Dear Colby Parents,

Welcome to the Colby community for the 2016-17 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 parents. The College community extends beyond the students, faculty, and administration living and working on Mayflower Hill. Parents play an integral and important role in college life. In supporting your son or daughter, and the Colby community at large, your engagement is welcomed by the College.

To help you connect to Colby we have prepared this guide, which focuses on information of interest to parents, including a summary of key resources, a quick reference to student support services, 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 the Office of Parent Giving and Programs at parents@colby.edu or 207-859-4321.

Best wishes for the year ahead.

Julie Middleton, Director

Deb Thurston P’16, Assistant Director
WELCOME

Finding Information
In the months leading up to the start of your daughter’s or son’s first semester as a Colby student, please read communications mailed from the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Campus Life. Also use the Colby parents website (colby.edu/parents) as your gateway to the many resources, program details, contacts, and news items available online. If you cannot locate the information you seek, email parents@colby.edu.

Transition
Letting go can be a difficult step for parents of college students. Resources for transitioning to having your child at Colby can be found at colby.edu/familytransition.

Move-In Day
Move-in day for first-year students is Aug. 28, 2016. (If your student is participating in the Global Entry Semester in Dijon or Salamanca for their first semester, their on-campus move-in day is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 2, 2017.) Visit colby.edu/parents/first-year-parents for planning tips.

MyColby
MyColby, a secure online portal, is the place to find 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.
Parent Giving and Programs

FAMILY HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Each October more than 1,000 alumni, parents, and friends of Colby return to Mayflower Hill for Family Homecoming Weekend. Weekend events include visits to selected academic classes, campus tours, concerts, and performances. Saturday is full of activities including a conversation with President David A. Greene and, of course, the homecoming football game. A full schedule will be listed online in early fall.

Upcoming Family Homecoming Weekend dates
Oct. 7-9, 2016
Oct. 27-29, 2017

Plan ahead. Area hotel rooms fill quickly. Some families stay in hotels in nearby Augusta and others rent lakeside cottages.

Local hotel accommodations and restaurants
Visit colby.edu/parents or colby.edu/restaurants
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 parents website (colby.edu/parents/resources).

Dorm room 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 part of his or her school address. For details about how to address mail or packages, visit colby.edu/how-to-mailship-to-colby. Boxes can be shipped to campus prior to move-in day (visit 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. Colby students who live fewer than 750 miles away or need storage for other items may make arrangements through a commercial storage company.

TRAVEL
By plane: Boston’s Logan Airport is often the least expensive and most direct option. The Portland Jetport in Maine is about 80 minutes from campus. Airports in Bangor and Augusta offer limited flights compared to Portland or Boston. 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. The bus stops in front of Colby’s 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, the Student Government Association provides information about a regular Colby Shuttle to locations in town, the student-operated Colby Jitney, and local taxi companies. Zipcar is also a practical alternative to bringing a car to campus, and the College has a fleet of loaner bicycles (colby.edu/green/buildings/transportation). In addition there’s an online rideshare board for students seeking rides.
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.

COLBY LINGO
Here are some words, phrases, and acronyms specific to Colby that will help you understand what people are talking about once you arrive on the Hill.

Bobs Nickname for the Roberts Building, home of one of the three Colby dining halls.

Blue Light The legendary beacon that shines from the top of Miller Library.

BMR Broadway Musical Revue, a student club that produces a song-and-dance performance.

CCAK Colby Cares About Kids, a school-based mentoring program. Visit colby.edu/caresaboutkids for more information.

CLAS Colby Liberal Arts Symposium, a celebration of student scholarship. The Colby community recognizes the many forms of students’ scholarly engagement. Visit colby.edu/clas for more information.

COOT Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips, part of the weeklong orientation for new students.

SGA Student Government Association, which serves the student body by enhancing the student experience through programming and policy.

The Spa Not a spa at all, rather 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 furnished with tables and couches.
LINKS FOR PARENTS

Advising Deans  colby.edu/advisingdeans

Athletic schedule  Includes webcast schedule. Go Mules!  colby.edu/athleticschedules

Career Center  A four-year cocurricular program  colby.edu/careercenter

Campus Life  colby.edu/campuslife

ColbyCard  Information and link to add funds to the campus smartcard  colby.edu/colbycard

COOT  Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips  colby.edu/coot

Course catalogue:  Course descriptions, requirements, majors, procedures  colby.edu/catalogue

Dining Services  Dining hall menus  colby.edu/diningservices

End-of-semester details:  Dorm closure schedule and storage policy  colby.edu/leavingdorm

Events  colby.edu/events

Financial services  Tuition payments and financial aid  colby.edu/sfs

Jan Plan  The intensive four-week experience between fall and spring semesters  colby.edu/janplan

Student clubs and services  colby.edu/studentactivities

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

On campus? Visit us in the Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center.
KEY CONTACTS
The Colby website offers many resources to better acquaint parents with how students seek and receive support in all aspects of their experience on Mayflower Hill. Below is a list of offices students can contact with questions or concerns.

**Academic Advising** . . . . . . . . . dosoffice@colby.edu

**Campus Life** . . . . . . . . . . . . . campus.life@colby.edu
(student clubs, housing, health and wellness)

**Career Center** . . . . . . . . . . . . . career@colby.edu

**Counseling Services** . . . . . . . . counseling@colby.edu

**Dean of Students Office** . . . . . . . dosoffice@colby.edu
(student affairs)

**Emergency** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 207-859-5911

**Health Services** . . . . . . . . . . . . . hcoffice@colby.edu

**Information Technology Services** . . . . . . . its-web@colby.edu

**International Dean** . . . . . . . . . susan.mcdougal@colby.edu

**Learning Differences/Accommodations** . . . joseph.atkins@colby.edu

**Multicultural Affairs** . . . . . . . . . tashia.bradley@colby.edu

**myColby portal** (password reset, etc.) . . . mycolby@colby.edu

**Off-Campus Study** (study abroad) . . . . . . . . . . . offcamp@colby.edu

**President** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . president@colby.edu

**Provost and Dean of Faculty** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . dof@colby.edu

**Registrar** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . registrar@colby.edu

**Security** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . security@colby.edu
  207-859-5530

**Student Financial Services** (billing) . . . sfs@colby.edu
2016-17 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

First Semester
- Aug. 28: Class of 2020 move-in day
- Aug. 28-Sept. 4: First-year orientation
- Sept. 4: Residence halls open; upper classes return
- Sept. 6: First classes
- Oct. 7-9: Family Homecoming Weekend
- Oct. 17-18: Fall recess (no classes)
- Nov. 23-27: Thanksgiving recess
- Dec. 9: Last classes of first semester
- Dec. 10: Last day for scheduled events
- Dec. 14-19: Semester examinations
- Dec. 20: Residence halls close for winter recess

January Term
- Jan. 2: Global Entry Semester students arrive
- Jan. 2: Residence halls open
- Jan. 3-27: January Program

Second Semester
- Feb. 1: First classes
- March 18-26: Spring recess (residence halls closed)
- April 27: Colby Liberal Arts Symposium (CLAS)
- May 5: Last classes of second semester
- May 6: Last day for scheduled events
- May 10-15: Semester examinations
- May 20: Baccalaureate
- May 21: Commencement

Summer 2017
- June 1-4: Reunion Weekend

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