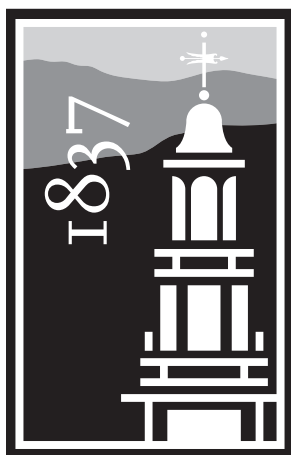


# COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE



## COMMENCEMENT



Saturday, May 11, 2019  
New London, New Hampshire

# ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT ORDER OF EXERCISES

<b>PROCESSIONAL*</b> .....	<i>Scotland the Brave and Wings</i> William C. McKinley III, bagpiper Colonel, USAF (ret.)
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> .....	Patrick D. Anderson Professor, Humanities
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b> .....	Please join Betelhem Tesfaye '19 in the singing of our National Anthem
<b>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME</b> .....	Susan D. Stuebner, President and Professor of Social Sciences and Education
<b>SUSAN COLGATE CLEVELAND MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE</b> .....	Presented by Susan D. Stuebner
<b>HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE</b> .....	Presented by Susan D. Stuebner
<b>JACK JENSEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING</b> .....	Presented by Susan D. Stuebner
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b> .....	Christine K. Bieszczad Associate Professor, Natural and Environmental Sciences "Dragonflies on a Lemonade Road"
<b>DAVID H. WINTON BACCALAUREATE AWARD</b> .....	Presented by Laura A. Sykes '98 Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty

<b>COLBY-SAWYER AWARD</b> .....	Presented by Robin Burroughs Davis Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students
<b>SENIOR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER</b> .....	Introduced by Robin Burroughs Davis
<b>SENIOR ADDRESS</b> .....	William Hyland '19 "Bring Your Ship Out of Port"
<b>CONFERRING OF DEGREES</b> .....	Peter F. Volanakis Chair of the Board of Trustees Susan D. Stuebner Laura A. Sykes Diane Driscoll, Registrar Candy King, Assistant Registrar
<b>PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS</b> .....	Susan D. Stuebner
<b>RECESSIONAL*</b> .....	<i>The Green Hills of Tyrol</i>
<b>COLLEGE MARSHALS</b> .....	Patrick D. Anderson Professor, Humanities Ann Page Stecker Professor, Humanities
<b>COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS</b> .....	Eric Boyer, Associate Professor, Social Sciences and Education Beth Crockford, Professor, Business Administration Jon Keenan, Professor, Fine and Performing Arts Emily Rinde-Thorsen, Coach, Women's Lacrosse and Field Hockey

\* Audience members are requested to stand, as they are able, and remain in place until the end of the processional and recessional.

## **SUSAN COLGATE CLEVELAND MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

The Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service is the college's highest honor.

It is presented to individuals who exemplify Susan Colgate Cleveland's attributes, ensuring that their work, dedication and influence will be remembered by future generations.

**DR. SUSAN A. REEVES '88** · Chief Nursing Executive; Executive Vice President for Research and Education, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health System

Since 2003, Dr. Susan A. Reeves has worked at and with Colby-Sawyer to build programs that would distinguish her alma mater's healthcare majors and strengthen its 40-year partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH).

With Dr. Reeves simultaneously holding the roles of inaugural dean of Colby-Sawyer's School of Nursing and Health Professions and associate academic dean for D-H Partnerships, Colby-Sawyer developed the public health program and an online R.N. to B.S. in nursing program as well as launched its first graduate program, a master of science in nursing.

In 2016, then Governor Maggie Hassan recognized Dr. Reeves's expertise by appointing her to the Governor's Commission on Health Care Workforce. A year later, Dr. Reeves was

named Chief Nursing Executive for D-HH. Her charge to set the strategic direction for nursing across the system and for creating alignment for nursing practice across all D-HH entities further formalized its connection to the college. For the past three years, Colby-Sawyer's graduating seniors in the nursing program have achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX on their first attempt and the program is ranked number one in the state.

Reeves received her diploma in nursing from Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. She holds a B.S. in nursing from Colby-Sawyer, an M.S. in nursing administration from the University of New Hampshire and an Ed.D. from the University of Vermont. She is a resident of New London, N.H.

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## **HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS (L.H.D.)**

Colby-Sawyer's Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree recognizes an individual of humanitarian character and superior intellect whose life and work have brought about positive, far-reaching consequences for individuals and organizations.

**DR. NANCY RYAN GRAY** · President and CEO, Gordon Research Conferences

Dr. Nancy Ryan Gray is an accomplished scientist and researcher who has led an extraordinary career progressing from Scientific Fellow at the Institute for Atomic and Molecular Physics in Amsterdam to industrial research chemist at Exxon Production Research Company in Houston, Texas, to president and CEO of the Gordon Research Conferences (GRC).

Since 1947, Colby-Sawyer has hosted these conferences that bring together scientists working at the frontier of research of a particular area to discuss all aspects of the most recent advances in the field and to stimulate new directions for research. An exceptional leader of the conferences since 2003, Dr. Gray has implemented a number of diversity initiatives that have expanded participation. In 2016, she introduced the GRC Power Hour™, an informal session for all conferees that provides

the opportunity to discuss challenges women face in science and supports the professional growth of women. Dr. Gray also introduced fellowship funding for minority participation in GRC as well as a grant for individuals from predominantly undergraduate institutions. In 2006, Dr. Gray significantly expanded the Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) program to foster the professional development of post-doctoral and graduate students. GRS enables the next generation of scientists to network and discuss their research at a critical time in their careers. She exemplifies the mission of Colby-Sawyer.

Dr. Gray holds an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. in fuel chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University.

## **JACK JENSEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

The Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching is the college's highest teaching award. It honors a teacher who communicates high expectations and encourages intellectual curiosity within and across disciplines; respects diverse talents and ways of learning and uses variety in instruction; and engages students and inspires them to do their best work. The award is named for the late Professor Jack Jensen who, through his dedication to teaching, inspired faculty and students alike.

### **CHRISTINE KONICKI BIESZCZAD - Associate Professor of Natural and Environmental Sciences**

With her strong belief in a multidimensional approach to teaching, Associate Professor of Natural and Environmental Sciences Christine Konicki Bieszczad has been sharing her passion for natural sciences with the Colby-Sawyer community since 2007.

Known fondly as “Dr. B,” the Dartmouth Medical School graduate instructs classes and labs in anatomy, biology, epidemiology, microbiology, pharmacology, physiology and toxicology, as well as courses in the Liberal Education and Wesson Honors Programs. She guides students as advisor of the Biology Club, is a Capstone research advisor for biology majors, and was past advisor of the Health Professions Association. Beyond her instructor and advisor roles, Dr. Bieszczad strives to maintain the college’s high-quality experiential learning and professional preparation programs as a member of the Institutional Review Board and the Undergraduate Research Task Force.

Dr. Bieszczad’s teaching style centers around the philosophy that the more ways students can encounter new information, the better it is retained. She uses a “see it, hear it, write it and say it” approach to teaching and learning. “Students see the information in the text, hear it during lecture, and write notes from the classroom board,” according to Dr. Bieszczad. “They ‘say it’ when answering many questions, as well as during study sessions and class presentations. I also try to incorporate drawings, short videos and low-stakes writing assignments to help students retain and understand the material.”

Her students embrace and appreciate this approach to teaching, as expressed in multiple award nominations. “I believe that Dr. Bieszczad encompasses all the qualities that promote deep undergraduate exploration and learning,” one student nominator writes. “I have had Dr. Bieszczad for two courses, and

in each, she communicated high expectations to her students, thus pushing them to truly learn the course material.”

A senior nominator writes, “Dr. Bieszczad has inspired me throughout my four years at Colby-Sawyer. Even outside of class, she is incredibly supportive of academic inquiries. She has been indispensable in the development of my honors Capstone, for which I decided to examine an infectious disease. I cannot express enough how deeply Dr. Bieszczad has impacted my academic experience at Colby-Sawyer.”

“She shows that her expertise extends far beyond the laboratory,” another student nominator writes. “Microbiology is notoriously difficult for first-year nursing students, yet she consistently meets with students and encourages them to pursue their dreams.”

To her teaching and advising, Dr. Bieszczad brings extensive research experience, professional affiliations and activities, publications, presentations and honors. She serves on the editorial board for the online biology journal *Fine Focus*; was involved in reviewing the American Society of Microbiology’s *Guidelines for Biosafety in Teaching Laboratories*; and is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, the Northeast Association of Advisors for the Health Professions and is a Health Profession Advisor registered with the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. Bieszczad lives with her husband and three children in Grantham. She holds a B.S. in biology from Saint Joseph’s College in Connecticut and a Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from Dartmouth Medical School.

## **DAVID H. WINTON BACCALAUREATE AWARD**

The David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award is presented to the baccalaureate degree graduate who ranks highest in scholarship among those in the graduating class.

### **HUONG THU “JENNY” NGUYEN**

Huong Thu “Jenny” Nguyen is an accounting major and first-generation college student from Hanoi, Vietnam. As a sophomore, she earned the class academic award for ranking highest in scholarship among her classmates. This year, she earned the Accounting Baccalaureate Award for excellence in her major.

Jenny took full advantage of academic and co-curricular opportunities during her time at Colby-Sawyer. As a four-year member of the Cross Cultural Club, she brought international and domestic students together for cultural events and experiences, including the annual International Festival. During her junior year,

she helped oversee \$500,000 in real assets in the college’s student-managed investment fund and traveled with her classmates in the Investment Management Class to Manhattan to tour financial institutions and meet with industry experts. She also completed an internship with Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

Jenny is a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society in business, management and administration. She’ll begin her career in accounting and analytics as a staff accountant at Noble Supply and Logistics in Boston.



## **COLBY-SAWYER AWARD**

The Colby-Sawyer Award is given to the senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, best exemplifies the ideals of the college in personal dignity, intellectual growth, contributions to campus life and constructive influence on other students.

## **SENIOR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

The Class of 2019 Commencement Speaker Medal is presented to a student who represents the character of the graduating class and will give an inspirational and engaging speech that represents the college's values and learning outcomes.

### **WILLIAM H. "WILL" HYLAND**

Sport management major William H. "Will" Hyland is the recipient of both student awards this year. Will grew up in Searsmont, Maine, and, like the 2018 Colby-Sawyer Award winner, graduated from Belfast Area High School. He played youth baseball in what he calls the "perfect era" of successful Boston professional teams and developed a passion for all sports; his fascination with the time period influenced his Honors Capstone.

When searching for a college, Will found that Colby-Sawyer matched the feel of his small hometown while also offering robust academic programs. He considered majoring in politics, pre-law or business, but sport management allowed him to combine a passion for athletics with a career trajectory.

Will interned for two summers as a game day associate for the Portland Sea Dogs, the Boston Red Sox's Double-A affiliate team. He also landed an internship with Dartmouth College's multimedia rights partner by following up with a guest speaker in his Sport Finance class. And, he had the opportunity to shadow Ethan Casson '96, CEO of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx.

A Wesson Honors Program scholar, Will has served as his class president for three years and as an Orientation Leader. During his first year, he helped produce several episodes of "The Sports Guys," a podcast dedicated to covering Colby-Sawyer's teams as well as professional sports. He was also a member of the Presidential Blue Key Society, Navigators Christian Fellowship, and the Exercise and Sport Sciences Club.

In his free time, Will developed a sizable portfolio of published pieces. Many cover sports topics and can be found on websites such as Chowder & Champions and Yawkey Way Report, but he's also written about the places that matter to him. His 2016 article "Why You Should Choose Colby-Sawyer," published on the Odyssey, circulated far beyond campus.

After graduation, Will will return to Maine to pursue a career in marketing and sales with a sustainable retail company in Portland.





## ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL ARTS

### LIBERAL ARTS

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Delia Denelle >  
Cassidy Findley >  
\*\*Morgan Ashley Greene >  
Maxwell Lawrence ^>  
Cameron Lynch ^>  
Phuong Thi Minh Nguyen ^  
Aleksa Sevigny-Morrissey >  
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Colleen Ann Burke  
Cole Gibson †^  
Shannon Rose Giguere †  
Marilyn Frances Hohler  
Paige Marcou ^  
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Xena Xavier Ras

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Abigail Curtis  
Andrew Patrice Dalencourt ^  
Ethan Hale Donovan Forrest  
\*Chase Alexander Gendron  
\*\*\*Marina Rose Good ††  
Hayley Lefebvre  
\*\*Sierra Malcolm >  
Ireann "Ivy" Noel  
\*Matthew Jay Schiller  
Emnet Sisay  
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Eric Carl Morin  
Nicole Olivieri ^  
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Melynda Anne Seaholm  
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Sandesh Upreti  
Chloe Martha Valence

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 Catrina M Hamilton  
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 Shane David Sacks  
 Joseph James Scurto  
 Bruin James Smith ^  
 Kevin Glen Tracy

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Acadia Anne LeBlanc

# ACADEMIC REGALIA

The **gown** worn by a bachelor is distinguished by long, pointed sleeves. The gown worn by a master has oblong sleeves. The gown of a doctor has rounded sleeves, velvet panels around the neck and down the front, and three velvet bars on the sleeves.

**Hoods** are lined in silk in the official colors of the institution granting the degree. For Colby-Sawyer College those colors are royal blue and white. The color of the hood trim indicates the degree earned. The hoods are trimmed in white for bachelor of arts, brown for bachelor of fine arts and gold for bachelor of science.

**Honor cords** of blue and green are worn by graduates who are members of the college's chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. Honor cords of blue and white are worn by graduates who have earned the college's Wesson Honors Program Scholars Certificate. Honor cords of platinum and blue are worn by graduates who are members of the college's chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. Honor cords of lavender and white are worn by members of the college's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing. Honor cords of green and gold are worn by graduates who are members of the college's chapter of Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society in Business, Management and Administration. Honor cords of red and white are worn by graduates who are members of the college's chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the Honor Society of the National Communication Association. Honor cords of red, yellow and blue are worn by graduates who are members of the college's chapter of Iota Tau Alpha, the National Honor Society for Athletic Training Education.

**Sashes** of gold are worn by graduates who are senior class or Student Government Association officers. Sashes of blue are worn by the graduate marshals who are chosen from the faculty and staff by vote of the senior class. The graduate marshals escort the graduates and maintain the proper marching order as the graduates receive their diplomas.

**Tassels** of gold are worn by students who will graduate with honors of *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude* or *cum laude*.

**Cords** of navy blue and orange are worn by graduates who participated in a Colby-Sawyer international or off-campus study program. Cords of red and gold are worn by graduates who are Progressive Scholars.

The **ceremonial collar**, worn by President Susan D. Stuebner, is emblematic of the presidential office. Its central portion is a silver pendant that displays the Colby-Sawyer College seal. On the obverse, in tiny, cut diamonds, the initials S.F.C. signify Susan Farnum Colby, who married James B. Colgate. She served as the first teacher and principal of Colby Academy, the institution that formed the foundation upon which the present college is built. The college seal is enriched by a laurel wreath and surmounted by the star from the state seal, signifying the authority granted to the college by the State of New Hampshire. Symbolic of the bond that joins Colby Academy to Colby-Sawyer College is the Colgate family coat of arms in the central portion of the insignia.

Both Susan Farnum Colby Colgate and her daughter, Mary Colgate, offered material assistance during the crucial early days of the institution. It is fitting that one of the medallions bound to the coat of arms by silver links is emblazoned with an engraving of Colby Academy and the other with an engraving of Colgate Hall. Susan Colby taught in the Academy Building, which was erected in 1837. Colby-Sawyer students study to this day in Colgate Hall, one of the gifts of Mary Colgate.

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## KEY

- ‡ Honors Society Member
- † Wesson Honors Program Scholar

> In Absentia

^ Prospective Graduate

\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude

\*\* Magna Cum Laude

\* Cum Laude



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