



Colby·Sawyer College

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER from the Office of Student Development
March 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

The final days of February are getting longer and sunnier! Finally, we can look ahead to the arrival of spring weather. On March 11th at 7:00PM the residential halls will close for spring break. They will re-open the evening of Sunday, March 20th. If your student has any additional questions about that information, they should email Residential Education at residential@colby-sawyer.edu.

When your students return to campus, it will be the “big push” until the end of the semester. Please encourage your students to utilize their academic and student support services available to them. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a restful and rejuvenating spring break!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robin B. Davis'.

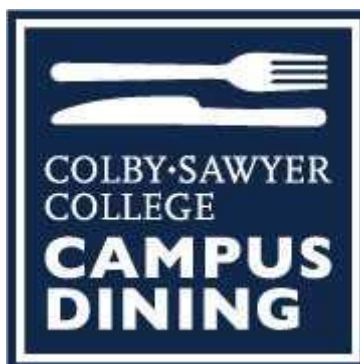
Robin Burroughs Davis, J.D.

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COMMENCEMENT NEWS:

- Please be sure to check the Colby-Sawyer College website for the most up to date news regarding Commencement activities. Click this link for more information: <https://colby-sawyer.edu/commencement>
- Students who plan to march in the Commencement Ceremony must wear academic regalia. Masters and Baccalaureate degree students wear a black gown, mortar-board (black hat), tassel and colorful hood. Associate degree students do not wear a hood. Regalia must be ordered for no cost at The Stable during the week of March 21. All regalia orders must be placed by April 1. Students must pick up regalia at The Stable during Senior Week.
- Information about ordering graduation announcements, class rings, diploma frames and more will be sent out the first week of March from the store manager. You are welcome to shop on line at <https://shop.colby-sawyer.edu>. Graduation announcements may be ordered at www.cbgrad.balfour.com. For more information contact Alison Seward, store manager, 603.526.1869 or alison.seward@colby-sawyer.edu.
- For a list of lodging options: <https://lakesunapeeregionchamber.com/>



Please reach out to Leslie Ekstrand, General Manager, Colby-Sawyer Dining Services at Leslie.Ekstrand@colby-sawyer.edu or call 603.526.3989 with questions or concerns. Leslie is always available to meet with students about their dietary needs and requests.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEWS:

Spring Break Travel:

The residence halls close on Friday, March 11th at 7pm and re-open at 9am on Sunday, March 20th. Students received a detailed email about this school closing on Tuesday, February 22nd. If your student has any additional questions about that information, they should email Residential Education at residential@colby-sawyer.edu.

Please have your student contact Jen Schad, Program Manager for Student Development, (jen.schad@colby-sawyer.edu) if they need assistance on March 11th or 20th with travel to and/or from the Manchester Airport or to the Dartmouth Coach bus stop in New London which transports passengers to South Station and Logan Airport in Boston.

*Tickets for Dartmouth Coach bus trips must be purchased independently ahead of time on their website <https://dartmouthcoach.com/>. Dartmouth Coach does not guarantee seats even if a ticket has been purchased, so remember to allow a buffer of extra time, especially if your student is making a connection at Logan Airport. It is best to catch an earlier bus than needed and have a longer wait at the airport than to risk not making it to a flight in time. Winter weather should also be considered, as it can be unpredictable and cause unanticipated travel problems.

***Best Transportation LLC** (603.448.4004 or 603.543.7139) is the local, independent transportation service in the area. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.bestuvride.com/>

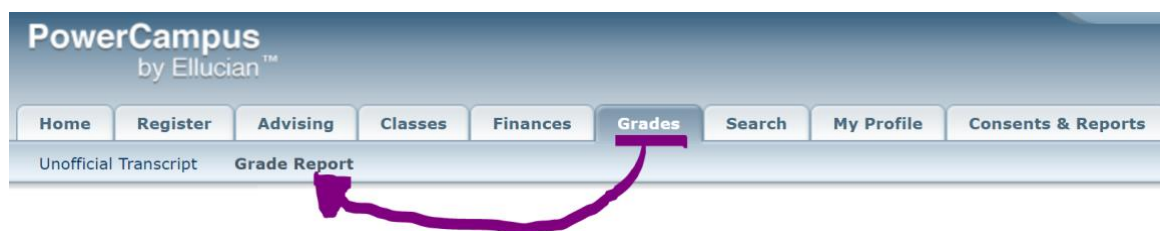
Jen Schad, Program Manager
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A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SUCCESS & RETENTION:

Hello families,

Every year I look forward to the increase in sunshine and gradually warming days. Everyone begins to loosen and unfold a bit as our spirits lift! March is a time for big changes, big emotions, and big plans! There are 3 things that parents and families can help their students with at this time of year: midterm grade reminders, a healthy return from spring break, and registration reminders.

1. **Encourage them to check their mid-term grades over spring break:** By March 14th, faculty members will be submitting midterm grades for students earning less than a C in their course. Students can find these grades on [PowerCAMPUS Self-Service](#), on the "Grades" tab and "Grade Report" page. Remind your student that these grades only show a *portion* of the semester! In most cases, students are making great progress at midterms, and if they are having trouble there is time to improve. If your students isn't feeling successful in a class, they still have the [option to withdraw from a class until March 25th](#). If they have concerns they should speak to their faculty members and their academic advisor right away. They are here to help!



2. **Support their healthy return from spring break (March 11-20):** Students welcome the time off after putting in several weeks of hard work! Occasionally, students may have a difficult time returning from break, especially first year students. To help them reintegrate and enjoy their remaining weeks, encourage your student to
 - o stay on campus most weekends and take adventures in the local community (New London, Concord, Hanover, etc.)
 - o get involved with friends and campus events. Clubs are still accepting members!
 - o care for their bodies by [exercising](#), [sleeping](#), and [eating](#) regularly
 - o visit the [Student Learning Collaborative](#) for academic tutoring, editing, and review sessions
3. **Fall (and summer) registration March 28th - April 1st:** It is very important for students to meet 1:1 with their advisors in the weeks prior to registration to make sure they know the courses to choose to stay on track for graduation!

Thank you for supporting your students from afar and for teaching them how to advocate for themselves! If you have questions, never hesitate to email me at ewebb@colby-sawyer.edu.

Happy (almost!) Spring,

Erica Webb, Director of Student Success and Retention

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION:

It's hard to believe, but it's almost time for students to select their housing for 2022-2023! On Monday, March 21, students will receive an email with all of 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 21st 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. We recently emailed students to let them know that if they need a 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 25th. If you have any questions, you can contact accessresources@colby-sawyer.edu. 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!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns through email at residential@colby-sawyer.edu. We welcome your emails at any time.

Dave Zamansky, Director of Residential Education



FROM THE MAILROOM:

Spring Semester Mailroom Window Hours:

- Monday, 11 – 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, 11 – 5 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11 – 5 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.
- Thursday, 11 – 5 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.
- Friday, 11 – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, 11 – 2 p.m.

(In the event of inclement weather or any other reason for the college to be closed, the Mailroom will also be closed.)

Nancy Staszkiwicz
Mailroom Coordinator

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS THROUGH THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE:

Sponsored by CAB

NIGHT TUBING

Saturday

February 12th

Pat's Peak

6PM-10PM

Transportation Provided

Sign-up Wednesday, Feb. 9th

\$5 to sign-up - CASH ONLY

5PM-6:30PM

Dining Hall



Questions? Contact: activities@colby-sawyer.edu

"BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY." MORGAN FREEMAN

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join African Student Association in honoring the victories and struggles of African Americans in United States history.

MOVIE NIGHT

"Becoming"
Thursday, Feb. 10
6:30pm in
Wheeler Hall

**SLAM POET COFFEE
HOUSE** with Panama
Soweto
Tuesday, Feb. 15
5pm in Wheeler
Hall

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Thursday, Feb. 24
5PM in Wheeler
Hall

POP-UP

Quote books!
Tuesday, Feb. 22
11am-1:30pm in
Dining hall

Questions? Contact ameesah.cotten@my.colby-sawyer.edu



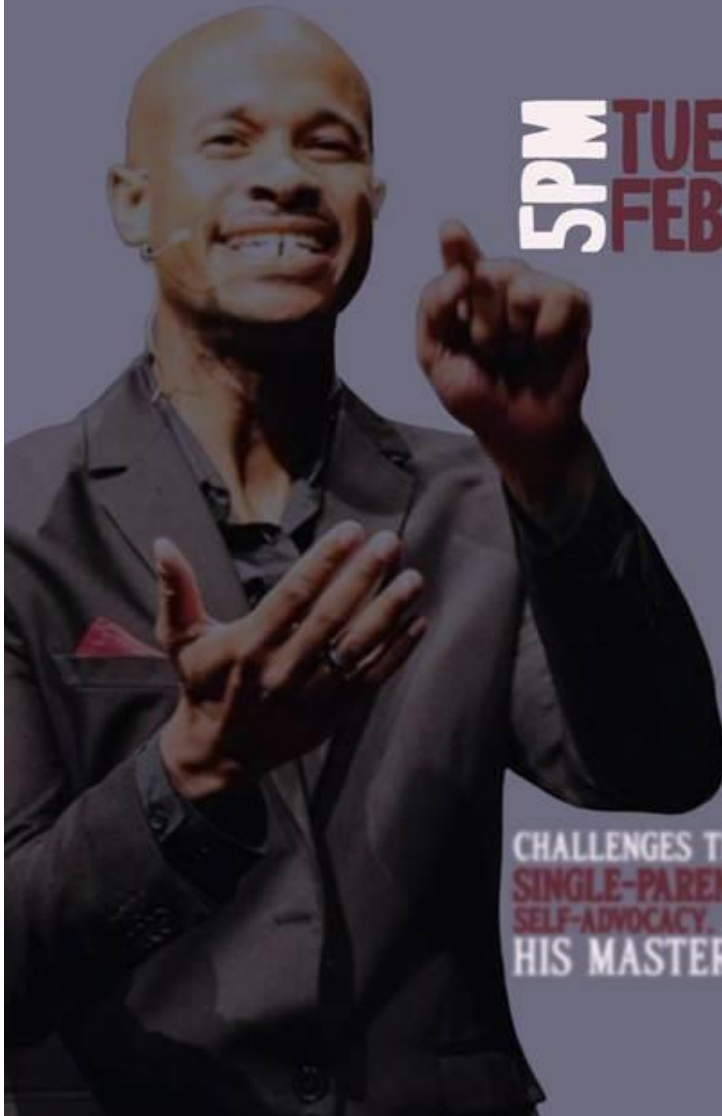
Mid-afternoon Pancake Break on the Quad



CULTURAL EVENTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

POET AND ACTIVIST

PANAMA SOWETO



5PM TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH
WHEELER HALL

TRANSFORMATIVE
AND INSPIRING

CHALLENGES THE IDEAS ABOUT BULLYING,
SINGLE-PARENTHOOD, SEXUAL ABUSE,
SELF-ADVOCACY, AND DISCRIMINATION THROUGH
HIS MASTERY OF SPOKEN WORD.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

March 21st - March 27th

MONDAY, MARCH 21ST
HOT WINGS HOT TOPICS
PRIDE (2014)

WHEELER | 5PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD
CEC ITALIAN NIGHT
DINING HALL 4:30-7:30PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH
SENIORS ONLY
50 DAYS OUT
WHEELER | 7:30PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH
CAB PRESENTS
WACKY BINGO
DINING HALL | 7PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH
EMERGING LEADERS
LEADERSHIP RETREAT
SIGN-UP REQUIRED
WHEELER | 1PM-5PM

QUESTION? CONTACT: ACTIVITIES@COLBY-SAWYER.EDU