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General Information

● All students that are enrolled, not away for the fall semester, or not on financial hold are eligible for room draw
● You and/or your proxy are only allowed to pick 1 room and you must be able to fill the room (i.e. 2 people can only pick a double) and once it is picked no changes can be made
● There are no gender designations on rooms for returning students
● Students are unable to hold a spot open for a student who will be returning for Jan-Plan or the spring semester
Room Draw Process:

1. All students must complete the online housing application that goes live on **February 27** and closes at **4 pm on March 10**
2. If this application is not completed your room draw number and pick time will be placed at the bottom of your class year
3. Once a student signs up for specialty housing, that individual is in a binding contract and if they decide to withdraw after buildings have been designated they will also be placed to the bottom of room draw
4. A student that has opted out of specialty housing can be pulled into traditional room draw using their roommate’s number
5. A student that did not sign up specialty housing cannot be pulled into specialty housing after the buildings have been designated
Room Draw Numbers

1. Room draw numbers start at number 1 and run through until everyone is assigned a number.
2. Room draw numbers are randomized by class year starting with rising seniors and ending with rising sophomores.
3. Your room draw number is non-transferable, so if you are being pulled into a room by someone with a better number, you cannot give or sell your own room draw number.
Gender-Neutral Housing

- Colby College housing is entirely gender-neutral for returning students.
- This is a strictly voluntary system so no one will be forced into a gender-neutral room, no matter the circumstances.
- If a student pulls out of a gender-neutral room, the room reverts to the gender of the remaining student.
New for 2017!

- If you pick a room during room draw you **CANNOT** go on the waitlist!
- When you select speciality housing, 2 questions will pop up before you are able to complete the rest of your application. Please be thoughtful in your answers!
- The Williams and Marriner lounges’ will be rooms available for sophomores
How it works:

- Online room draw is done in real time, so rooms will be removed as they are selected.
- You can draft rooms before the room draw starts and if they are still available you can hit “submit” in order to select the room.
- Each student will be assigned a roommate code that is specific to them, this code will only be used if you are choosing to room with another person.
- If you decide to live with another person, you will share your roommate code with them and once everyone has confirmed this group the pick time will change to the person with the best one.
How it works continued...

- One person is responsible for all the roommate codes, this person is considered the “captain”
- Only the captain can select the room so if the captain is unavailable at the pick time make sure to switch the captain position to another member of the group
- Once the room is selected a confirmation email will be sent out with your living location
Speciality Housing Options

- HoPE Housing
- Mind, Body, Spirit (formerly Wellness)
- Quiet Study Community
- Substance Free
HoPE Housing

- Dedicated to asking questions about purposeful work, meaningful lives, and community connections
- A group of select sophomores and juniors in residence both semesters who will live together, build community, and engage in conversation about living on purpose
- Meet once a month to discuss topics such as failure, happiness, courage, greed and family
- Residences will have small groups with a faculty or staff mentor
Mind, Body, Spirit

- Students interested in exploring physical and emotional wellness
- Students will be required to attend 1 program per month put on by their CA or an approved college sponsored program
- Topics include: sleep routines, meditation, yoga, nutrition, and stress reduction
Quiet Study Community

- Will be either a building or floors set aside as 24 hour quiet zones with adjustments for consideration
- A community for students who wish to respect increased sensitivity to noise such as loud music or other audio, and groups conversing in public areas and hallways
Substance Free Housing

- Can either be a residence hall or floors
- For students who don’t use illicit alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other substances
- Students ensure that they will not have any of these substances nor be in the zone when under the influence of these substances
- Also participate in programming to increase awareness on substance use and abuse
Alfond Housing Application

- Class years 17J’s, 18, and 18J’s are eligible for the Alfond Room Draw but can only apply once
- The average of each individual’s room draw numbers will be taken to determine the apartment application number
- Your name can only appear one 1 Alfond application
- You cannot change your group once the application has been submitted
- Alfond application is due **Friday, March 17 by 4pm** before spring break and will be significantly taken into account when assigning Alfond room draw numbers
- **NOT EVERYONE WHO APPLIES WILL GET AN ALFOND ROOM DRAW NUMBER!**
- Alfond room draw will be posted at the time of the announcement of room draw numbers
Alfond Availability and Accommodations

- 9 four-person apartments
- 7 five-person apartments
- 6 six-person apartments
- The apartments come with a fridge, stove, oven, microwave, 1 couch, a dining room table and chairs, build in closets, beds, dressers, desks and chairs
Off Campus Housing and Room Draw

- ~100 students will be granted permission through the room draw to live off campus
- The reduction to your bill will be determined mid-spring semester once an address and cell phone number is submitted
- Off campus housing is considered housing for Colby so if they change their mind they may not be granted a place on Colby’s campus
Medical Accommodation Housing

- If you require medical accommodation housing you must complete the application form and turn it into Karen Platt in the Dean of Students office no later than Friday, March 3rd.
- If you do not complete this application you are not guaranteed accommodated housing after room draw.
Important Info: Rising Sophomores!

- ~170 rising sophomores will be placed on the waitlist because:
  - Juniors do not know their abroad status
  - Us not knowing the size of the incoming first year class
  - Students not knowing if they are returning to Colby
- The students that don’t get a room, will go on a waitlist based off of their room draw numbers
- Over the summer (July/August) the waitlist will be pruned and offers will be made to students
Proxy Process

- If you are unable to attend room draw for any reason you will want to choose a proxy
- Your proxy can be a friend on campus or Campus Life
- If it is a friend, please make sure that person will show up online and use your information appropriately to pick your room
- Your proxy is responsible for picking your room and no changes will be able to be made after a room is selected
Room Moves

- Colby stays true to the room draw system through the summer.
- If a student requests a room move over the summer, and their number was used to get the room, all other members of the room will be removed and put on the waitlist.
- There is a room freeze for the first two weeks of Fall and Jan-Plan semesters, so no moves may be made during this time.
- All housing assignments are tentative, and may be changed by Campus Life, until the start of the school year.