Colby-Sawyer College

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Parent & Family Newsletter A Message from the Dean of Students

Dear Parents and Family Members,

We are a few weeks into the spring semester, and the weather has been as unpredictable as it is in spring! My team is energized by the sound of happy chatter in the hallways now that the students are back. It feels empty and lonely without them.

As the days get longer over these next weeks, time seems to speed up exponentially. We are already less than 100 days from commencement. That is hard to believe, but the calendar doesn't lie.

If your student is still trying to find a way to connect with others, clubs are still recruiting for new members and hosting events to attract students. My team is also preparing to hire Peer Mentors and Resident Assistants for next year as well as recruiting Orientation Leaders. Those are all great ways be a part of a team and to develop leadership skills that will serve your student so well in the professional world.

Thank you for letting us teach and support your student. My colleagues will share details of resources below. In my next letter, I will be announcing what we hope to be a new tradition at Colby-Sawyer that will help shake away the long winter doldrums.

Warmly,

John B Dai

Robin Boroughs Davis, J.D.

Vice President for Student Development & Dean of Students

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Student Activities



New London's Ice Rink On the Town Green

Be sure to check out all of the ways to embrace winter in NH!

https://colby-sawyer.edu/ student-activities

Contact Amanda Moak '12, Director of Student Activities and Orientation, or Sarah Fields '16, Program Manager, Student Activities and Orientation, with questions to: activities@colbysawyer.edu

The Student Activities Office (SAO) and the Campus Ac-

tivities Board (CAB) are kicking off Spring 2024 with action-packed weekends filled with game shows, blockbusters, and live entertainment. Event flyers are emailed to students and posted on video monitors and bulletin boards around campus. Follow us on Instagram @CSCSAO for the latest activities and reach out to activities@colbysawyer.edu with questions or suggestions.



Transportation Help

Have your student reach out to Jen Schad (jen.schad@colbysawyer.edu) to schedule transportation assistance to Dartmouth Coach or Manchester Airport. See more information on our website under Parents & Family or click here: https:// colby-sawyer.edu/parents/ transportation Students should email Jen Schad with questions or requests. Advance notification to schedule a ride is required. Any rides returning to campus must be scheduled before leaving campus for a school break.



Riding Through Residential Education On Campus

Residential Education staff strive to make campus feel like a home for your student and to foster a comfortable environment and community to learn and grow. Encourage your student to reach out to their Residential Assistant (RA) or Area Coordinator (AC) with questions or concerns. **Applications for Residential Assistants leadership positions for next year are being taken now.**

Students have been sent emails with school break information and residential policies for the closing of residential halls during school breaks. See the residential policies here: <u>https://colby-sawyer.edu/residential-life/policies</u>

It is not too late to purchase Renter's Insurance when living in a residential hall. New England winters can cause pipes to freeze and burst, so it's best to be prepared and covered in case of damage to students' belongings.

For more information about Residential Life on campus click:

https://colby-sawyer.edu/residential-life

Encourage your student to reach out to residential@colby-sawyer.edu if they are unable to find answers to questions. Dave Zamansky, Director of Residential Education; Karin Berthiaume, Assistant Residential Education Director; Haley Besaw or Anna Masters, our helpful Area Coordinators, will get back to you as soon as possible.



Please reach out to Amy O'Brien, General Manager, Colby-Sawyer Dining Services at <u>amy.obrien@colby-</u> <u>sawyer.edu</u> or call 603.526.3989 with questions or dietary concerns. Amy is always available to

meet with students about their dietary needs and requests.

For more information:

https:// colbysawyerdining.catertrax.com/

Important CSC dates are located on the **Academic Calendar** located under Academic Resources, drop-down menu Academic Calendar—or click: <u>https://colby-</u> <u>sawyer.edu/academics/</u> <u>schedules</u>

Student Success & Making Connections

Campus Safety

Campus Safety provides public safety service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Campus Safety office is located in James House and is open Monday - Friday 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM for administrative services (which includes ID's, vehicle registration, and room keys.)

To contact the Campus Safety Officer on duty call:

603.526.3300

Click below for more information:

https://colby-sawyer.edu/ campus-safety



https://shop.colby-sawyer.edu/

The Colby-Sawyer Store called *The Stable* is located in Ware Campus Center .

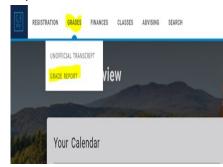
Dear Families,

Students have been taking the opportunity to ski and skate in the past few weeks, and we've also been busy with indoor events to keep everyone upbeat during these colder months. Even though the sap buckets are on the maple trees, it's still hard to believe we're ¾ of the way through this academic year!

And, as we head toward the final stretch, there are 3 things that parents and families can help their students with at this time of year: midterm grades, a healthy return from spring break, and registration.

1. Encourage them to check their mid-term grades over spring break:

By March 9th, 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 student isn't feeling successful in a class, they still have the option to withdraw from a class until March 22nd. If they have concerns, they should speak to their faculty members and their academic advisor right away. They want to help.



2. Support their healthy return from spring break (March 11-15th):

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:

*stay on campus most weekends and take adventures in the local community (New London, Concord, Hanover, etc.)

*get involved with friends and campus events. Clubs are still accepting members!

*care for their bodies by <u>exercising</u>, <u>sleeping</u>, and <u>eating</u> regularly

*visit the <u>Student Learning Collabo-</u> <u>rative</u> for academic tutoring, editing, and review sessions

3. Fall/Summer Registration March 25-27th:

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 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 & Retention

Ski or Ride at Mount Sunapee

Pre-registration is required to reserve a seat on the free transportation to Mount Sunapee on Sundays. <u>https://mynew.colby-</u> sawyer.edu/student/Pages/ <u>Home.aspx</u>

Transportation to Mt. Sunapee departs the parking lot outside Campus Safety, behind Austin Hall at 10 AM and departs Spruce Lodge/Rentals Shop at 3 PM.

Students should check their emails from the Student Development Office for more information and links to the online registration.



EXPLORE. CONNECT. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Citizenship Education and Community

Citizenship Education's role is to work with students who, for one reason or another, have been referred to our office due to alleged student conduct concerns. The student conduct process and policies are designed to be educational in nature. We encourage personal development responsibility, while also helping ensure a culture of accountability on campus by overseeing the formal conduct process as well as hosting various programming initiatives. We also organize and supervise our student-led hearing board, the Community Council. Students with a taste for a leadership opportunity are always welcome at the table! Navigating life on campus can sometimes be confusing, especially for students

who may not be as familiar with the Code of Community Responsibility. While on average relatively few students are ever referred to our office, there are times that it does happen. We encourage you to reach out at any time to speak to us about any questions or concerns you might have!

For more information click:

https://colby-sawyer.edu/citizenship -education

Or email :

citizenship@colby-sawyer.edu



Baird Health & Counseling Center

Colby-Sawyer College

Student Development

Student development is the growth of individuals through different experiences at college that build upon one another. CSC serves as a transitional stage for students to succeed and to grow through academic and non-academic experiences and connections. CSC is committed to providing a safe environment using proactive partnerships with Athletics, Campus Safety, Baird Health, Citizenship Education, Residential Education, Student Activities, Student Success & Retention to support our students.

Make an Appointment:

Students can call the Baird Health & Counseling Center at 603-526-3621 to make an appointment Monday - Friday when classes are in session.

Replenish First Aid Kits and COVID Testing Supplies:

Please plan to refresh first aid kits to include items such as tissues, hand sanitizer, thermometer, medications such as pain relievers, cold medications, and Covid-19 tests. Our supply is running low, and we will be directing symptomatic students to provide their own testing kits. Please check the following link as you may qualify for free tests. <u>https://www.covid.gov/tests</u> https://colby-sawyer.edu/baird-health

Also available to Students:

Uwill Student Mental Health & Wellness counseling service <u>https://uwill.com/</u> with access to a mental health professional 24 hours, 365 days a year.

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Student Development

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Need a Ride to Mount Sunapee? Click this link: Mount Sunapee Van Registration

to REGISTER on mynew.colby-sawyer.edu Trips