

Lafayette Advising newsletter

April 2021 edition

Greetings from Scott Hall, and we hope you have been enjoying some nice spring weather. 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](#).



NACADA's Statement on Anti-Asian Violence

Much of our work in the Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs is guided by NACADA – the Global Community for Academic Advising – and our partners in this professional organization. We wanted to share this important statement that was released by NACADA on March 22nd:

[NACADA's Statement on Anti-Asian Violence](#)



DegreeWorks update!

The DegreeWorks platform has been upgraded! The degree audit functionality remains the same, but the new dashboard is streamlined, responsive (use on any smart device!), and screen-reader compatible. View the [DegreeWorks webpage](#) for updated references and FAQs, including new "Quick Guides" for [All Users](#) and [Faculty/ Advisor Functions](#).



Midterm grades and fall course registration

If any of your assigned advisees have received a midterm grade, you should have received a report from the Registrar's office. Students who receive midterm grades have been notified that it is important for them to discuss approaches for improvement with their instructor(s), advisor, and/or their class dean. While they have been directed to reach out to these support resources via email and set up such conversations (to take place via phone or video meeting), advisors should consider proactively reaching out to their advisees to discuss the remainder of the semester and strategies for improvement. This type of outreach is extremely helpful in connecting students to a multitude of resources on campus.

Likewise, now is an ideal time to reach out to your advisees about fall course registration, their progress and goals, and so they can obtain their PINs. Student registration times will begin as noted below, and access will continue through May 19.

CLASS OF 2022: April 22 – 7AM (Eastern time zone)

CLASS OF 2023: April 27 - 7AM (Eastern time zone)

CLASS OF 2024: April 29 – 7AM (Eastern time zone)



2nd annual Academic Advisor of the Year award - Nominations in progress

Students are in the process of submitting nominations for the 2021 Academic Advisor of the Year award. In 2020, the inaugural winner of the award was Prof. Paul Barclay of the History Department. The Award Committee from the Office of Advising will review the nominations, and the award winner will be announced later in the spring 2021 semester. The committee will consider the following criteria in the selection of the Academic Advisor of the Year:

- Upholds the [core values](#) of caring, commitment, empowerment, inclusivity, integrity, professionalism, and respect, as supported by [NACADA](#), The Global Community for Academic Advising.
- Supports student development by helping advisees define, plan, and achieve their educational goals, and has had a transformative impact on the educational journey of the advisee.
- Provides helpful and accurate information regarding college academic requirements and policies.
- Makes appropriate referrals as needed.

We are so thankful for all advisors and their steadfast support of students!



Pre-major Declaration Advising assessment ongoing

Students who have not officially declared their major or have recently done so have been invited to complete the 2021 Pre-major Declaration Advising Survey. The purpose of the survey is to analyze and obtain Lafayette students' learning outcomes from their pre-major declaration advising (academic advising that occurred before officially declaring a major during sophomore year), to help train and educate advisors, and to refine advising training programs and materials. We hope to share our findings and future directions in the months to come.



Advising team member helps people find COVID-19 vaccine appointments

Check out this great article in which our team member Donna Heagele is mentioned. Donna has been helping people find COVID-19 vaccine appointments, including the elderly, those with health risks, and shelter residents. Donna and other group members are organizing this effort through their Facebook page *Eastern PA Covid 19 Vaccine Finder*. Way to go, Donna!

[*Tech-savvy Pennsylvania residents help others find COVID-19 vaccination appointments*](#)



Important upcoming dates for advisors

April 26 Last day to withdraw from courses; WD recorded

April 19-30 Pre-Registration

May 17 Non-instructional day

May 19 Spring Classes end

May 20-21 Reading Days

May 22-29 Final Exam Period

May 30 Commencement Ceremony **

June 1 Senior grades due by noon

June 5 Degree conferral date for spring graduates

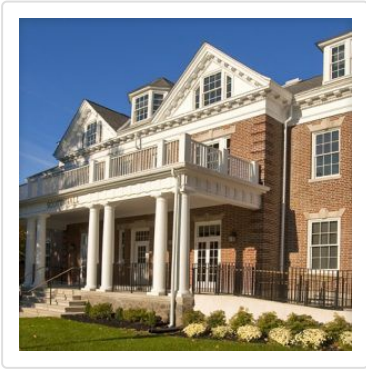
June 8 All other grades due by noon

** The Commencement ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 30; however, diplomas and transcripts will reflect a "degree conferral date" of Saturday, June 5. It is important for students applying for graduate school, employment, etc. to list the degree conferral date on any applications (not the Commencement ceremony date.)



Advising Resources for Faculty

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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