

Lafayette Advising newsletter

December 2020 edition

Greetings from Scott Hall as we wrap up a truly challenging and busy 2020. 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](#).



Winter Interim 2021

Winter interim courses will run from January 18 – February 5. Students can register through Banner-Self Service through Friday, January 15 at 5:00 pm. Course and registration details can be reviewed [on the Registrar's website](#). Please share with your advisees!



Important upcoming dates for advisors!

JAN 18 - Interim Session begins

FEB 5 - Interim Session ends

FEB 8 - Classes begin

FEB 19 - Deadline for adding and dropping courses; conversion to pass/fail; audit declaration; Interim grades due to Registrar by noon



Training "To Go": Effective Academic Advising Strategies

Each month, we will plan to share another training resource for academic advisors. If you have time during a lunch hour or other break in your day, these resources can help all our faculty hone their holistic academic advising skills. December's selection is a training from NACADA on [Effective Academic Advising Strategies](#). **Description:**

The CAS Standards for Academic Advising tell us that "the primary purpose of the Academic Advising Program is to assist students in the development of meaningful educational plans." The NACADA Statement of Core Values tells us that "academic advisors work to strengthen the importance, dignity, potential, and unique nature of each individual within the academic setting." Again and again, we hear advisors ask, "Exactly how do I go about doing that? What are some specific strategies I can use?" This presentation was designed with these questions in mind. If you have ever asked, "What works in academic advising?" you'll want to add this slidecast presentation to your advising library. NACADA Publications Advisory Board Chair Maura Reynolds begins the conversation with a review of six important general principles for improving learning. Then, moderated by NACADA President Jayne Drake, our Panel discusses six strategic approaches to advising that they have found beneficial in their advising practice: Self-Authorship, Motivational Interviewing, Intrusive, Strength-Based, Coaching, and Appreciative.

Access the recording at the link below!

[Effective Academic Advising Strategies](#)



Scholarships and Fellowships news

Big news!

We are thrilled to celebrate some recent Scholarship and Fellowship accomplishments of our students and recent alumni. These include [Victoria Puglia '21 winning a Rhodes Scholarship](#), and [Maria Ahmed '20 being awarded a Schwarzman Scholarship](#). Please join us in congratulating these impressive scholars!

Upcoming deadlines

There are some important upcoming scholarship/fellowship application deadlines sophomores and juniors. You can find this information at the links below. Please share with your current sophomore and junior students who you believe would be strong candidates!

[Upcoming opportunities for sophomores](#)

[Upcoming opportunities for juniors](#)

[Upcoming opportunities for seniors](#)

Faculty are invited to review this [sample listing of postgraduate opportunities](#). It is very helpful when faculty encourage their students and recent graduates to reach out to [Dean Julia Goldberg](#) before the campus deadline. This is also a period of time when faculty may be asked to write letters of recommendation for applicants.

Finally, the Fellowships and Scholarships Office continually seeks names of any students who stand out to faculty for their academic potential, intellectual curiosity, drive, and vision, with less emphasis on grades earned and more on the "spark" they conveyed. These would be strong candidates for externally competitive scholarships and fellowships throughout their tenure at Lafayette and beyond. [Submit names using this survey](#), or [email Dean Goldberg](#).



NY Posse 20 and DC Posse 16 selected!

A team of faculty and staff participated in the first-ever virtual Posse finalist selections on December 7 and December 9. Spanning close to 20 hours over the two days, both extraordinary Posses were selected, and the scholars are eagerly awaiting their time on College Hill.

The new Scholars will be celebrated on January 6th and 7th in the Award Ceremonies, which will also be virtual this year.

2021-2022 will mark Posse's 20th anniversary at Lafayette! Our ties with this incredible organization run deep.



Q&A article with Class Deans Tim Cox and Brandon Morris

Check out this [awesome Q&A](#) with the McDonough Network in which Class Deans Tim Cox and Brandon Morris discuss the importance of student advising, advocacy, and activism.



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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