

ORIENTATION



Parent and Family Guide 2025

Colby

Dear Parents and Families of Colby's Class of 2029,

Welcome to Colby College!

We are thrilled to extend our warmest greetings and congratulations to you as your student begins this exciting new chapter. As they embark on their journey at Colby, please know that our entire community is eager to welcome and support them every step of the way.

At Colby, we believe in fostering a vibrant and inclusive learning environment that encourages personal growth, intellectual curiosity, and academic excellence. Regardless of how your student found their way to Colby, we are committed to providing them with a transformative educational experience that will lay the foundation for a successful and meaningful future.

College offers a unique opportunity for students to develop both intellectually and personally, and this is particularly true at Colby. As your student navigates this journey, they will experience significant growth, some of which may be unexpected. There may be times when they face challenges and seek your support. I encourage you to explore Colby's extensive resources, academic programs, and co-curricular activities. Our faculty members are experts in their fields and are committed to mentoring and guiding students in their academic endeavors. Additionally, our dedicated staff provides comprehensive support services, including counseling, career advice, health and wellness programs, and student development initiatives.

Our students perform best when we work together to support them. At Colby, we believe in empowering students and encouraging them to take charge of their own journey. We aim to guide them through complex challenges by fostering their ability to advocate for themselves. While it may be tempting to intervene directly, I encourage you to resist this impulse and instead prompt your student to seek help independently. Rest assured, we are fully prepared to assist with any issues or challenges they may face.

To help you familiarize yourself with Colby, I invite you to explore our online orientation platform. This resource provides comprehensive information about our various programs and offerings. You can access it here: <https://newmule.colby.edu>.

Additionally, I encourage you to join Colby's CampusESP platform, a dedicated website for parents. Through CampusESP, we send monthly newsletters with important updates and information relevant to parents and families. To create your CampusESP account, please visit <https://colby.campusesp.com>.

Once again, congratulations on joining our vibrant community. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you and your student to campus and witnessing their intellectual and personal growth at Colby. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

I look forward to meeting you during your student's time at Colby.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Burkett

Dean of the College

CLASS OF 2029 PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
28
AUGUST

8–9:30 a.m.	CHECK IN AND MOVE IN 1	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of West, Goddard-Hodgkins, Averill, and Leonard can pick up your schedule, residence hall room key, Colby ID Card, guest lunch tickets, and packages. Families can check out the resource fair before heading to their student's assigned room to begin the move-in process and prepare for COOT.
9–10:30 a.m.	CHECK IN AND MOVE IN 2	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of Taylor, Marriner, Paula Crane Lunder, and Piper can pick up your schedule, residence hall room key, Colby ID Card, guest lunch tickets, and packages. Families can check out the resource fair before heading to their student's assigned room to begin the move-in process and prepare for COOT.
10–11:30 a.m.	CHECK IN AND MOVE IN 3	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of Sturtevant, Williams, Jacqueline Núñez, and Johnson can pick up your schedule, residence hall room key, Colby ID Card, guest lunch tickets, and packages. Families can check out the resource fair before heading to their student's assigned room to begin the move-in process and prepare for COOT.
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	LUNCH	Colby Dining Halls	Complimentary lunch open to all incoming students and guests. Each student will be given tickets to attend lunch with their guests at designated dining halls.
1–2 p.m.	ACADEMIC LIFE AT COLBY	Ostrove Auditorium Diamond Building	A faculty panel about academic life at Colby. Faculty will share information about resources available to bolster student success and address potential challenges incoming students may face.
2–3 p.m.	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	Tent on Colby Green	President David A. Greene P'20, '24 formally welcomes parents, families, and guests of the Class of 2029. (Students will have a separate opportunity to hear from the president during orientation.)
3 p.m.	FAMILIES AND PARENTS DEPART		Families should say goodbye to their students prior to the President's Welcome.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

8 a.m.–Noon	COLBY RESOURCE FAIR	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Representatives from Colby departments will provide information and answer questions about on-campus and local resources.
9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m.	CAMPUS TOURS	Lunder House	Student guides will lead tours of the historic Mayflower Hill campus.

On-Campus Resources and Phone Numbers

Colby Emergency Response 207-859-5911	Dean of the College Office 207-859-4780	Facilities Services 207-859-5000	Registrar 207-859-4620
Campus Events Office 207-859-4736	Dean of Students 207-859-4250	MaineGeneral College Health 207-861-6860	Religious and Spiritual Life Office 207-859-4272
Campus Life Office 207-859-4280	Dean of Studies 207-859-4560	Counseling Services 207-859-4490	Security Department 207-859-5530
DavisConnects 207-859-4140	Dining Services 207-859-5460	ITS Student Support 207-859-4222	Student Financial Services 207-859-4132



Visit the Resource Fair!

Thursday, August 28 | 8 a.m.–Noon

Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center

These groups will be offering information at the resource fair:

1. Family Philanthropy & Engagement
2. MaineGeneral College Health
3. Colby Dining
4. Student Employment Office
5. ITS Support Center
6. Office of Religious and Spiritual Life
7. Farnham Writers, Center
8. Miller Library/Colby College Libraries
9. Office of Student Wellness
10. Colby Security
11. Colby College Museum of Art
12. E&R Laundry
13. Colby Counseling Services
14. Colby Emergency Response
15. Concord Coach Lines
16. Colby Arts
17. Colby Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs
18. The Brothers Black Car Service
19. Student Financial Services
20. Civic Engagement
21. Colby Votes
22. Enterprise





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| E7 Admissions and Financial Aid | B3 Garrison-Foster Business Office, Counseling Services, Student Financial Services | C8 Olin Science Center |
| A2 • Alfond Apartments | A8 • Goddard-Hodgkins Hall | D1 Osborne House |
| A4 • AMS (Anthony, Mitchell, Schupf) | E3 Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts | E5 • Ostrove Auditorium |
| C8 Arey Life Sciences Building | B9 • Grossman Hall/DavisConnects | C4 Page Commons Room |
| B5 • Averill Hall | A9 • Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center | A6 • Paula Crane Lunder House |
| A10 • Biomass Plant | B2 • Heights | B7 • Perkins-Wilson Hall |
| C8 Bixler Art and Music Center | E10 Hill House | B8 • Pierce Hall |
| C4 • Bookstore | A3 • Hillside—includes Leonard, Marriner, Sturtevant, Taylor, and Williams halls | A7 • Piper Hall |
| A7 Carol Swann-Daniels House | A5 • Jacqueline Núñez House | C4 Pugh Center |
| D4 • Coburn Hall | A6 • Jane Powers House | C4 • Pulver Pavilion Post Office, Spa (snack bar) |
| A1 Collins Observatory | A6 Johnson Hall | A9 • Roberts Hall Security |
| C5 Cotter Union Post Office, Bookstore, Spa (snack bar) | C7 Keyes Science Building | D2 Runnalls Building |
| C2 • Dana Hall | B3 Lorimer Chapel | E8 • Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center |
| D9 • Davis Science Center | C5 Lovejoy Building IT Services | B9 • Treworgy Hall |
| E5 • Diamond Building | E6 Lunder House (admissions, financial aid) | A5 • West Quad |
| A7 • Drummond Hall | D3 • Mary Low Hall | E2 • Woodman Hall |
| A6 • East Quad | B5 • Miller Library | A1 Young Observatory |
| C6 Eustis Building Registrar, Dean of Students | B7 Mudd Science Building | |
| B11 Facilities Services | C8 • Museum of Art | |
| D3 • Foss Hall | | |

- P Parking
- D Dining hall
- LEED certified
- Pending or partial LEED
- Residence hall

Downtown Waterville Destinations



Bill & Joan Alfond Main Street Commons
150 Main Street



Paul J. Schupf Art Center and the Joan Dignam Schmalz Gallery of Art
93 Main Street



Greene Block + Studios
18 Main Street



Lockwood Hotel
9 Main Street



Colby College Student Packing Guide

Use this checklist to make sure you have everything you need for living at Colby College. Students are encouraged to pack lightly for the fall semester, bringing essential items only. These are suggestions; you should adapt this list to suit your needs. However, please be mindful of the Colby

Code of Conduct. To save on packing and shipping, it might make sense to buy some of these items after you arrive. Additionally, consider packing for one season at a time and switching items during semester breaks.

Popular Items to Pack

ROOM

- Mirror
- Hangers
- Trash can
- Storage bins
- Box/stand-up fan
- LED string lights (holiday lights)
- Command hooks
- Blue painters' tape for hanging items on walls

BEDDING

- Sheets - twin extra-long
- Blanket/comforter
- Mattress cover
- Pillows

RESTROOM/TOILETRIES

- Towels
- Bathrobe
- Bucket/tote for toiletries
- Shower shoes/flip flops
- Personal hygiene items

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Broom & dustpan
- Swiffer
- Small vacuum
- Trash bags
- Cleaning supplies

LAUNDRY

- Detergent
- Hamper/laundry basket

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Medications
- Flashlight
- Thermometer
- Umbrella

CLOTHING

- Rain/winter coat
- Winter boots
- Scarves, gloves, winter hats
- Warm and cool temperature clothing

APPLIANCES

- Microwave
- Mini-Fridge (4.5 cubic feet or smaller)
Microfridge units available to rent

TECHNOLOGY

- Chargers (phone, computer, etc)
- Headphones
- Computer
- Television
- Video game console & games
- Surge protector power strip
- Extension cord (3-prong only)

DOCUMENTS

- Passport
- Drivers license
- Car registration & insurance cards

ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME — **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Air conditioning units of any type (window and portable)
- Alcohol, drugs, and related paraphernalia
- Candles (wickless, decorative, or otherwise), oil lamps, and incense
- Coffee makers other than a Keurig or similar maker without an exposed warming plate
- Extension cords without a surge protector
- Fireworks, flare guns, or any other incendiary device
- Flame-producing or open-heat cooking devices (hot plates, elemental heaters, toasters, toaster ovens, camp stoves)
- Grills of any type
- Guns and other weapons (toy or real)
- Halogen lamps exceeding 250 watts
- LED strip lights (with adhesive backing applied directly to walls)
- Motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, or any other motorized vehicle or device (gas or battery powered)
- Non-LED string lights
- Pets other than non-carnivorous fish in tanks 10-gallons or less in size. Assistance animals must be approved through the Office of Student Access and Disability Services
- Power tools
- Refrigerators over 4.5 cubic feet
- Space heaters or other heating appliances
- Tobacco products - Colby College is a tobacco and smoke-free campus
- Wireless routers and modems

For a comprehensive list of policies, please visit the Colby College Student Handbook.

Stay Informed with CampusESP

Colby College invites all parents and families to register for CampusESP, our official Parent & Family Experience Portal.

CampusESP is designed to keep families informed and engaged by providing access to campus news, important dates, and helpful resources that support your student's academic and social experience at Colby.

Through CampusESP, you can:

- Receive regular email updates tailored to your interests
- Access academic calendars and key campus dates
- Stay informed about important deadlines and announcements
- Learn more about campus services and student support resources
- Discover opportunities to stay connected and involved

We encourage you to sign up and make use of this valuable tool throughout your student's time at Colby.

To get started, scan
this QR code or visit:
colby.campusesp.com



The Colby **AFFIRMATION**

Colby College is a community dedicated to learning and committed to the growth and well-being of all its members.

As a community devoted to intellectual growth, we value academic integrity. We agree to take ownership of our academic work, to submit only work that is our own, to fully acknowledge the research and ideas of others in our work, and to abide by the instructions and regulations governing academic work established by the faculty.

As a community built on respect for ourselves, each other, and our physical environment, we recognize the diversity of people who have gathered here and that genuine inclusivity requires active, honest, and compassionate engagement with one another. We agree to respect each other, to honor community expectations, and to comply with College policies.

As a member of this community, I pledge to hold myself and others accountable to these values.

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