LAURENTIANS FOR LIFE

Your Family Weekend experience will reveal to you, in greater measure than you may have imagined, why our Alumni Council has adopted the motto “Laurentian for Life.” The Laurentian crest imprints permanently on all who join our community, an imprint that connects students and alumni with each other and with the University in resilient and precious bonds.

Laurentians for Life are faculty who motivate, staff who care, alumni who assist, and neighbors who appreciate. We do everything we can to encourage students to tap their full potential as they embrace the natural environment, engage with global challenges, and experience the relevance and adventure of a liberal arts education in a complex and changing world. We do this from the day we send that cherished acceptance letter, and we never stop.

Come to Family Weekend and see for yourself why St. Lawrence inspires such loyalty. You’ll meet the people to whom you have entrusted your son’s or daughter’s education, the people who will stand alongside, cheering and helping at every step, the people who declare themselves Laurentians for Life. When you hear this from your own student, you’ll know exactly what we mean.

William L. Fox ’75
President

FAMILY WEEKEND 2013: OCTOBER 4-6

For more, visit www.stlawu.edu/student-activities-and-leadership/family-weekend

• Visit your student’s Friday classes, or schedule an appointment to meet and greet professors.

• See poster presentations completed by summer recipients of Internship Fellowship awards.

• Stroll through Brush Art Gallery and Owen D. Young Library and view works of art.

• Enjoy musical performances by the Laurentian Singers and others.

• Plan ahead for off-campus study with staff and students from the Center for International and Intercultural Studies, including break-out Q&A sessions with students who have attended each program.

• Cheer for football, men’s soccer, and men’s and women’s hockey.

• Visit downtown Canton for the 12th Annual Remington Arts Festival.

• Are you an alumnus of St. Lawrence? Attend an Alumni Council reception to connect with old friends and discover ways to engage with the University.

• Take part as President Bill Fox ’75 hosts a breakfast and conversation for parents and families.

Designated Family Weekend events, access to Newell Fitness Center and athletics facilities, and a Family Weekend tote bag are included in the registration fee.

Supplemental meals and events are also available for minimal additional cost.

Family Weekend coincides with Canton’s Remington Arts Festival, a celebration of art and artists in the North Country. See a detailed schedule online.
LEADING BY EXAMPLE

St. Lawrence students prepare for the real world by becoming leaders in and out of the classroom.

by Meg Bernier ’07, M’09

A Future Global Leader

Diandra Nicholas ’15 isn’t deterred by foreign languages – she’s inspired by them. “People tend to be afraid of learning different languages because they can be difficult at the beginning, but a lot of times you find they are easier than English,” she says.

As a multi-language major who enjoys learning about other cultures, the Bronx, N.Y., native is studying three languages at St. Lawrence so she’ll be prepared no matter where life takes her.

“I wanted to continue learning Spanish and was curious about Chinese,” she says. “After taking a few classes focused on the Middle East, I decided to learn Arabic, too.”

These are the some of the most common languages spoken at the United Nations and will be among the top five languages used in the world by 2050. Many of tomorrow’s most successful people and leaders will need to be multi-lingual.

Diandra, who is also learning Korean “just for fun,” will be ahead of the game as she prepares for a career as a diplomat or working for a government agency.

“You’re going to be expected to have knowledge of other languages,” she says. “The best way to communicate with anyone is by speaking their language. Learning these languages will make it easier to travel, work with others and build relationships.”

Leadership 101

“I need enthusiastic people around me,” says Robert John “Monty” Montgomery ’14. “The times I have excelled as a leader are when those I’m working with are excited. I look to surround myself with these people, and luckily they can be found almost everywhere at St. Lawrence.”

Monty has held several leadership roles, including president of the Thelomathesian Society in 2012. He’s experienced the good and the not-so-good aspects of being a leader and learned important lessons about decision-making.

“The Thelmo Executive Board found ourselves in situations where we had to make decisions that had no clear-cut answers,” he says. “As a leader, I’m not only in a position to police the rules, but also to organize people for the best interest ofthe group(389,582),(688,634) and their constituents. The human element is of the utmost importance when weighing decisions.”

Monty knows he’s ready for the unknown after college. “My involvement on campus has prepared me for many situations,” he says. “St. Lawrence has an incredible support system for all student leaders. One mentor has always been available when I need to take a step back and talk things through. In life after college, these systems are not always in place. I’ve learned the importance of seeking them out and establishing them myself.”

MEAGER DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SERVICES ENDOWMENT BUILDS

Goal: $1 million

Progress: $296,000 in cash and pledges as of July 23rd, 2013

This endowment honors John Meagher, long-time director of academic services for students with special needs, who has announced plans to retire in 2014, and will fund the assistant director position. Interested in supporting it? Please contact Chad Tessier at ctessier@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5519.
“HOW WILL THE NEW RESIDENCE HALL AFFECT MY STUDENT?”

You have questions; we have answers.

Q: When will the new residence hall open?
A: It’s scheduled to open in August 2014, just in time for the 2014-15 academic year.

Q: How many students will live there?
A: Up to 155 students, depending on the configuration of a handful of rooms to meet accommodation needs. Current plans call for 81 total student rooms (18 singles; 52 doubles; 11 triples).

Q: Will this be first-year student housing or upper-class housing?
A: We anticipate that it will be for upper-class students. There is the possibility in future years that we will use it partially for first-year housing; the plans meet the needs of both groups.

Q: What are some amenities?
A: There will be 10 informal common spaces, a “bridge” commons (between the two wings), a grab-and-go cyber-café and an outdoor art, performance and gathering space.

Q: How is construction being funded?
A: Private gifts are being used to fund the project. The Class of 2013 kicked off a focused fundraising effort by pledging its senior class gift of nearly $8,000. The University has since raised nearly $6 million toward the estimated $13 million cost. No tuition dollars are going toward this project.

Q: The new residence hall is being built in part to accommodate a small enrollment growth of about 160 students (40 per class year). What else is St. Lawrence doing across campus to support this growth?
A: The University is planning renovations to other residence halls and classrooms, some of which was completed this summer. This work will continue over the next several years in priority order. Also, dining services has added grab-and-go food service on campus and is exploring options for expanding dining facilities. In addition, St. Lawrence has added key support staff in residence life and career services, and continues to maintain a student-to-faculty ratio of 12:1.

Q: Some of the lounge spaces in other residence halls have been turned into student rooms. Will some or all of these rooms return to lounge areas when the new residence hall opens?
A: The plan is to return most if not all of these spaces to lounges as soon as possible. Some of that work will begin immediately after the new residence hall opens.

For more information about our new residence hall, including floor plans and a live webcam, visit www.stlawu.edu/newreshall.
Important Dates Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

FALL SEMESTER 2013
Friday-Sunday, October 4-6
Family weekend
Thursday-Friday, October 17-18
Mid-semester break*
Saturday-Sunday, November 23-Dec. 1
Thanksgiving recess*
Thursday, December 12
Last day of classes
Sunday-Friday, December 15-20
Final examinations

SPRING SEMESTER 2014
Monday, January 20
Classes begin
Saturday-Sunday, March 8-16
Spring break*
Saturday, April 26
Moving-Up day
Friday, May 2
Last day of classes
Monday-Saturday, May 5-10
Final examinations
Sunday, May 18
Commencement, 10 a.m.

This calendar is subject to revision by the University.
*Residences are open and meals are available during the fall Mid-semester Break; residences and meals are not available during Thanksgiving Recess and Spring Break.