

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER December, 2019

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

December 2019

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe the end of fall semester is almost here. I want to take a moment on behalf of the faculty and staff to wish you and your family a happy, healthy holiday season and New Year. Below you will find some important information that we want to share with you.

Sincerely,

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Robin Burroughs Davis, JD

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

It's crunch time, and many students are busy completing projects, writing papers, and studying for exams. If your students are worried 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: <u>http://library.colby-sawyer.edu/SLConline</u>. Students can also reach SLC staff by emailing <u>learning@colby-sawyer.edu</u> or stopping by room 501 in the library.

Caren Baldwin-DiMeo, director

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM ACCESS RESOURCES

As we come to the end of the semester if your son or daughter currently works with Access Resources, please encourage them to continue meeting with their Learning Specialist during the last couple weeks of the semester.

Additionally, all students with test accommodations have until Friday, December 6 to submit a test request to take their final exams in Access Resources.

If your son or daughter has not yet worked with Access Resources, but is experiencing learning challenges on campus and has a documented disability, please encourage them to reach out to <u>accessresources@colby-sawyer.edu</u> to talk about and explore the possibility of accommodations for the Spring 2020 semester.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and end of 2019!

Katie Vedova, MEd, director

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM STUDENT SUCCESS

Welcome to the end of the Fall 2019 semester! I'm seeing a lot of quiet studying all across campus as your students prepare for finals week. Please remind your students to continue to check their Colby-Sawyer email over break. Students' grades and academic statuses are not finalized until the end of the day, Monday, December 23rd, 2019. An "academic status" is your student's standing at the school (e.g. Dean's List, Academic Probation, etc.) Any student who has been academically suspended or dismissed may submit an appeal by January 5th. Students will be notified of their ability to appeal via an email from the Academic Review Board. To learn more, visit pages 237-238 in our online <u>Course Catalog</u>. As we wrap up this semester, we are already looking forward to the challenges, successes, and adventures in Spring 2020. Congratulations to all on the completion of another semester; I hope you have a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company for the next few weeks! As always, please reach out by email if you have questions: <u>ewebb@colby-sawyer.edu</u>

Erica Webb, Director of Student Success and Retention

END OF SEMESTER RESIDENTIAL HALLS CLOSING and REOPENING

It's hard to believe, but the end of the semester is almost upon us! Students are expected to move out of the residence halls on Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. or 24 hours after their last final, whichever comes first. Students have received information about hall closing for the fall semester, which will tell them what they need to do to make sure their rooms are ready for the holiday break. They will also get information about what to do if they are changing rooms, studying abroad, leaving the college, or getting a new roommate in the spring.

Halls will reopen on Monday, January 20. We encourage all students to return in time to attend the MLK Day event featuring speaker Monti Washington on Monday, January 20, at 3:00 p.m. For those who would benefit by returning on Sunday in order to attend, we will waive the cost of the early return. Students who wish to return before January 20 should see <u>this link</u> for more information.

Finally, a reminder that the cold weather is already here and it will get much colder in the coming months. This is the time of year when we sometimes experience issues in the residence halls resulting from frozen pipes and the like. As we wrote to students in the summer, we strongly recommend renter's insurance for students living in the residence halls, which will cover damage to their belongings in the case of flood, fire, or other accidents.

All of us in Residential Education wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to working with you again in 2020!

Mary McLaughlin, director of residential education

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO BOSTON SOUTH STATION, MANCHESTER AND LOGAN AIRPORTS

Transportation will be available on Wednesday, December 18 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Students are asked to reserve their seat with the deadline of Monday, December 16. Because of the lower number of students using transportation, a ticket will be purchased for students going to Boston South Station and Logan Airport and they will be shuttled to the Dartmouth Coach bus stop. Any students going to Manchester Airport will be provided with transportation as well - leaving campus at 2 p.m. All students have received a message with the details and how to reserve their seat for transportation.

DINING SERVICES wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable winter holiday season!

Please remind your student(s) to return all cups, plates and silverware to the Dining Hall before they come home.

We look forward to seeing everyone in January!

Leslie Ekstrand, General Manager, Campus Dining

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM "THE STABLE" COLLEGE STORE

IN NEED OF LAST MINUTE GIFTS?: Shop The STABLE - Colby-Sawyer's Campus Store

Visit shop.colby-sawyer.edu to see what's news! Need help? Contact store manager Alison Seward at

603-526-1869, alison.seward@colby-sawyer.edu.