



Colby·Sawyer
College

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

March, 2020

Message from the Vice President for Student Development & Dean of Students

March 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

As you can see from the picture below, we are tapping trees on campus and also coming to the mid-point in the semester. Following this message you will find some important dates and available resources for students. The staff is preparing for room draw and fall registration.

Also approaching is truly one of my favorite times on campus where the college community sets aside time to view and listen to the amazing work by the senior students. The annual Susan Colby Colgate Scholars' Symposium will start on the afternoon of Monday, April 21, through Tuesday, April 23, in locations across campus. Students from across all majors and programs will present their scholarly and creative works. The symposium features the capstone projects of our students as well as some work by underclass students. These capstone projects are designed to allow students to demonstrate their accumulated knowledge and the learning outcomes of the major and a liberal arts education. We cordially welcome you, your families and friends to attend this symposium.

Sincerely,

Robin Burroughs Davis, JD



IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Like many colleges and universities across the country, Colby-Sawyer is closely monitoring the status of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are happy to report that, to date, there are no reported cases of Coronavirus at Colby-Sawyer. The health of our students, faculty and staff remains the college's utmost priority, and we will continue to monitor Coronavirus's impact both in the United States and abroad. As we approach spring break beginning March 9, Colby-Sawyer would like to remind students and their families to regularly check the CDC website – [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) – for the most up-to-date information regarding travel restrictions abroad. In the event anyone within the Colby-Sawyer community displays symptoms resembling Coronavirus and has traveled to affected areas, or is deemed to have met other risk factors, the college is prepared to follow the proper protocols as determined by CDC guidelines. A website featuring helpful tips, resources and information on the college's procedures regarding Coronavirus can be found at <https://colby-sawyer.edu/coronavirus> and will be updated as warranted. Anyone with questions regarding Coronavirus and the college's handling of this issue should contact the Baird Health & Counseling Center at 603-526-3621 or by email at bhcc@colby-sawyer.edu.

Pam Spear, director of Baird Health & Counseling Center

COLBY-SAWYER INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS SAFETY

On behalf of the Colby-Sawyer Incident Response Team and the Department of Campus Safety, please use the link below to access the January 2020 Emergency Preparedness Newsletter to learn what you can do to become more prepared for an emergency on or off campus.

<https://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/offices/safety/Emergency-Preparedness-Happenings-Jan-2020.pdf>

Peter Berthiaume, director of Campus Safety and Emergency Management

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

It's hard to believe, but it's almost time for students to select their housing for 2020-21! On Monday, March 16, students will receive an email with all the information they'll need to participate in Room Draw, the online process through which they'll sign their annual room and board contract and select their room and roommates for next year. If your student has questions about Room Draw, please direct them to the March 16th email. The email will include a link to the Room Draw site on myColby-Sawyer, which has detailed information about the process and a lengthy Frequently Asked Questions list. The actual room selection will take place in April.

Back in January, we emailed students to let them know that if they need special housing accommodation next year due to a disability, they need to apply for the accommodation through the office of Access Resources, even if they currently have a housing accommodation. Those requests and the supporting documentation are due to Access Resources by Friday, March 20. The request form can be found at <https://colby-sawyer.edu/access-resources>.

It's also important to remember that students who entered the college in Fall 2017 or later are required to live on campus unless they have been granted an exception to our residency requirement, which can be found at <https://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/resed/Residency-Requirement.pdf>. Students who entered the college in Spring, 2017 or earlier may choose to live off campus. If they choose a room during the Room Draw process, they may break their contracts without penalty by May 15. After May 15, they will be responsible for paying the full cost of room and board for the year.

We know this can be a stressful process for students, especially if this is their first time selecting a room. Please know that we are working hard to give them all the information they need to be successful. And please remind them to check their email daily throughout March and April!

Mary McLaughlin, director of Residential Education

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

- Mid semester grades will be posted by March 18th
- Fall registration starts on March 23rd through 25th
(juniors and seniors on the 23rd, sophomores on the 24th, first year students on the 25th)
- Deadline to withdraw from classes with the grade of 'W' is March 27th
- Final Exams start on May 1st through 4th

Diane Driscoll, registrar

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

Crunch time will be here soon and many students will be busy working on projects, finishing up Capstones, writing papers, and registering for fall classes. If your students are concerned about how these last weeks will play out academically, the Student Learning Collaborative (SLC) is a great resource. We offer writing consultations, one-on-one course content tutoring, study skills consultations, and study groups. To learn more, students can find our tutoring calendar here: <http://library.colby-sawyer.edu/SLCOnline>. Students can also reach SLC staff by emailing learning@colby-sawyer.edu or stopping by room 501 in the library.

Caren Baldwin-DiMeo, director of Student Learning Collaborative

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM STUDENT SUCCESS AND RETENTION

The time change and increased sunshine will soon be lifting all of our spirits as our long winter draws to a close. Students welcome the time off during spring break after putting in several weeks of hard work! However, occasionally students have a difficult time returning from break, especially first year students. Many students will have spent time with old friends or family, slept in their own bed, and eaten their favorite foods. It can be tough to leave home, even if they enjoy their time at CSC. To help them reintegrate and enjoy their remaining weeks, encourage your student to:

- stay on campus most weekends
- take adventures in the local community (New London, Concord, Hanover, etc.)
- get involved with friends and clubs
- attend campus events
- work out, sleep, and eat regularly
- use their academic supports on campus

Happy (almost!) Spring

Erica Webb, director of Student Success and Retention

Financial Services

Contact: billing@colby-sawyer.edu or (603) 526-3744

Student Tuition Due Dates

- Fall Incoming Students: July 15, 2020
- Fall Returning Students: August 1, 2020
- Spring all Students: December 1, 2020

*Late fee applies if the tuition deadline is not paid by the due date: \$100 full-time and \$25 part-time/online.



Remember you can shop anytime [The STABLE - Colby-Sawyer's Campus Store](#)
Contact store manager Alison Seward at 603-526-1869, alison.seward@colby-sawyer.edu.



Last year, we held our first annual Day of Giving and it was a huge success. Setting our goal at 300 donors, the day concluded with 837 alumni, parents and friends choosing to make an investment in Colby-Sawyer. This year, we have set our sights a little higher, and are hoping you can join us on Thursday, April 16 as we strive to reach 900 donors in 24 hours. We hope you will follow along during this exciting day as we illustrate the power of the Colby-Sawyer community.

Luke Gorman, director for Annual Giving & Operations
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