

Lenten Season at Loras

Loras College takes on a different look and feel for the Lenten season. There are several services that will be offered each day in order to give students as many opportunities as possible to practice their faith at Loras. Mondays through Fridays we have:

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00am to 4:00pm at St. Joseph's Chapel, and Thursday at 9:00pm in Christ the King Chapel
- Reconciliation 12:15pm to 12:45pm in the ACC Concourse except on Friday
- Reconciliation on Monday and Fridays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in Christ the King Chapel
- Daily Mass at 5:15pm in Christ the King Chapel, except for Wednesday at 9:00pm
- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 4:30pm

64 Years of St. Pat's Auction

This March will be the 64th St. Pat's Auction to help raise money for the eight service trips that go out each year. Registration starts at 5:30pm on March 16th with the auction to follow at 6:00pm. There will be food, entertainment, and the chance to buy items donated by local businesses. Items auctioned off have traditionally ranged from food, to dinner with President Collins, furniture, and musical instruments. All are welcome and if you would like to donate we welcome that too. Five of the Service Trips that benefit from the St. Pat's Auction just came back in January. Over 50 students went to Honduras, Haiti, New Orleans, Morton, Mississippi, and Vanceburg, Kentucky. The students worked in schools, orphanages, built houses, and learned about the Catholic Social Teaching which is at the core of the Loras College mission.



Spring 2012

Upcoming Events:

- **March 16**
St. Pat's Auction
- **April 4**
Residence Halls Close at 9PM for Easter Break
- **April 5-9**
Easter Break (No Classes)
- **April 9**
Res. Halls Open at Noon
- **May 14-17**
Final Exams
- **May 19**
Baccalaureate / Commencement

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Housing Sign-up is Just Around the Corner!

Returning students will sign up for housing by lottery number March 27th-29th, 2012. Students will receive their randomly assigned housing lottery number and housing sign-up information in their campus mailbox around March 1st. This information will include details about available housing options, housing costs for 2012-13, and the sign-up schedule. If your student has questions about the housing sign-up process, please have him or her contact an Area Coordinator, who would be happy to answer questions about the housing sign-up process. Please remind your student that Loras has a three year residency requirement, and that students are not permitted to live off campus before their senior year without permission for exemption from the college. Students are granted permission for exemption only in truly extraordinary circumstances.

Easter Break Closing

The Residence Halls will be closing for Easter break on Wednesday, April 4th at 9pm. All residents will be expected to leave the halls at that time, unless they have permission to stay late. Be sure to have your student take with them anything that they may need, including all necessary medications. Students who need to stay for athletics or travel reasons will need to fill out the Request to Stay Late form which can be found online on the Residence Life page on Inside Loras by Friday, March 30th, 2012. Permission to stay late will be granted only for sufficient reasons. Cost to stay in the residence halls during break is \$80 a week (or any part of). The Residence Halls will reopen at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 9th for the Spring Semester.

FILING DEADLINE FOR FAFSA FORM

The Office of Financial Planning would like to remind you that it is time to file the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for your son or daughter, as it is necessary to file the FAFSA each year your student is enrolled at Loras College.

Please complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) by our school's deadline of April 15, 2012. Some financial aid programs have limited funding, so completing the FAFSA by April 15 ensures that your student will be given maximum consideration for financial aid. Some funds will no longer be available for students who complete their FAFSA after the April 15 priority deadline. All returning students will receive an online award package and an email notification of when their award package is available for review.

Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year if a student is chosen for verification we are now required to collect an official IRS transcript of your Federal income tax information instead of copies of your federal 1040 forms. This can extend the timing of the overall process, so we are suggesting that you get your taxes done as soon as possible.

For questions, feel free to contact our office at (800)245-6727 ext. 7136 or (563)588-7136.

LORAS FUND

Spring phonathon is underway and we thank you for the generous support current parents like you are providing to the Loras Fund. Making a gift to the Loras Fund is one way that parents can continue to have a presence in their student's life while at Loras. Loras has a strong tradition of parent giving, and we are proud to see that legacy continue with our current students.

The Class of 2012 is raising money that will be used to develop a Loras College App for iPhones and Android phones. The senior class is very excited about this project, and has fundraised over half of the money needed.

The Loras College App will be available to prospective students, current students, parents and alumni. Whether on campus or off, the app will provide Loras news, current events, athletic scores, class schedules, and a map of campus to name a few features. Look for more information toward the end of summer.

If you have any questions, would like more information on parent or student philanthropy, or would like to make a gift please contact Jacob Shireman, Coordinator of Annual Giving at jacob.shireman@loras.edu or at 563.588.4985 .

ALUMNI NEWS



Alumni, parents and friends have gathered together across town – and across the country – connecting with each other and enjoying each other’s company. This winter, activities have ranged from Presidential receptions in Arizona to Winter Socials in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. Duhawks are all about a little friendly competition and alumni basketball players returned to campus to demonstrate they still had the right moves!

We’re excited to announce that our Duhawks will once again be walking in the Chicago St. Patrick’s Day Parade! If you’d like to participate, please let us know! Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-245-6727, ext. 7170 and share the Loras spirit on this festive holiday!



Alumni programming is always open to current students and families, and includes a broad range of events with something for everyone. Please encourage your son or daughter—and your family—to check out the events offered by the Loras Alumni Relations Office on our website under “Events.” Loras alumni love meeting current students and parents! Homecoming will be here before you know it—mark your calendar now for September 28, 29 and 30, 2012. Go Duhawks!

MOCK TRIAL TEAM TO ADVANCE TO NATIONALS IN CALIFORNIA

Newport Beach Courthouse in Orange County

Loras College Mock Trial will be advancing to the first round of national championships March 9-11 after an honorable mention finish at the Midwest Regional. Sarah Dickhut, a junior Biology & English major was named an Outstanding Attorney at the Cedar Rapids event held February 3-5. The team also was honored with the American Mock Trial Civility Award voted by the other teams as the college that best exemplifies the spirit of professionalism and fair play.

“Loras has gained the reputation over the years as an ethical and friendly team. This is not the first time we have won the award, and I hope it is not the last, “ said Coach Mary Lynn Neuhaus.

“We are not a program that stresses winning at all costs. Loras has a team that understands that professionalism and civility must be the core to a strong program.”

Notre Dame took the regional crown as the only undefeated team in the field and will compete in St. Louis on St. Patrick’s Day weekend while the Duhawks will face defending national champion UCLA, USC, Stanford, Northwestern and other powers in the west.

The Loras Mock Trial Team garnered three awards in the last month. At the Upper Midwest regional in Cedar Rapids February 4-5, the team received the Spirit of American Mock Trial Association Award for the team determined by the competitors as the most civil, professional team engaging in ethical behavior and fair play. Jessica Donels’ parents, Dawn and Rick Donels prepared a team dinner in their Center Point, Iowa home. Senior Psychology and Creative Writing major Maggi Riedl captained that team. Maggi, of Tomball, Texas will attend graduate school in psychology in the fall.

Sarah Dickhut, a junior from Appleton, Wisconsin majoring in Biological Research and Philosophy, was named Outstanding Regional Attorney. Leah Hocking, a senior politics major from Brentwood, California will captain the team in her home state. Other competitors include Katherine Valder, Matthew Resnick, Bobby Bauch, Melissa Kula, and Sarah Keely.

On January 27-28, Loras hosted 68 teams from across the U.S. at the National Invitational, the largest and oldest mock trial competition in the country won by Loyola University. Loras tied for fifth place and Heather Jackson, a senior Politics major from Dubuque, picked up her fourth Outstanding Attorney Award this season. Heather has been admitted to the University of Iowa Law School for the fall entering class. Attorneys Tom Goodman and Deone Merkel joined Neuhaus in coaching the team.



LORAS STUDY ABROAD UPDATE

This Spring 2012, twenty-five Loras College students and one Loras professor are studying and living abroad in seven cities within six different countries – **England, India, Ireland, South Africa, Spain, and Thailand!** Study abroad fosters student intellectual and personal development, challenges perspectives in many rewarding ways, and looks great to potential



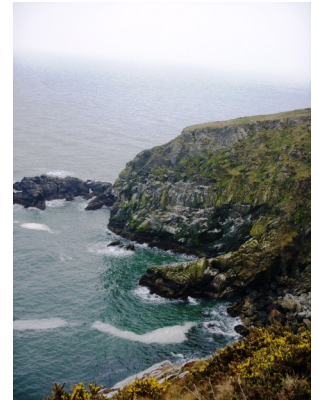
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future employers. In addition to taking courses in an international setting, many students are currently completing internship and service hours complimenting their overall experiences.

Have a conversation with your student and encourage him/her to take advantage of the study abroad, service-learning, internship, and career professionals willing to assist in the Center for Experiential Learning in the Alumni Campus Center.

Students on Loras-sponsored programs receive 100% of their institutional aid and can apply state and federal aid. The Loras semester study abroad

application for 2012-2013 is now OPEN with a deadline of **March 15th**. Please direct any questions regarding Study Abroad to Abbie Wiegel, Assistant Coordinator, at (563) 588-7026 or Mark Kehren, Director of Study Abroad, at (563) 588-7633.



Howth Cliff Walk
north of Dublin

HEALTH CONCERNS

Is your son or daughter calling you saying that they are not feeling well? Do you have health concerns about your son or daughter that you want to share? Would you like your son or daughter to have an evaluation by a physician but are not sure where to send them? The Loras College Health Center is here to help. We offer a wide range of free, confidential health care services to the campus community. We provide ambulatory care for most general medical problems, assist with referrals to appropriate specialists, and work closely with the campus. We communicate with professors, coaches and residence life staff. We offer health education and wellness promotion, self-care opportunities, and loaning of equipment. Visit our website at:

<http://depts.loras.edu/StudentDevelopment/health/>

Hours: 8am - 4pm Monday – Friday.

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REMINDER TO PARENTS REGARDING STUDENT ACCOUNTS:

All billing statements are available online only

How do I get access to this information - I pay my student's bill?

Your student will need to log in to their account through the Loras College Portal and set you up with a Parent Pin. Once that is done, you will receive an email with instructions on how to log in to and set up your login information.

When will I know it is time to make a payment?

*Students and other authorized users will receive an email and/or text message notification when a statement is available for viewing. Students will be sent this communication to their **Loras e-mail address**. Authorized users will receive this information to the e-mail address or phone number they have chosen.*

What are my options for making payments?

The online system will give students and authorized users the option of paying by Electronic Check, credit or debit card (for a fee), or auto payment. Online payment is our preferred method of payment. The online system frees you of worry over lost or misguided checks and the delay of the postal service which could cost you additional fees. If you prefer, parents or students can still mail or present check or cash payment to the Business Office in Keane Hall.

How do I view the details of my payment plan?

All students with an outstanding balance are automatically enrolled in a payment plan. To view your payment plan details and monthly amount due, please log in to your student's account. Under the section titled "Installment Payment Plans" you will find the details for your current Payment Plan.

Can I get my student account refund direct deposited into my bank account?

*Yes. The eRefund feature allows the student to have a student account refund direct deposited into the checking or savings account of their choice. Those students who are signed up for direct deposit will receive their account refunds up to 14 days sooner than those who wish to be paid by check. eRefund is fast, convenient, and gives the student instant access to their money. To sign up, the student must log in to their account and enroll. There is no fee for this service and you can change bank accounts or un-enroll at any time. ****Please note: If a student's credit balance is the result of a parent PLUS loan, by law we must refund the money to the parent unless instructed by the parent to disburse the money to the student.***

March 10th Wind Ensemble Concert

7:00PM in the Fieldhouse

Our guest band will be Beckman Catholic High School from Dyersville, IA. Both the Beckman High School Jazz band and concert band will perform along with the Loras Jazz and Wind Ensembles. The groups will each do individual pieces and then combine forces for two final selections. The concert is free and open to everyone.

UPCOMING BILLING TIMELINE

March 15—

Final Spring payment due. All balances must be paid in full. Students with a balance greater than \$500 will **NOT** be permitted to register for the Fall 2012 term. Please take the necessary steps to make sure your student does not receive a Registration Hold on their account due to their balance.

May 9—Summer Billing.

All summer billing charges- tuition and housing- are due in full by June 15.

Late July—Fall Billing

REGISTRATION HOLD POLICY

Spring Registration – For the fall to spring registration, the College does not generally require a fully paid bill, however, if no payment has been made to that date or a significant outstanding balance exists, the College reserves the right to hold the student's registration.

Fall Registration – For the spring to fall registration, all students must have a balance of \$500 or less in order to register from one academic year to the next academic year. If the student does not have the minimum balance by April 15th of the year prior to registration, ALL registrations will be CANCELLED, including classes, housing, meal plan and any/all other college registrations.

If you have questions regarding the status of your student's account balance, please log on to their account online and view their account activity.



LORAS PLAYERS

March 30 & 31 [Friday & Saturday] at 7:30 and April 1 [Sunday] at 2:00 – St. Joseph Auditorium

THE MOUSETRAP: by Agatha Christie

Five outlandish guests are staying at an isolated English inn when a violent snowstorm cuts them off from the rest of the world. No sooner does a policeman arrive on skies then one guest is mysteriously murdered. Will the murderer be discovered as the bodies continue to mount? A superb evening of intrigue by the foremost mystery writer of her time.

Loras Affiliated = Free

General Admission = \$12, seniors and Students \$8

OUR CAST

Mollie Ralston Hannah Kauffold

Giles Ralston Zachary Daly

Christopher Wren Joey Ruddy

Mrs. Boyle Charlene Becicka

Major Metcalf Jake Regan

Miss Casewell Traci Evers

Mr. Paravicini Alex McCarthy

Detective Trotter Drew Morelan

April 14th Musica Sacra

7:30 Christ the King Chapel

No tickets required,

Goodwill Offering for Choral Program

Loras College Choirs present their **2012 Spring Concert** in the format of the Italian *De Oratione*, a brief, inspirational talk paired with a choral work. This was a traditional practice of the church and combined several art forms in these spiritual concerts. Concert Choir will perform Maurice Duruflé’s *Requiem* with orchestra and soloists, Chamber Singers will perform Benjamin Britten’s *Rejoice in the Lamb*, and Bella Voce will perform a series of *Psalms and Canticles*. We are pleased to feature students soloists and faculty in this program, including Patrick Branson, Courtney Ripoll, Dr. Roy Carroll, Dr. David Pitt, and Rev. Dr. Douglas Wathier. Dr. Bruce G.J. Kotowich, director of choral and vocal activities, will conduct this concert.

May 5th The 1st Last Annual Final Season Concert

7:00 Fieldhouse

No tickets required,

Goodwill Offering for Music Program

This is the final concert of the season and will feature all the Loras College Music Ensembles and music faculty. Music by Offenbach, Gilbert and Sullivan, P.D.Q. Bach will be featured as well as other composers of Jazz, Musical Theatre, and Doo-Wop. Come be part of a new tradition on the Loras Campus and help us celebrate the ending of the academic year.

Student Life Office Staff

Receive Email Updates

To sign up to receive email updates regarding Parent and Family information from the Student Life Office, including copies of the latest Parent Newsletter, please email Kimberly.Walsh@loras.edu.

For more information on Parent Programs and other services, check out our website at: <http://www.loras.edu/parents>

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