

Lafayette Advising newsletter

October 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](#).



Academic Resource Hub and English for Academic Purpose updates

Hub Expanded Services

For the first time this fall, the [Academic Resource Hub](#) is offering English language-focused peer tutoring to Lafayette students. Through a collaboration with the [EAP Center](#) (English for an Academic Purpose) and Dr. Tingting Kang, ESL students can schedule one-on-one tutoring with specially trained peer tutors to work on papers, presentations, as well as to discuss general issues surrounding language. Students seeking to make an appointment for English language tutoring, or individual help in any of the other academic courses covered by Hub Peer Educators, can book an appointment through the [Hub's Tutortrac system](#). The EAP Center is listed as EAP 100 in the system. Schedules for other Hub programs including Supplemental Instruction, Drop-In Labs, and Mentored Study Groups, can be found on the [Hub's Support Pages](#).

To find more information regarding teaching and advising international students and academic support that the college provides for ESL learners, please visit

<https://advising.lafayette.edu/eap/> or contact our Multi-Language Learner Support Specialist, Tingting Kang at kangt@lafayette.edu.

Other questions? Visit the [Hub's Office Hours!](#)



First-Generation updates

National First-Generation College Celebration!

The Office of Advising & Co-Curricular Programs invites the Lafayette First-Generation Community to participate in this year's [National First-Generation College Celebration!](#) This year, the official National College Celebration day will be held on November 8th. We have a number of events planned and encourage the entire Lafayette First-Generation community to come together and celebrate.

Lafayette's First-Generation Virtual Community Gathering:

*****Call to action for interested faculty/staff members*****

As a way to accommodate all first-generation community members interested in participating, we plan to hold a First-Generation Community Gathering on **November 8th** from **12:15 - 1:00 pm**. This community gathering will be just that -- a space for everyone to gather, hang out, check-in with one another, and make those important social connections. Our goal for this relaxed environment is to strengthen our first-generation community by celebrating all of our students, faculty, staff, and administrators' amazing accomplishments.

Depending on the number of interested participants, we may hold multiple gatherings during the lunch hour to allow for a more relaxed environment.

If interested, please complete the form [here](#). Upon submission of the form, you will receive a follow up email from Abigail Schaffer, College Transition Specialist, with further details.

Other planned events:

On-Campus First-Generation Student Gathering

November 6th 5:00 - 6:30 pm

After speaking with a few of our first-generation students currently living on campus, it became apparent that they are longing for a safe, socially distant, in-person celebratory gathering. We are currently in the process of determining the logistics to offer this to our first-generation students residing on campus.

First-Generation Virtual Student Game Night

November 7th 7:00 - 9:00 pm

In order to bring together our entire first-generation student community, we plan to offer a virtual student game night. Upon receiving registrations, an upper class first-generation student will be identified as moderator for this program. The goal is to provide our first-generation students a space to virtually gather and hang out with one another, while participating in fun, light hearted activities.

Social Media Presence:

"Proud to be a First-Generation Student" social media campaign

*****Call to action for interested faculty/staff members*****

We are seeking members of our first-generation community to participate in our social media campaign for the National First-Generation Celebration! This campaign will take place from **November 6th - November 10th** and will feature members of our first-generation community on the Lafayette Advising social media platforms. Each spotlight will include an image of your choice and a brief description of why you are proud to identify as first-generation.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the form by clicking [here](#). Upon submission of the form, you will receive a follow up email from Abigail Schaffer, College Transition Specialist, with further details.



Lafayette Forensics places 2nd in year's first tournament!

[Lafayette Forensics](#) recently had their first tournament of the season at the "Hill Country Swing", hosted by the University of Texas at Austin!

Team overall: 2nd Place

Jacob: 5th in EXT

Jefrey: 3rd in ADS, 5th in POE

Kelly: 2nd in PER, 2nd in POE, 5th in IMP

Lia: 3rd in POI

Scott: 2nd in INF, 4th in PER, 4th in PROSE

Congratulations, Forensics Leopards!



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.



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?

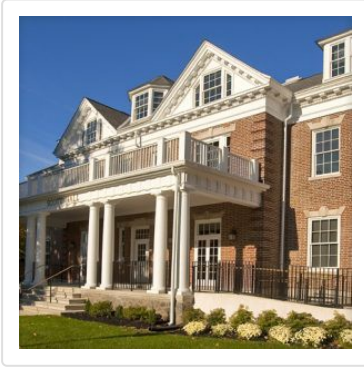
Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the '20-'21 Community Reading of *Silent Spring*, and we are seeking program ideas and partners to help ingrate the book into our new academic year. The Office of Advising can help fund interdisciplinary events that explore the themes of this groundbreaking 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.](#)



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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