

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TO: Faculty, Staff, and Students of Lewis & Clark College

FROM: Bruce Suttmeier, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

RE: Call for Pamplin Fellow Nominations

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It is my pleasure to invite you to nominate students who are presently completing their first year at the college as candidates for membership in the Dr. Robert B. Pamplin, Jr., Society of Fellows. The Society recognizes exceptional students who have demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, service, and personal wellness, and whose conduct is marked by integrity and leadership. Seven new Fellows will be inducted into the Society this fall, joining fourteen other undergraduate Fellows, the alumni Fellows from the classes of '94 through '21, the four Pamplin Professors, and the future Fellows in a lifetime association.

- Please refer to the second page of this memo for the profile of the Pamplin Society to familiarize yourself with the purpose of the Society, its composition, and the standards for Fellows.
- Nominations will be through an on-line process. Nominations are due on **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please go to this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeA93XcJGK5KhdYbswJBwWAW7UxG4Yg3TIZeYpum4lkhIdNQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeA93XcJGK5KhdYbswJBwWAW7UxG4Yg3TIZeYpum4lkhIdNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

- At this time, you will only need to submit the name of the student. If the student fulfills the GPA requirement of **3.70**, you will receive an email requesting you to submit an official letter nominating the student. Nomination letter are due on **Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

All academically qualified nominees will be notified and invited to submit letters of application. The selection team—four of the Pamplin Professors, members of the faculty council, and the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences—will assess the complete files and select a field of finalists. Current undergraduate Fellows will interview the finalists on **September 4 & 5, 2021**. If a finalist is participating in an overseas or off-campus program, he or she will be interviewed virtually by the committee. After weighing interview evaluations and making a review of the finalists' files, the selection committee will advance the names and profiles of the seven proposed new Fellows to the President for approval. The new Fellows will be notified of their selection by mid September and will be expected to participate in the Society's fall retreat in the beginning of October.

Thank you for your participation in identifying students worthy of this distinction. Whether or not you are making a nomination, I hope you will take the time to inform yourself about the Pamplin Society by reading the profile on the back of this memo.

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**THE DR. ROBERT B. PAMPLIN, JR., SOCIETY OF FELLOWS  
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE – PORTLAND, OREGON**

An undergraduate honor society was founded at Lewis & Clark College on June 4, 1993. The mission of the society is to establish a model collegiate environment which fosters among undergraduate students the discipline alike of mind, body, and character by nurturing intellect, encouraging academic achievement, valuing integrity of character, and furthering the commitment and ability to work together and to lead. The Society is intended to be a resource to create new generations of leaders, who throughout their lives and careers, will identify new directions, devise the means to pursue them, and succeed in a way that inspires others to perform to their own highest potential.

Dr. Robert B. Pamplin, Jr., an exemplary alumnus of the College, initiated the endowment that sustains the Society during his five-year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. His hope is that the society, which emulates the purpose and standards of the Rhodes Scholar program, will be a model for other American liberal arts colleges.

Now in its 27<sup>th</sup> academic year, the Society's membership stands at two hundred and two. Membership is extended to seven students each year as they begin their second year at the college; it is the highest honor bestowed by the College on its students. Upon graduation from the College, Fellows maintain their membership for life. Four endowed professors are also members of the Society: Janis Lochner became the Pamplin Professor of Science in the fall of 1995; Arthur O'Sullivan was inaugurated as the Pamplin Professor of Economics in March 2002 and David Campion, the Pamplin Associate Professor of History in the Fall of 2011 and Todd Lochner was inaugurated in October 2019 as the Pamplin Associate Professor of Government. As teaching scholars distinguished by sustained achievements in their disciplines and committed service to both academic and broader communities, they exercise leadership and use their talents to the fullest.

The students who are named Pamplin Fellows must meet and maintain the following standards; (1) Exceptional academic ability and intellectual promise, (2) The desire to use individual talents on behalf of a free and democratic society, (3) Commitment to personal wellness, and (4) Unimpeachable personal integrity.

All student Fellows receive an academic support stipend. Financial aid is extended from the Society's endowment to those Fellows who demonstrate need as determined by federal need-analysis guidelines to guarantee they will not have to use loan programs to meet the cost of tuition and fees.

The student Fellows determine, plan, and implement a number of programs that the Society sponsors to enhance the co-curricular educational environment of the College. Each year the Society grants a Teacher of the Year Award and hosts a lecture by a Distinguished Visiting Scholar. Alumni Fellows are expected to advance the purposes of the Society by engaging with other members, contributing perspectives and expertise in the areas of their academic, professional, and civic life and sharing their leadership experiences in service to society.