and administrator members who have identified as being first-generation students themselves. It is our hope that through this directory, current students can further expand their network of connections on campus.

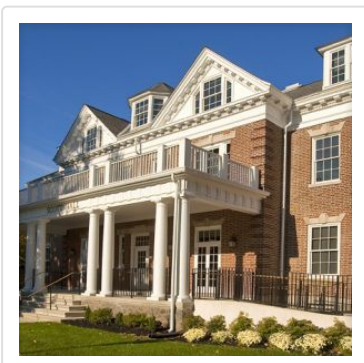
Lafayette faculty and administrator members, were you a first-generation college student?

[Complete this form to be added to the directory!](#)



Did you Know? Advising Resources for Faculty

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




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