

ORIENTATION



Student Guide 2026

Colby



On-Campus Resources and Phone Numbers

Campus Safety	207-859-5530	Facilities Services	207-859-5000
Colby Emergency Response	207-859-5911	MaineGeneral College Health	207-861-6860
Campus Events Office (Eustis)	207-859-4736	Counseling Services (Garrison-Foster)	207-859-4490
Residential Experience & Student Engagement (Cotter Union)	207-859-4280	ITS Student Support (Lovejoy)	207-859-4222
DavisConnects (Grossman)	207-859-4140	Jitney	207-859-5530
Dean of the College Office (Eustis)	207-859-4780	Registrar (Eustis)	207-859-4620
Dean of Students (Eustis)	207-859-4250	Religious and Spiritual Life Office	207-859-4272
Dean of Studies (Eustis)	207-859-4560	Student Financial Services (Garrison-Foster)	207-859-4132
Dining Services	207-859-5460	Student Government Association (SGA) (Cotter Union)	207-859-4080

Dear Class of 2030 and Incoming Transfer Students,

Welcome to Colby College!

We are thrilled to extend our warmest greetings and congratulations as you begin this exciting chapter in your life. As you embark on your journey at Colby, please know that our entire community is eager to welcome you and committed to supporting you 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. Whether you're joining us as a first-year or a transfer student, we are committed to providing you with a transformative educational experience that will lay the foundation for a successful and meaningful future.

We encourage you to explore the wide array of academic programs, co-curricular activities, and resources available to you. Our faculty members are experts in their fields and are dedicated to mentoring and guiding you in your academic pursuits. Likewise, our staff provides comprehensive support services, including counseling, career advice, wellness, and student development programs.

As you settle in, you will find a diverse and inclusive community where students from various backgrounds come together to exchange ideas, build lasting friendships, and broaden their perspectives. You will have the opportunity to engage in campus life through student organizations, events, and clubs that represent a wide range of interests. We encourage you to take an active role in shaping your Colby experience. Your voice matters to us, and we value your input in making our College an even better place for all students.

The orientation program focuses on helping you develop a deeper understanding of the academic and personal journey you are beginning. You will be able to learn about resources and create and build connections by meeting new people, making friends, becoming familiar with your new surroundings, and engaging in important conversations that will continue in and out of classrooms. We believe that through thoughtful conversations about topics related to diversity and inclusion, making responsible choices, preventing sexual violence, and building respectful residential communities, you will be better prepared to live in community and learn useful skills that you will apply at Colby and later in life.

Your transition to Colby begins now. In the coming weeks, Mule Life, our student engagement platform, will function as your one-stop shop, home to further communications through a weekly newsletter, and action items to complete.

Once again, congratulations on joining our vibrant community. We look forward to witnessing your intellectual and personal growth. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us. All of us at Colby are here to help.

I look forward to connecting with you during your time on campus.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Burkett

Dean of the College



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| E7 Admissions and Financial Aid | B3 Garrison-Foster Business Office, Counseling Services, Student Financial Services | B7 Mudd Science Building |
| A2 • Alfond Apartments | A8 • Goddard-Hodgkins Hall | C8 Museum of Art |
| A4 • AMS (Anthony, Mitchell, Schupf) | E3 Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts | C8 Olin Science Center |
| C8 Arey Life Sciences Building | B9 • Grossman Hall/DavisConnects | D5 • O'Neil House |
| B5 • Averill Hall | A9 • Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center | D1 Osborne House |
| A10 • Biomass Plant | B2 • Heights | E5 • Ostrove Auditorium |
| C8 Bixler Art and Music Center | E10 Hill House | C4 Page Commons Room |
| C4 • Bookstore | A3 • Hillside—includes Leonard, Marriner, Sturtevant, Taylor, and Williams halls | A6 • Paula Crane Lunder House |
| A7 Carol Swann-Daniels House | D5 • Igarashi House | B7 • Perkins-Wilson Hall |
| D5 • Charlie Bassett House | A5 • Jacqueline Núñez House | B8 • Pierce Hall |
| D4 • Coburn Hall | A6 • Jane Powers House | A7 • Piper Hall |
| A1 Collins Observatory | A6 Johnson Hall | C4 Pugh Center |
| C5 Cotter Union Bookstore, Pugh Center, Pulver Pavilion | C7 Keyes Science Building | C4 • Pulver Pavilion Post Office, Spa (snack bar) |
| C2 • Dana Hall | D2 Levine's Discovery Headquarters | A9 • Roberts Hall Security |
| D9 • Davis Science Center | B3 Lorimer Chapel | E8 • Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center |
| E5 • Diamond Building | C5 Lovejoy Building IT Services | B9 • Treworgy Hall |
| A7 • Drummond Hall | E6 Lunder House (admissions, financial aid) | D5 • Werlin House |
| A6 • East Quad | D3 • Mary Low Hall | A5 • West Quad |
| C6 Eustis Building Registrar, Dean of Students | D5 • Mayflower House | E2 • Woodman Hall |
| B11 Facilities Services | B5 • Miller Library | A1 Young Observatory |
| D3 • Foss Hall | | |

- P Parking
- ⚡ EV Charging
- 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 Schmaltz
Gallery of Art**
93 Main Street



Greene Block + Studios
18 Main Street



Lockwood Hotel
9 Main Street

Colby

CLASS OF 2030 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
3
SEPTEMBER

7:30–12 p.m.	FIRST YEAR ARRIVALS	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	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.
7:30–9 a.m.	FIRST YEAR ARRIVAL 1	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of East, Taylor, and Williams.
8:30–10 a.m.	FIRST YEAR ARRIVAL 2	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of Drummond, Jacqueline Núñez, and Leonard.
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.
10:30–Noon	FIRST YEAR ARRIVAL 4	Field House, Harold Alfond Athletics and Recreation Center	Residents of Goddard-Hodgkins, Paula Crane Lunder, and Sturtevant.
8 a.m.–Noon	COLBY RESOURCE FAIR*	Field House	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 tour guides will lead tours of the historic Mayflower Hill campus.
9 a.m.–3 p.m.	COLBY COMPUTER CONNECT*	Leonard Lounge 104 & West Quad Lounge 113	If you need support connecting your computer to the network and printers on campus, ITS staff is available to assist you and answer questions.
11 a.m.–2 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.
2–3 p.m.	UNPACK AND PREPARE FOR COOT	On Your Own	Following check-in with COOT in the Field House, use this time to pack your bags for COOT and unpack your room. Your COOT Leader can help you if you have items you need for your trip.
3–4 p.m.	MEETING YOUR RESIDENCE HALL COMMUNITY	Your Residence Hall Main Lounge	Meet fellow Residents and your Community Advisor (CA), who will facilitate games and icebreakers to introduce you to your new living community. CAs will accompany FY residents to the Colby Welcome.
4:30–5:15 p.m.	COLBY WELCOME	Tent on Colby Green	Join President Greene, Provost Bruesewitz, and Dean Burkett for a formal welcome to Colby.
5:15–6:15 p.m.	MEET YOUR O GROUP	Directly outside of tent on Colby Green	Meet your orientation leader (OL) and a small group of fellow classmates in your orientation group (O Group).
6:15–8:15 p.m.	DINNER & PREP WITH COOT	Dining Halls	Eat dinner with your COOT groups and prepare for your COOT.
9–10 p.m.	COOT WELCOME	Tent on Colby Green	Leader energy and excitement session!

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FRIDAY
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SEPTEMBER

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7–8:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST		Dining Halls
8:30–10:30 a.m.	MORNING SESSIONS (1)		
8:30–10 a.m.	SC	ULTIMATE CAMPUS CHALLENGE	O Groups 1-12, Studio 1 in Gordon Center Teams of 4-5 compete in challenges to win a Grand Prize.
8:30–10 a.m.	W	NOTICE AND CONNECT	O Groups 13-24, Page Commons Counseling Staff provide mental health resources available to students.
8:30–9:15 a.m.	NC	FIRST YEAR CLASS DEAN WELCOME	O Groups 25-37, Performance Hall Gordon Center Meet Dean Jillian M. Duquaine-Watson and learn about student resources for first year students.
9:15 a.m.–10 a.m.	BH	C.A.R.E. TO CONNECT: FINDING YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH STORY AND UNDERSTANDING	O Groups 25-37, Performance Hall Gordon Center Discover the C.A.R.E. framework, an important tool for navigating college life and broadening your horizons. During this interactive session, you will have the opportunity to share your own unique story, listen deeply to your peers, and build meaningful connections from day one.
10:30–Noon	MORNING SESSIONS (2)		
10:30 a.m. – Noon	SC	ULTIMATE CAMPUS CHALLENGE	O Groups 13-24, Studio 1 Gordon Center Teams of 4-5 compete in challenges to win a Grand Prize.
10:30 a.m. – Noon	W	NOTICE AND CONNECT	O Groups 25-37, Page Commons Counseling Staff provide mental health resources available to students.
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Noon–1 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK		Dining Halls

First Year Experience Outcomes

- AS Academic Success and Lifelong Learning
- BH Broadening Horizons
- NC Navigating Colby
- SC Social Connections
- W Wellness

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1-2:30 p.m. AFTERNOON SESSION (1)				
1 – 2:30 p.m.	SC	ULTIMATE CAMPUS CHALLENGE	O Groups 25-37, Studio 1 Gordon Center	Teams of 4-5 compete in challenges to win a Grand Prize.
1 – 2:30 p.m.	W	NOTICE AND CONNECT	O Groups 1-12, Page Commons	Counseling Staff provide mental health resources available to students.
1 – 1:45 p.m.	NC	FIRST YEAR CLASS DEAN WELCOME	O Groups 13-24, Performance Hall Gordon Center	Meet Dean Jillian M. Duquaine-Watson and learn about student resources for first year students.
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	BH	C.A.R.E. TO CONNECT: FINDING YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH STORY AND UNDERSTANDING	O Groups 13-24, Performance Hall Gordon Center	Discover the C.A.R.E. framework, an important tool for navigating college life and broadening your horizons. During this interactive session, you will have the opportunity to share your own unique story, listen deeply to your peers, and build meaningful connections from day one.
2:30 – 3 p.m.		GRAB COOT GEAR	Your Residence Halls	Students will grab their bag with the required COOT gear for their trip. If you are missing an item, COOT Leaders will work with our team to get you what you need.
3-4 p.m.		COOT DUFFLE SHUFFLE	O-Group Locations	Bring all your COOT gear for a group review and prepare for COOT. The COOT team will ensure all students have what they need for their trip.
4-5 p.m.	SC	GROUP ACTIVITIES	O-Group Locations	
5:30-6 p.m.		FINAL COOT TRIP CHECK-IN	O-Group Locations	
6-8 p.m.	SC	DINNER WITH CA & HALL COMMUNITY BUILDING	Dining Halls	Attend dinner with your hall and participate in hall community building activities led by your CA.
8-10 p.m.	SC	NIGHT IN ACTIVITY	FY Residence Halls	Enjoy a night in with your Community Advisor (CA) and peers in your new residence hall community.



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SATURDAY
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SEPTEMBER

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6–10 a.m.

BREAKFAST

Roberts (only)

Meet your COOT leaders in Roberts dining hall to grab breakfast, pack your lunch, and depart for COOT.

6–11 a.m.

COOT GROUPS DEPART

Roberts Lot

Outdoor fun awaits! Be sure to take your room key with you and lock your door on the way out. All COOTs depart at different times. If you have questions reach out to your COOT leaders.

SUNDAY
6
SEPTEMBER



MONDAY
7
SEPTEMBER

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

COOT GROUPS RETURN

AMS Basement

Make sure all borrowed gear is returned to the AMS basement. If you have questions, reach out to your COOT leader.

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

LUNCH*

Dining Hall

Dana and Roberts will be open for lunch and dinner.

4–5 p.m.

O GROUP MEETINGS

O Group Location

Welcome back to Colby! Debrief your COOT experience in your O Groups and learn about what's next.

5–8 p.m.

DINNER AND WELCOME
BACK PARTY WITH A
COLBY CASINO

Lorimer Lawn

Join the Colby community for a welcome back party on Lorimer Lawn with activities, food trucks and more!

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TUESDAY
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SEPTEMBER

7–10 a.m.		BREAKFAST*	Roberts and Dana Dining Halls	The Spa is also open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.	
11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.		BREAKFAST*	Foss Dining Hall		
8–10 a.m.	AS	LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMS*	Various rooms in Lovejoy Building	You should take a foreign language placement exam regardless of your current plans for foreign language study. These exams are given only during orientation. Contact your first-year advisor with questions.	
		German Room 207	Italian Room 303	Latin Room 202	Russian Room 450 Hebrew Room 301
9–11 a.m.		STUDENT JOB FAIR*	Parker Reed, SSW Alumni Center	Learn about open positions, get resume support, and apply for on campus employment.	
10–11 a.m.		CALCULUS INFORMATION SESSION*	Davis 201	This session will provide information on calculus placement, course content, and early mathematics advising.	
10 a.m.–Noon	AS	INDIVIDUAL ADVISING		Visit Colby Workday Academics dashboard for your liberal arts advisor information and office location.	
Noon–1:00 p.m		PRE-HEALTH ADVISING*	Ostrove Auditorium, Diamond Building	Students interested in a career in a health-related field should attend this session to hear from advisors about courses and activities to successfully pursue a career in health care.	
Noon–1:30 p.m		LUNCH	Dining Halls	OL will determine time and location for lunch.	
1:30–2 p.m.		O GROUP MEETING	O Group Location	Meet with your O Group to prepare for First Class. Come dressed up for Convocation.	
2–3 p.m.	AS	FIRST CLASS	Follow O Group to Location	An introduction to the dedication to intellectual exploration that is integral to Colby’s academic experience. Learn about the Colby faculty syllabi and get a preview into classroom life.	
3:30 p.m.		LINE UP FOR CONVOCATION	Meet on the Patio behind East & West	Two lines will be formed with even numbered O Groups lining up on the right, and odd numbered O Groups lining up on the left.	
4:00 p.m.		COMMUNITY CONVOCATION	Lorimer Chapel Lawn	A 200-year-old tradition that celebrates the opening of the academic year and illuminates the common bond Colby community members share: a commitment to an engaged intellectual life and a journey of discovery and growth.	
5–8 p.m.		ALL CAMPUS BBQ	Tent on Colby Green	Join us for a Community BBQ with some live music, lawn games, and Inflatables!	

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Your Wellness @ Colby

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Eight Dimension of Wellness, 2016



The Colby Support System

Wellness is more than just your physical health. It's your social support, financial security, intellectual & spiritual fulfillment, and more — all of which are interconnected pieces of your total wellbeing.

Maintaining balance across areas of wellness will create a strong foundation for making the most of all Colby has to offer, both in the classroom and beyond.

A Few Resources for Your Wellness

Physical

Health Services
at MaineGeneral
College Health



Emotional

Counseling
Services



Financial

Student
Success Fund



Environmental

Outdoor
Education



Learn about all the other Colby resources to support your wellbeing — Religious & Spiritual Life, Recreation, Access & Disability Services, and many more — by emailing wellness@colby.edu.

Grow Your Wellness Today — with Gratitude

1. Pause a moment, and think about **3 things** you are grateful for **RIGHT NOW**.
2. Reflect on the **people, experiences, resources, & interactions** that made your day better.
3. **Now express it!** Telling others or journaling about it will attune your awareness to notice more and more of these things until *'gratitude-colored glasses'* become your default.
4. Seeing life through a **grateful lens** will boost your mood, enhance your relationships, and even strengthen your immune system.

— With thanks from Colby Student Wellness



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
- DavisConnects



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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