A Family Guide to Colby
2019-20
Dear Colby Families,

Welcome to the Colby community for the 2019-20 academic year. We look forward to getting to know you during 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 staff living and working on Mayflower Hill and in downtown Waterville. 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.

Julie Hall Williams '01, Interim Director, Parent Giving and Programs

Kimberly F. Kubik, Parent Leadership Gift Officer

Codi Riley, Parent Giving and Programs Coordinator
Greetings Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your student to the Colby community! I cannot wait for the new class to experience the many opportunities we have to offer, and I am equally eager to see the potential and talents that the Class of 2023 will bring to energize the Colby family. The next four years will be filled with engaged learning, new adventures, and memories that will last a lifetime.

As first-year class dean, my primary responsibility is to assist with the transition to Colby and to support the academic efforts of first-year students. I collaborate with students, faculty, and campus leaders to ensure that all members of the Colby community are thriving in their personal, cocurricular, and academic endeavors.

I believe it is fundamentally important to build a community of support around each student, and I am happy to be a partner in ensuring success. I hope you will encourage your student to meet with me, and I am always happy to answer questions from families. Should you have any questions or concerns about academics or how your student is adjusting at Colby, please email me at steven.moran@colby.edu or call my office number: 207-859-4560.

I look forward to meeting you on campus in August!

Respectfully,

Steve Moran
Class Dean for First-Year Students and Programs
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Finding Information
In the months prior to your student’s first semester at Colby, please read communications from the Dean of the College and the Dean of Studies, and use the parent website (colby.edu/parents) as a gateway to resources, program details, contacts, and news items available on Colby’s website. If you cannot locate the information you seek, email parents@colby.edu.

On-campus orientation for Global Entry Semester (GES) students participating in the Colby in Dijon or Colby in Salamanca program is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 24-27. The departure date to fly out is Aug. 27. More information is forthcoming.

Move-In Day
Move-in day for first-year students is Aug. 27. Detailed information is available to students and families in late July. The process of moving into dorms—receiving orientation packets, room keys, and IDs and moving in belongings—takes place in the morning. Visit colby.edu/parents/first-year-parents for planning tips.

MyColby
MyColby, a secure online portal, is the place to access student-related service information.

Students receive password-protected access to myColby when they matriculate, and access to the portal is recommended for all parents or guardians. Students may grant parents access by following a few simple steps outlined at colby.edu/parents/aboutmycolby. Once students complete these steps, parents have access for all four years to pay tuition, apply for financial aid, access student academic and employment information, and load funds onto the ColbyCard—Colby’s campus ID and smartcard.

FAMILY HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Each October more than 1,000 alumni, parents, and friends return to Mayflower Hill for Family Homecoming Weekend. Activities include visiting selected academic classes, touring facilities, and attending events, 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. 4-6, 2019 | Oct. 2020 TBD
Local hotel accommodations and restaurants
Plan ahead. Area hotel rooms fill quickly for homecoming. Some families stay in hotels in nearby Augusta or rent lakeside cottages. Visit colby.edu/restaurants or colby.edu/accommodations for options.

REGIONAL EVENTS
Parent Programs and College Advancement 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 at colby.edu/parents/parent-resources.

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

Sending mail/packages: Each student is assigned a Mayflower Hill number as a school address. Please do not use the College’s general 4000 number. Boxes can be shipped to campus after Aug. 15—no sooner, please. For details about how to address mail or packages, visit colby.edu/sendingmail.

Summer storage: Students can store items at their own risk on a first-come, first-serve basis. They can box their clothing, linens, and books (excluding appliances, electronics, and furnishings) for storage at Colby over the summer. Students need to speak with their community advisors (CAs) to get more information.

TRAVEL
Colby Shuttle: An airport shuttle runs during breaks from Colby to Portland’s jetport, Concord Coach Lines, and Amtrak terminal, picking up in front of the Pugh Center. Ticket information is shared with students during the year.

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: For students without a car on campus, Colby offers a student-operated jitney service, and local taxis are also available. Zipcar is a practical alternative to bringing a car to campus. In addition, ColbyNow, a campus communication app, has a ride board for students seeking rides.
COLBY VERNACULAR

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

**CA** — Community Advisor, a trained student who lives in a residential hall to support students and plan events.

**CCAK** — Colby Cares About Kids, a mentoring program through the Colby Volunteer Center (CVC).

**CER** — Colby Emergency Response, a first-responder organization where trained students work with Colby Security to provide 24/7 emergency on-campus response.

**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, required of all first-year students. Trips are designed to be fun and engaging while preparing students for their transition to living and learning on campus.

**CVC** — The Colby Volunteer Center oversees 20 volunteer programs for civic engagement opportunities in the Waterville Area.

**DavisConnects** — Provides Colby students global, internship, and research experiences regardless of personal networks, connections, and financial means.

**GES** — Global Entry Semester, allows incoming students to study abroad in Dijon, France or Salamanca, Spain.

**Jitney** — A transportation service with a student driver.

**Pugh Center** — A multicultural center devoted to affirming cultural differences and promoting social justice.

**The Spa** — Not a spa at all, but a snack bar and coffee shop in Cotter Union.

**Connect with Colby**

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Our hub of campus news, information, and conversation available online or through a slick mobile app. Delivered daily to your student's inbox. [colby.edu/now](http://colby.edu/now)
### DEADLINES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

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*Check MyColby frequently for final due dates*
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.

Academics and Advising  . colby.edu/studentadvising
Athletics Schedule  . gocolbymules.com
Campus Life and Residential Education  . colby.edu/campuslife
ColbyCard  . colby.edu/colbycard
Information and a link to load funds onto the campus smartcard.
Counseling Services  . colby.edu/healthandcounseling
DavisConnects  . colby.edu/davisconnects
Dean of Students Office  . colby.edu/life/about
Dining Services  . colby.edu/diningservices
Emergency  . 207-859-5911
Health Services  . colby.edu/healthandcounseling
Housing  . colby.edu/residentiallife
Information Technology Services  . colby.edu/its
myColby portal (password reset, etc.)  . colby.edu/mycolby
Registrar  . colby.edu/registraroffice
Security (parking pass)  . 207-859-4000 or 207-859-5530
Student Access and Disability Services  . colby.edu/studentadvising/student-access-and-disability-services
Student Financial Services (billing)  . colby.edu/sfs

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.
### 2019-20 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

#### First Semester
- **Aug. 24-27**: Global Entry Semester orientation (on campus)
- **Aug. 27**: Class of 2023 arrival day
- **Aug. 27-Sept. 3**: First-year orientation
  - **Sept. 2**: Residence halls open; upper classes return
  - **Sept. 4**: First classes
- **Oct. 4-6**: Family Homecoming Weekend
- **Oct. 21-22**: Fall recess (no classes)
- **Nov. 27-Dec. 1**: Thanksgiving recess
  - **Dec. 6**: Last classes of first semester
- **Dec. 11-16**: Semester examinations
- **Dec. 17**: Residence halls close for winter recess

#### January Term
- **Jan. 5**: Residence halls open
- **Jan. 6-30**: January Program

#### Second Semester
- **Feb. 3**: Residence halls open
- **Feb. 5**: First classes
- **March 21-29**: Spring recess (residence halls closed)
- **April 30**: Colby Liberal Arts Symposium (CLAS)
- **May 8**: Last classes of second semester
- **May 13-18**: Semester examinations
- **May 23**: Baccalaureate
- **May 24**: Commencement

Schedule is subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit [colby.edu/academics/calendar](http://colby.edu/academics/calendar)