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This monthly e-newsletter is designed to keep families of our students informed on what is happening at Marietta College and to celebrate the accomplishments of our Pioneer community.



Young Alumnus to deliver Commencement address

Marietta College is pleased to announce that Brendan Adkinson '16 will present the keynote address at the 187th Commencement ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center.

Adkinson graduated from Marietta College with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Neuroscience and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. He was the first graduate from Marietta's Neuroscience program. He is enrolled in Yale University's MD-PhD program

and will complete his PhD in Neuroscience in 2025 before returning to Yale for the final two years of medical school.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

All Things Financial

FERPA/Proxy User Setup Guide: Federal regulations require that parents wishing to speak to a financial aid officer about their student's aid must be listed on the student's FERPA form. Forms can be picked up at the Records Office in Irvine Hall or via our [website](#); completed FERPA forms must be returned to the Records Office. Students who wish to allow their parent to access their financial aid and bill on [Self-Service](#) may follow [these instructions](#) to add a proxy user.

Special Circumstances/Appeal: There are times when your family may experience special circumstances, such as a loss of employment, separation or divorce, etc., that significantly reduce family income. This may warrant a special review of the student's financial aid package. Appeals that fall under these types of special circumstances are due by April 2, 2024, for the Spring 2024 semester. Learn more about this [here](#).

Billing Schedule: The third payment for the Spring 2024 semester was due on March 1, and the fourth and final payment of the semester will be due on April 1. Students who have not made their previous payments have been charged a \$50 late fee and may be subject to a hold on their account by the Business Office. Students can pay their bills online via [Self-Service](#). Additional information on payments and billing can be found [here](#).

FAFSA Simplification Act: Starting with the 2024-25 award year, the FAFSA Simplification Act will bring many changes to the federal student aid process, including the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. The Student Aid Index (SAI) will be the new methodology in determining student aid on the FAFSA form. The 24-25 FAFSA form is now live and can be completed by signing into your FSA ID on the [studentaid.gov](#) website. Please be aware that

Federal Student Aid is still updating the form and not all features may be available. For more information, please visit the [Federal Student Aid site](#). Please visit this [Federal Student Aid article](#) for helpful advice on filling out the new form.



Community Day Traditions Continue

Come one, come all to the annual Marietta College Baseball and Softball Community Days! This family-friendly event is a home run for sports fans of all ages.

First up is the Pioneers softball team hosting Wilmington for an exciting doubleheader on Saturday, April 13. Cheer on our talented squad as they take the field starting at 1:00 p.m.

One week later on April 20, it's the baseball team's turn to thrill the crowd as they battle John Carroll. First pitch is at 1:00 p.m.

But the fun begins at noon on both days. Visitors can enjoy an array of fabulous freebies, including food, beverages, prizes, and more! There will be games and activities to entertain the whole family.



MC opens opportunities for Biochemistry student

Rachel Guilliams '24, MAP '25 (Newark, Ohio) wakes up each morning unsure of how her body will feel. Some days, the joint pain and swelling caused by her psoriatic arthritis is manageable, and she can get out of bed and head to class.

Over time, Guilliams has learned how to better cope with her illness. She communicates openly with her professors when she needs to miss class or needs extra time on assignments. She also relies on friends for support during difficult periods.

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Teaching communication skills for career success

Led by Academic Success Coach Donna Fenton and Communications Instructor Ann Nicely, Marietta College's Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development (CECD) assisted students during the "Effective Communication in a Professional Environment" workshop. The workshop's two main objectives were to refine the students' communication skills and instill the confidence to navigate the nuances of professional written and verbal interactions effectively. "Marietta College's faculty do an amazing job of providing our students with the critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and the specific career-related knowledge to be successful in the workplace," said Dr. Jacqueline Khorassani, Senior Director of CECD. "Our aim at the CECD is to empower our students to enhance their interview skills and effectively apply the knowledge gained in the classroom to excel in professional settings."

Did You Know?

Your student has lifetime access to services offered through Marietta's Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development.

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Join us for The Long Blue Line Brunch

The Office of Alumni Engagement and Alumni Association Council cordially invite you and your family to attend The Long Blue Line Brunch honoring the MC Class of 2024. The buffet brunch will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Fenton Court. Graduating seniors will receive complimentary tickets, courtesy of the Marietta College Alumni Association Council. Additional tickets for family or friends may be purchased for \$20 per person. All attendees — including graduating seniors — need to register by April 22, 2024. For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at 740.376.4709 or alumni@marietta.edu.

[Register](#)





I, Pioneer!

At Marietta College, our pioneers have the knowledge, passion, and courage to pursue change for the greater good, make a difference in the lives of others, and pave the way for future generations. This month, we feature Eric Gustafson '97.





Founders Day 2024

We hope you enjoy [our video showcasing Marietta College](#) during our annual Founders Day celebration.



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