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

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Dear Parents and Families,

As we stated in the email that was sent out from Student Development on January 21<sup>st</sup>, Colby-Sawyer College is committed to continued testing throughout the spring semester, which will include surveillance testing for faculty, staff and students at a level consistent with the positivity rate in the region. As of January 19th, we will have tested all faculty, staff and students for reentry for the spring semester. Throughout the semester, we will continue to provide surveillance testing of unvaccinated faculty, staff and students with approved medical exemptions, individuals who have traveled to high risk areas and symptomatic students.

Additionally, we hope you have taken advantage of an opportunity to have four COVID-19 testing kits mailed to your household at no cost. In mid-January, the federal government formally launched the website [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) in an effort to increase access to testing across the country. According to the website, orders usually ship within 7-12 days. Given differing availability of COVID-19 testing kits based on location, we felt it important to notify you of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

**Robin Burroughs Davis, J.D.**

Vice President for Student Development & Dean of Students

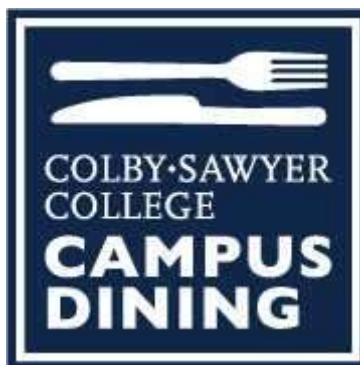
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## COMMENCEMENT NEWS:

We are pleased to announce that we are moving forward with planning for an in-person Commencement ceremony that will take place on Saturday, May, 7 at 10:30 a.m. More details will be shared in a later Student Development Parent and Family Newsletter. Alternatively, you can visit [Commencement 2022 \(colby-sawyer.edu\)](https://colby-sawyer.edu/commencement) or <https://colby-sawyer.edu/commencement> for up-to-date information regarding the weekend's plans as it becomes available.

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

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## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEWS:

### **Spring Break Travel:**

Please contact Jen Schad, Program Manager for Student Development ([jen.schad@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:jen.schad@colby-sawyer.edu)) if your student needs assistance with travel to and 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 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/>

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## A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SUCCESS & RETENTION:

Hello families,

Campus feels alive again! It has been lovely seeing the students reconnecting with each other over warm beverages and s'mores on the quad and I look forward to our upcoming Winter Carnival as well!

Over the break my team and I started thinking more deeply about the "Big Six", i.e. experiences in college that increase the likelihood of students graduating in four years as well thriving in life after college.

According to the Gallup-Purdue Index (and summarized quite nicely at the link below) there are six experiences that can be life changing for students. Our team is working across academics, peer mentoring, student support services, and student activities to ensure that we are providing these to all students.

1. A professor who gets them excited to learn
2. Professors who care about them as an individual
3. A mentor who understands their dreams and goals and helps students pursue them
4. The opportunity to work on a meaningful, long-term project, often longer than one semester
5. A job or internship that allows them to apply their growing knowledge
6. Full participation in co-curricular clubs, athletics, and / or student organizations (Busteed, 2015, para. 3)

And, there are ways you can help from home! Encourage your student to:

- Connect with professors in office hours to clarify concepts and also to build relationships.
- Share their goals and dreams with peer mentors, supervisors, professors, and academic advisors
- Meet with their advisors and visit the Harrington Center for Experiential learning to get excited about potential internships
- Get face to face with other students at events and club meetings! This isn't EXTRA-curricular, this is CO-curricular! These organizations help students make meaningful connections in life and work and reduce the physical effects of stress.

As always, please contact me with questions, concerns, and ideas at [ewebb@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:ewebb@colby-sawyer.edu)!

Warmly,  
Erica Webb

Busteed, B. (2015, April 8). *Is college worth it? That depends*. Gallup Education. Retrieved from: <https://www.gallup.com/education/237278/college-worth-depends.aspx>

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## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION:

We are busy in Residential Education! Here are a list of things going on:

- RAs have been busy planning programs and events such as sledding, trivia nights, baking in dorm kitchens, and so much more.
- RA Applications for 2022-2023 just went out to all the students via email on Monday. This is a great leadership opportunity for any student interested. Applications are due on Monday February 14 at noon. We have info sessions for anyone interested on February 1st and 7th.
- It is almost Room Draw season! We will be sending out emails over the next month on info sessions and the whole process on choosing rooms for next year. There are separate processes for both the residence halls and apartments. If any of your students has a medical accommodation for a single, they do have to re-submit an application for one every year and can do so by contacting Access Resources at [accessresources@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:accessresources@colby-sawyer.edu). Please make sure your students keep their eyes

out for Room Draw emails that will have dates and times for the info sessions and important deadlines.

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

Dave Zamansky  
Director of Residential Education

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### Welcome Back Celebration on the Quad!



If your student would like to ski, they can obtain a free student pass by visiting the following link to complete the required form. (Don't forget to include email address). [Colby-Sawyer Pass Request Form](#)

Once an email is received from the resort stating that your pass is ready, log in at [www.epicpass.com](http://www.epicpass.com) to accept the liability release and to upload a photo.

If you had a pass last year, you do not need to upload a photo. You will need to show your student ID when you pick up your pass. *Reservations will not be required to ski this year.*

If you do not receive an email within a week of completing the form, you can call the resort at 603-763-3500 to check the status of your pass.

If you have any issues, email Lisa Lacombe, Director of Hogan Sport/Recreation at [llacombe@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:llacombe@colby-sawyer.edu)



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 Staszkievicz**  
Mailroom Coordinator



## *Let's Make A Difference!*

Join CSC students, faculty, and staff in signing up for community service opportunities, now available in a convenient online sign-up calendar! Pick the type of service and the time that works best for you, and build connections with the community and fellow volunteers!



Contact Reuben J. McNeil at [reubenmcneil@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:reubenmcneil@colby-sawyer.edu) for more information.

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



CAB PRESENTS:

# WINTER CARNIVAL

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**  
FIRE PITS ON THE QUAD WITH COCOA AND S'MORES  
4PM-6PM – THE QUAD

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH**  
DOUBLE FEATURE MOVIE SCREENINGS – WHEELER  
7PM GROWN UPS  
9PM THINK LIKE A MAN

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH**  
INDOOR CARNIVAL GAMES FOR CUTE PRIZES!  
1PM – 2PM IN WHEELER

MENTALIST SEAN BOTT – 7PM- WHEELER

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6TH**  
WACKY BINGO – SUPER BOWL EDITION  
2PM – LOWER DINING HALL  
GRAND PRIZE IS A 55" 4K SMART TV





Sawyer Center Game Room has been updated! SGA's Sawyer Center Student Committee is collecting student suggestions for improvements to Sawyer Center's student space, including after-hours food and beverage options and comfortable study areas.