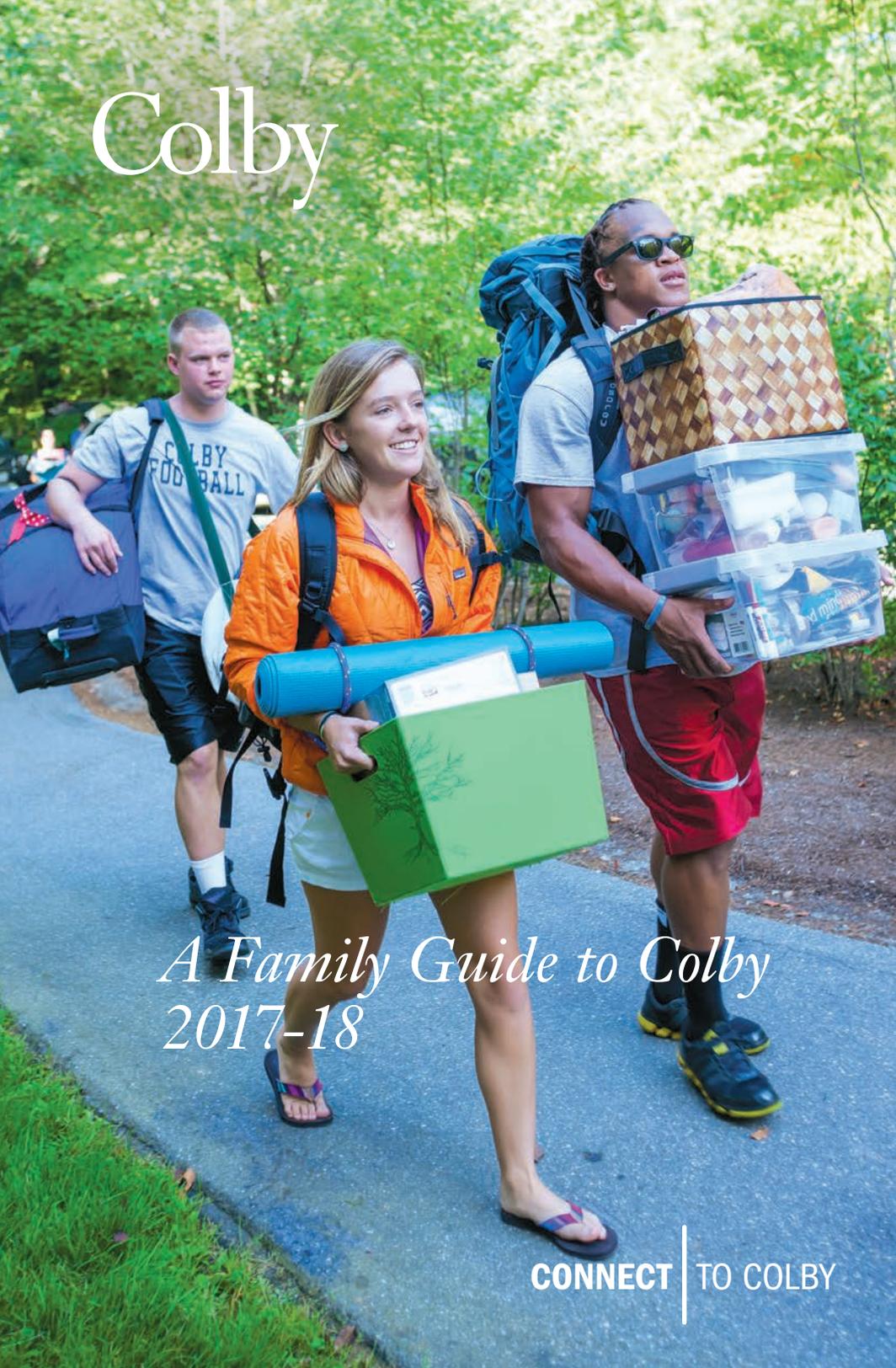


Colby

A photograph of three students walking on a paved path outdoors. The student in the foreground is a young woman with blonde hair, wearing an orange jacket and white shorts, carrying a green box and a blue rolled-up mat. The student in the middle is a young man wearing a grey t-shirt with 'COLBY FOOTBALL' printed on it and black shorts, carrying a dark bag. The student in the background is a young man wearing sunglasses, a blue backpack, and red shorts, carrying a large woven basket and clear plastic storage bins. The background is filled with lush green trees.

*A Family Guide to Colby
2017-18*

CONNECT | TO COLBY



Dear Colby Families,

Welcome to the Colby community for the 2017-18 academic year. We look forward to getting to know you over the next four years.

As you already know, Colby is a special place for students. Colby is also a special place for families. The College community extends beyond the students, faculty, and administration living and working on Mayflower Hill. Families also play an integral and important role in college life. In supporting your student, and the Colby community at large, the College welcomes your engagement.

To help you connect to Colby, we have prepared this guide, which focuses on information of interest to families, including a summary of key resources, a quick reference to student support services, dates and deadlines for your first-year student, and the academic calendar. We hope you find this guide useful over the next 12 months.

We look forward to meeting you at a Colby event on or off campus soon. Should you have questions, big or small, please visit the parents website at colby.edu/parents or contact our office at parents@colby.edu or 207-859-4321.

Best wishes for the year ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Mullen".

Matt Mullen, Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Thurston".

Deb Thurston P'16, Assistant Director



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Finding Information

In the months leading to the start of your student's first semester at Colby, please read communications mailed from the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Campus Life, and use our website (colby.edu/parents) as your gateway to the many resources, program details, contacts, and news items available on Colby's website. If you cannot locate the information you seek, email parents@colby.edu.

Move-In Day

Move-in day for first-year students is Aug. 29, 2017. (If your student is participating in the Colby in Dijon or Colby in Salamanca program, their move-in day on campus is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 7, 2018.) Visit colby.edu/parents/first-year-parents/ for planning tips.

MyColby

MyColby, a secure online portal, is the place to access a variety of student-related service information. Through MyColby, you can pay tuition, apply for financial aid, access student academic and employment information, and load funds onto the ColbyCard—Colby's campus ID and smartcard.

Students receive password-protected access to myColby when they matriculate, and access to the portal is recommended for all parents. Students may grant parents access by following a few simple steps outlined at colby.edu/parents/aboutmycolby. Once students complete those steps, parents have access for all four years.

FAMILY HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Each October more than 1,000 alumni, parents, and friends of Colby return to Mayflower Hill for Family Homecoming Weekend. Activities include visiting selected academic classes, touring facilities, and attending talks Friday during the day. Friday evening and Saturday are full of activities, including a conversation with President David A. Greene, musical performances, lectures, and, of course, the homecoming football game. A full schedule will be online in early fall.

Upcoming Family Homecoming Weekend dates

Oct. 27-29, 2017

Oct. 2018 TBD

Local hotel accommodations and restaurants

Plan ahead. Area hotel rooms fill quickly. Some families stay in hotels in nearby Augusta or rent lakeside cottages. Visit colby.edu/parents or colby.edu/restaurants.

REGIONAL EVENTS

The Office of Parent Programs and the Office of Engagement and Annual Philanthropy organize many regional events for parents and alumni each year. For a list of regional events, visit alumni.colby.edu.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Here's a quick reference guide to assist in making Colby a home away from home for students. A list of resources is linked on the Colby parent website (colby.edu/parents/resources).

Residence hall details: Information about floor plans, window dimensions, furniture and beds, keys, and hall access is available at colby.edu/residentiallife/housing-process.

Sending mail/packages: Each student is assigned a Mayflower Hill number as a school address. For details about how to address mail or packages, visit colby.edu/sendingmail. Boxes can be shipped to campus prior to move-in day (colby.edu/parents/first-year-parents).

Summer storage: Students living more than 750 miles away can box their clothing, linens, and books (excluding appliances, electronics, and furnishings) for storage at Colby over the summer. Students living less than 750 miles away, or needing storage for other items, may make arrangements through a commercial storage company.

TRAVEL

Colby Shuttle: An airport shuttle runs during breaks from Colby to the Portland Concord Coach Lines/Amtrak terminal and to the Portland Jetport. Visit colby.edu/deanofthecollege/colby-holiday-airport-shuttle/

By plane: Boston's Logan Airport is often the least expensive and most direct option. The Portland (Maine) Jetport is about 80 minutes from campus; airports in Bangor and Augusta offer limited flights. Once at the airport, ground transportation via bus, train, or taxi is available. Please visit the airport websites for more information on ground transportation.

By bus: Concord Coach Lines offers daily bus service to and from Colby, stopping in front of the Harold Alfond Athletic Center. For more information visit concordcoachlines.com.

By car: Find directions for driving to campus at colby.edu/directions. For students without a car on campus, Colby offers a student-operated jitney service and local taxis are also available (colby.edu/green/buildings/transportation). Zipcar is a practical alternative to bringing a car to campus. In addition ColbyNow, an app for students, has a ride board for students seeking rides.

COLBY VERNACULAR

These words and acronyms will help you understand the Colby culture.

- Blue Light** The legendary beacon that shines from atop Miller Library.
- Bobs** Nickname for Roberts Building and Dining Hall.
- CCAK** Colby Cares About Kids, a mentoring program that pairs 500+ Colby mentors with area kids at 15 sites in the Waterville area.
- CLAS** Colby Liberal Arts Symposium, a celebration of student scholarship each spring. Visit colby.edu/clas.
- COC** Colby Outing Club, Colby's largest club with 100+ trips a year.
- COOT** Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips, part of the weeklong orientation for new students.
- CVC** The Colby Volunteer Center oversees 20 volunteer programs for civic engagement opportunities in the Waterville area.
- Moodle** Colby's online academic management system: view readings, contact professors, and submit papers.
- PCB** Pugh Community Board, which helps the Pugh Center promote multiculturalism through lectures, performances, and events.
- Pugh Center** A multicultural center devoted to affirming cultural differences and promoting social justice.
- SGA** Student Government Association, which enhances the student experience with programming and policy.
- SPB** The Student Programming Board plans and organizes events.
- The Spa** Not a spa at all, but a snack bar and coffee shop in Cotter Union.
- The Street** Basement of Miller Library, open 24/7 with study rooms and a large, communal hallway with tables and couches.

DEADLINES FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

<u>Tasks to Complete</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Create Colby Account	June 9
Reference Dean of Students email for username and password	
Health Forms	July 17
“Colby I Will Be” Survey	June 20
This helps us assign you an academic advisor	
Mathematics Questionnaire and Placement Test	June 19
myColby Biographical Information	June 19
Residential Preference Form	June 25
Religious and Spiritual Life Survey	June 25
French Placement Exam	June 23
For those with previous French language study. Goes live May 19.	
Parent Financial and Academic Permission	June 23
Fall Course Selection Worksheet Part 1	July 2
COOT Registration (opens June 21)	July 17
Health Insurance Information	July 17
Course Selection Part 2 and Alternatives and Placements	July 17
ConnectEd Emergency Contact Information	Aug. 1
This is the ONLY way Colby can immediately contact you in case of a campus-wide emergency.	
Colby Card Photo	Aug. 15
Reserve airport shuttle seat for arrival day (optional)	Aug. 14
Alcohol Edu	Aug. 29





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 parents@colby.edu
 colby.edu/parents

KEY CONTACTS

Colby offers many resources to acquaint parents with how students seek and receive support in all aspects of their collegiate experience on Mayflower Hill. Below is a list of offices students can contact with questions or concerns.

- Academic Advising** dosoffice@colby.edu
- Athletics Schedule** colby.edu/athleticschedules
- Campus Life** colby.edu/campuslife or campus.life@colby.edu
- Career Center** colby.edu/careercenter or career@colby.edu
- ColbyCard** colby.edu/colbycard
 Information and a link to load funds onto the campus smartcard.
- Counseling Services** counseling@colby.edu
- Course catalogue** colby.edu/catalogue
 Course descriptions, requirements, majors, procedures.
- Dean of Students Office** dosoffice@colby.edu
- Emergency** 207-859-5911
- E & R Laundry** TheCampusLaundry.com or 800-243-7789
 Laundry and dry cleaning with weekly pick up and drop off from dorm room doors.
- Health Services** healthservices@colby.edu or 207-859-4460
- Information Technology Services** its-web@colby.edu
- International Dean** susan.mcdougal@colby.edu
- Learning Differences/Accommodations** joseph.atkins@colby.edu
- myColby portal** (password reset, etc.) mycolby@colby.edu
- President** president@colby.edu
- Registrar** registrar@colby.edu
- Security** security@colby.edu or 207-859-5530
- Student Financial Services** (billing) sfs@colby.edu

Can't find what you're looking for? Contact Parent Programs at colby.edu/parents/resources, parents@colby.edu, or 207-859-4321.

Visit us on campus in the Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center.



2017-18 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

First Semester

- Aug. 29 Class of 2021 move-in day
- Aug. 29-Sept. 5 First-year orientation
 - Sept. 4 Residence halls open; upper classes return
 - Sept. 6 First classes
- Oct. 16-17 Fall recess (no classes)
- Oct. 27-29 Family Homecoming Weekend
- Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving recess
 - Dec. 8 Last classes of first semester
 - Dec. 9 Last day for scheduled events
- Dec. 13-18 Semester examinations
- Dec. 19 Residence halls close for winter recess

January Term

- Jan. 7 Residence halls open
- Jan. 8-Feb. 1 January Program

Second Semester

- Feb. 7 First classes
- March 24-April 1 Spring recess (residence halls closed)
 - May 3 Colby Liberal Arts Symposium (CLAS)
 - May 11 Last classes of second semester
 - May 12 Last day for scheduled events
- May 16-21 Semester examinations
- May 26 Baccalaureate
- May 27 Commencement

Schedule is subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit
colby.edu/academics/calendar/



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