

ORIENTATION



Parent and Family Guide 2026

Colby

Dear Parents and Families of Colby's Class of 2030,

Welcome to Colby College!

We are thrilled to extend our warmest greetings and congratulations to you as your student begins this exciting new chapter. 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 experience. 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 hope you will resist this impulse and instead encourage 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: 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 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 2030 PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
3
SEPTEMBER

7:30–9 a.m.	FIRST YEAR ARRIVAL 1	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of East, Taylor, and Williams 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.
8:30–10 a.m.	FIRST YEAR ARRIVAL 2	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of Drummond, Jacqueline Núñez, 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.
9:30–11 a.m.	FIRST YEAR ARRIVAL 3	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of West, Jane Powers, Piper, and Marriner 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.
10:30–Noon	FIRST YEAR ARRIVAL 4	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of Goddard-Hodgkins, Paula Crane Lunder, and Sturtevant 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 guests. Each student will be given tickets to attend lunch with their guests at designated dining halls.
2 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 2030. (Students will have a separate opportunity to hear from the President during orientation.)
3 p.m.	FAMILIES AND PARENTS DEPART		Families should say farewell to their students prior to the President's Welcome.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

7:30 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.

Campus Resources

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
Residential Experience & Student Engagement 207-859-4280	Dean of Studies 207-859-4560	Counseling Services 207-859-4490	Campus Safety 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, September 3 | 7:30 a.m.–Noon

Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center

These groups will be offering information at the resource fair:

- Colby Family Philanthropy
- MaineGeneral College Health
- Colby Dining
- Recruitment and Hiring
- ITS Support Center
- Office of Religious and Spiritual Life
- Farnham Writers' Center
- Miller Library/Colby College Libraries
- Office of Student Wellness
- Colby Campus Safety
- Colby College Museum of Art
- E&R Laundry
- Counseling Services
- Colby Emergency Response
- Concord Coach Lines
- Colby Arts
- Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs
- The Brothers Black Car Service
- Student Financial Services
- Civic Engagement
- Colby Votes
- Enterprise
- Colby Bookstore
- Colby DavisConnects



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, portable induction cooktops, toasters, toaster ovens, camp stoves)
- Grills of any type
- Guns and other weapons (toy or real)
- Halogen lamps
- LED strip lights (with adhesive backing applied directly to walls)
- Motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, or any other motorized vehicle or device (gas or battery powered), including e-Bikes, E- Scooters, hover-boards or devices that use lithium ion batteries)
- 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.

Keeping up with Colby!

Family Philanthropy Welcomes You to Colby!

The Parent Council is a group of more than 170 current Colby families who support, volunteer and serve as ambassadors for the College. Many Parent Council families lead philanthropically, with annual contributions to the Colby Fund to ensure that each student's experience is hallmarked by intellectual innovation across disciplines and meaningful connections that extend far beyond Mayflower Hill.

We hope you will consider joining this vibrant parent group and contributing to Colby in a way that is meaningful to you.

Learn More, scan this QR code or visit:

<https://alumni.colby.edu/alumni-and-families/families/>



Join the ColbyConnection

We warmly invite you to join the ColbyConnection, a new Colby-only online community specifically designed to foster meaningful connections and opportunity referrals among students, alumni, parents and friends of the College.

Learn more, scan this QR Code or visit:

<https://connection.colby.edu/>



Welcome to Colby from DavisConnects!

DavisConnects prepares Colby students to succeed during and beyond college through access to transformative experiences, meaningful professional connections, and the resources to design their future with confidence. Stay informed and engaged by:

Subscribing to the "Just for You" Newsletter

Join the hundreds of parents and families who subscribe to DavisConnects' "Just for You" Newsletter, a weekly newsletter highlighting upcoming career and life design programs, "just referred for Colby" internship, research and job opportunities, on-campus hiring and recruitment events and more for students across class years!

Learn more, scan this QR Code or visit:

<https://bit.ly/2026-2027DavisConnectsJustForYouNewsletterSignUpForm>



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:
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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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