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A Parent’s Guide to Colby
Office of Parent Programs
2015-2016

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MY COLBY

MyColby, a secure online portal, is the place to view bills, 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. Parents may gain access only through their student, and students only need to grant parents access once during their time at Colby.

LINKS FOR PARENTS

- Athletic schedule. Includes webcast schedule. Go Mules! colby.edu/athleticschedule
- Career Center. A four-year curricular. colby.edu/careercenter
- ColbyCard. Information and a link to load funds onto the campus smartcard. colby.edu/colbycard
- COOT. Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips. colby.edu/coot
- Course catalogue. Course descriptions, requirements, majors, procedures. colby.edu/catalogue
- Dorm closure schedule. End-of-semester details including storage. colby.edu/dormclosure
- Financial accounts. Tuition payments and financial aid. colby.edu/sfs
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- Can’t find what you’re looking for? colby.edu/parents/resources
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- Access your student’s academic and employment information. colby.edu/catalogue
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- Go to InsideColby to read student written stories, videos, and photos of campus life. insidecolby.com
- Explore the MuleSports schedule and webcast schedule. colby.edu/athleticschedule
- Access COOT, Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips. colby.edu/coot
- Read the Colby Echo, Colby’s student newspaper. thecolbyecho.com
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FINDING INFORMATION

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TRANSITION

Letting go can be a difficult step for parents of college students. The Dean of Students Office can provide guidance and support as your student transitions into life at Colby. Visit colby.edu/familytransition for links to resources.

MOVE-IN DAY

Move-in day for first-year students is Sept. 1, 2015. (If your student is participating in the Colby in Dijon or Colby in Salamanca program for his or her first semester, the move-in day to campus is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 4, 2016.) Visit colby.edu/parents/first-year-parents for planning tips.

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