



MUHLENBERG WELCOMES DEAN ALLISON GULATI



Allison Gulati, VP for Student Affairs/
Dean of Students joined the staff in July

Dear Families,

The fall semester is flying by and our students are taking advantage of all Muhlenberg has to offer! In my first year at the College, I have been incredibly impressed by how committed everyone is to their academic pursuits and to making the most of their time outside of class as well. From voter registration drives, to educational speakers and incredible community service events, there is no doubt campus life is alive and well!

I want to share three themes with all of you that I am working hard to convey to our students. The first is around health and well-being and encouraging Muhlenberg to become a stronger community of care. For students, this should look like them tending to their own mental and physical health and seeking out key resources for support, taking care of one another, seeking help for a peer when they are in need, and most importantly valuing and respecting individuals of all backgrounds and experiences. In my opinion, there is nothing more critical to students' life-long success and happiness, as well as their immediate academic and personal growth at the college, than care for self and respect for others.

The second theme we are emphasizing is around creating vibrant social opportunities that meet the needs and interests of students. Earlier this semester, over 800 students cheered on the Mules at a campus-wide pep rally and tailgate party during Reunion Weekend. That weekend of tradition also included many other exciting events and a fantastic fireworks display. In the coming weeks, students will be able to experience Saturday Night Live comedian Pete Davidson, attend a campus-wide bonfire

and DJ event, and join their peers at Muhlenberg's first ever Silent Disco. There is much to see and do, and we intend to keep working with students to offer many other exciting social opportunities including trips to Broadway shows, concerts on campus, and a variety of local excursions. Please encourage your student to take advantage of these initiatives and connect with their peers across campus.

Finally, intellectualism abounds and extends well beyond the confines of the classroom. Our students are engaged in powerful experiential learning opportunities including election focused political events, cultural celebrations, leadership trainings, etc. The most important thing I can stress as you work to support your student is to encourage them to become involved in at least one of these opportunities. When students are involved in one or more extracurricular experiences, they are more likely to get better grades, feel more connected to and supported by their peers, and overall have a higher level of satisfaction in their college experience.

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As we move into the second half of the fall semester, please remind your student of these important ideas. Encourage them to ask for academic help, join a club, meet others at a social event, and most importantly take care of themselves and others.

I look forward to seeing many of you this weekend! Please be in touch if you have any questions or concerns and Go Mules!

In partnership,
Dean Gulati

FLU SHOT REMINDER



As the 2016-17 flu season approaches, all students are strongly encouraged to get the flu vaccine during the months of October and November. Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that can make even healthy people very sick and, in some cases, cause death. The flu can be especially severe in high-risk groups such as young children, older adults, pregnant women and people whose immune systems are weak. On our campus we have some faculty, staff and students who are in high-risk groups who are unable to get the flu vaccine. They are particularly vulnerable to catching the flu, so those of us who can get the vaccine should do so in order to protect not only ourselves but also other members of the campus community.

Because of the close quarters in which college students live, the flu can spread easily and rapidly from one person to another. Besides feeling miserable, students who get the flu will typically miss several days of classes and will fall behind in their work. They may also be sent home so that they are less likely to spread the flu to their roommates, classmates or other members of the campus community.

The best way to protect yourself and others is to get the flu vaccine. When more people get the flu vaccine, less flu can spread throughout our campus. The college Health Center offers the flu vaccine for \$20 (cash, check or BergBucks accepted) to students from 8:00 am—4:00 pm Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary to get a flu shot. In addition, there are local pharmacies within walking distance of the campus that offer the flu vaccine. The cost of the vaccine varies but on average is \$40. Most health insurance plans cover the cost either fully or partially; if you are unsure, check with your insurance provider. The flu vaccine is not effective for at least 14 days after vaccination. During this time it is possible to get the flu, so it is wise to get the vaccine as soon as possible to ensure the best possible protection once flu season hits.

For more flu information:

- General information from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>
- Flu.gov: <http://www.flu.gov/>
- Flu prevention information: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>.



Why are these students smiling?

Because they are eating in the Wood Dining Commons!

Follow this link

to find out what's new in 'Berg dining

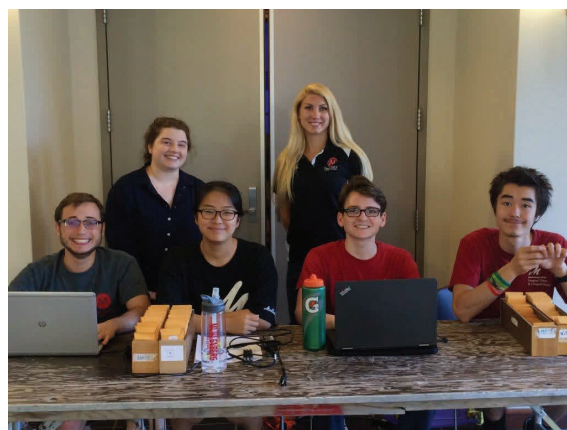
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MUHLENBERG HOSTS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FIRST PROGRAM



For the second consecutive summer, Muhlenberg College hosted 800 international students as part of an immersion program through Education First, the world's largest exchange program. This program, which brings in two sessions of students for a ten-day period, familiarizes students with college life through structured educational and fitness classes, dorm life and connects them to the Muhlenberg dining experience. Admissions offers an educational session to those who are interested in learning how to apply to colleges in the US. This program is only one of 13 residential camps or conferences which were hosted this year.

The program not only exposes hundreds of international students to Muhlenberg College but gives Muhlenberg students the opportunity to work throughout the summer with Conference and Event Services. Last year twelve students were employed. With the growth of this program we hope to expand our staff to between fifteen and eighteen students in 2017. Students had the opportunity to enrich their communication skills through daily interaction with managers, teachers and staff, many of which were not fluent in English. Student staffers assisted in enriching the guest experience at Muhlenberg College by offering one-on-one guidance to those in need, greeting and checking in guests during the reservation process, offering solutions to guest concerns and assisting with technology and conference logistics. Our summer conference program motto is "We never get a second chance to make a first impression."



Muhlenberg student staffers supporting the EF program

Education First has expressed interest in returning in Summer 2017 and hopes to grow each session to 500 students.

Family Weekend 2016

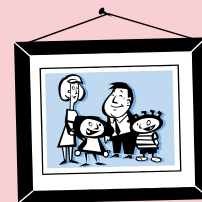
Mark your calendars for Family Weekend, October 28, 29 and 30.

In addition to providing an opportunity for students and families to reconnect, we will be showcasing the many talents of our students.

Brochures were mailed to each family's home address

and an online version can be viewed at:

<http://www.muhenberg.edu/family-weekend/>



GREETINGS FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Lori Buchbinder P'17, and Ray McDaniel P '17, Muhlenberg Parents Council Co-Chairs

Greetings Fellow Parents!

First, to our new Class of 2020 families, welcome to Muhlenberg! To our returning families, welcome back! We are Lori Buchbinder P'17 and Ray McDaniel P'17, the 2016-2017 co-chairs of the Muhlenberg College Parents Council. Lori had the privilege of meeting many of our incoming families at Move-In Day. We are looking forward to meeting many more of you in the coming weeks and months!



The Buchbinder McDaniel family

It is hard to believe that our son, Jake, is now a senior. As we reflect on his time at Muhlenberg, it is both moving and bittersweet to know that his college career is in its final year – where did the time go? We are so proud of how Jake has developed over these four years into the young man he is today, and what an integral part Muhlenberg played in that development.

We are sure that many of our fellow senior parents would agree when we say that your child's time at Muhlenberg will be over before you know it! Take advantage of this time to be active in your student's Muhlenberg experience – encourage them to get involved in clubs, visit the Career Center often, get to know professors, explore everything that Muhlenberg has to offer and pick up the phone every once in a while instead of texting.

One of the most valuable resources we have found to stay engaged in our child's Muhlenberg experience is through communication and networking with our fellow parents. Regardless of whether your student is a first-year or a senior, we encourage all of you to sign up for [The Muhlenberg Network](#). It is an exciting new resource for the entire Muhlenberg community where parents can network with other current and former parents, alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the College.



It's the fall season, so that means two important dates are coming up. The first is [Family Weekend](#), which is set for October 28-30. As always, there will be an array of activities – multiple performances of "The Pirates of Penzance," the President's State of the College address, men's and women's soccer games, late night activities and so much more. Plus, all of this is paired with award-winning Muhlenberg dining. You can view all the details and a full list of activities for Family Weekend [here](#).

The second important upcoming date is **#MULEMENTUM**, the College's annual day of giving, on November 16. For the fourth straight year, Muhlenberg parents, students, alumni and friends will have the opportunity to join forces on a single day to contribute to The Muhlenberg Fund, the College's annual fund.

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HOUSING INFORMATION FOR SPRING 2016

Break Policy Information:

College housing closes at 6:00 p.m. on the day that the break begins and re-opens at 10:00 a.m. on the day that the break ends. While we try to be sensitive to our students' needs, we must allow our staff and RAs a chance to be with their families as well. As such, College policy calls for a \$60 charge for students who fail to leave on time or return early without prior permission. We recognize that some students may require housing during the break periods. Students in the following categories are generally granted permission to stay on campus during breaks:

1. International students
2. Students who live more than 300 miles from campus
3. Students with an academic related situation (i.e. student teaching, internship, etc.)
4. Student groups such as athletes, or those involved in theatre productions that have been granted permission through a coach or director of a theatre production.

Students in the above categories may stay in college housing for break periods free of charge. Any other students who have been approved to stay during break will be charged \$30 per night. All students (except athletes) who want to request to stay for any portion of the above listed breaks, return early or after closing must fill out a [Request Form](#) on the Office of Residential Services web site. Late request are subject to a \$30 late fee.

Thanksgiving Break:

- Requests to stay late or return early due: Wednesday, November 16.
- Thanksgiving Break begins on Tuesday, November 22, 2016.
Residence halls close at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening.
- Thanksgiving Break ends on Sunday, November 27, 2016.
Residence halls open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Special note for Thanksgiving Break: Students enrolled in courses that start at or after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday will automatically be approved to stay in housing until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. These students are not required to file the request form.

Winter Break:

- Requests due: Friday, December 9.
- Winter Break begins on Saturday, December 17, 2016.
Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning
- Winter Break ends on Sunday, January 15, 2016.
Residence halls open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning



The Muhlenberg Fund supports the entire Muhlenberg experience, keeping tuition costs down for future years and contributing to whatever Muhlenberg's greatest needs are here and now. Whether it's the excellent, personal instruction by our dedicated and accomplished professors, academic and social organizations, Division III athletics, intramural sports, research projects, study abroad programs and live theatre and dance productions, The Muhlenberg Fund has a hand in it. Last year, **#MULEMENTUM** broke records with 2,141 participants and over \$218,000 in total contributions. Of this amount, 664 parents contributed over \$58,000. Please join us in building on that success by visiting mulementum.com and making a gift to The Muhlenberg Fund on November 16, 2016. It is, after all, our students who benefit.

Thank you for your support and for helping to make the Muhlenberg community such a special place! We wish you and your students all the best, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on campus for Family Weekend!

Warm regards,
Lori Buchbinder P'17 and Ray McDaniel P'17
2016-17 Parents Council Co-Chairs



Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season

