



Colby-Sawyer
College

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

August, 2019

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

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Dear Parents and Families,

The college community is filled with excitement and we are busy preparing for the arrival of our students and a great year. The athletes return this week and we are looking forward to the arrival of all of our students in September. The campus has not been quiet this summer with a range of projects underway. The floor in Mercer Hall gymnasium has been completely replaced. Students will find all new equipment in the fitness center at the Hogan Center along with a new varsity weight room. As part of continuing campus safety, the replacement of the campus door lock system has been installed and repair and painting of the residence hall fire escapes are close to completion as well as chimney repairs on several buildings. We have dedicated more lab space in Mercer Hall and refreshed some classrooms and added another lab. The college's cupola was recently painted. The campus looks beautiful and is ready to welcome our students.

In this newsletter, I want to share some important information regarding the academic year and information that you may find helpful and want to refer to.

Plans are underway for this year's Homecoming on October 4 - 6 which is for the whole Colby-Sawyer Community: Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Families and Friends. We hope you are able to be part of this weekend the activities. Some of the events scheduled are: athletic competitions, coffee with President Stuebner, Linus Blanket Project with the Community Service Club, Wacky Bingo and the Lake Sunapee Foliage Cruise. For more information and registering, the link is: [Homecoming](#)

Did you know we have a college Website for Parents and Families? Here is where you will find the *Parent and Family Resource Guide* along with the academic calendar, dining services information, transportation and more. For more information, the link is: [Parents and Families](#)

We are looking forward to an exciting year and being part of your student's success and achievements.

Sincerely,

Robin Burroughs Davis, JD

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE MAILROOM

When sending mail or packages to students, the mailing address is:

Student's name

CSCXXXX (X = please add the box # after CSC)

541 Main Street

New London, NH 03257

Do not put "Box or PO Box" – the mail will be directed to the New London Post Office and deliveries will be delayed.

For more information: [Mailroom](#)

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

Hello! Our staff is busy getting the residence halls ready and we can't wait to see you soon! A couple of weeks ago, we sent students a full list of all the opening and closing dates, as well as information about meal availability, for all vacation periods. You can find a copy of that [here](#).

I also want to highlight the recommendation we make to students that they get renter's insurance, which will cover damage to their belongings in the case of flood, fire, or other accidents. Though there are many providers available, three have asked us to provide their contact information to you. You can find more information at [GradGuard](#), [National Student Services, Inc.](#), or [Worth Ave. Group](#).

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns as you get ready to move your student to their new home away from home. You can reach us at residential@colby-sawyer.edu.

Mary McLaughlin, director

IMPORTANT DATES FROM REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

September 16th is the Last Day to Add or Drop a Course

Students will have the first week of classes to add new courses to their schedules. Students may also drop courses from their schedules at this time without receiving a grade of "W" on their transcript. Before making any changes to current schedules your student should meet with their advisor to discuss the best options for their program.

October 30th Mid-term Grades

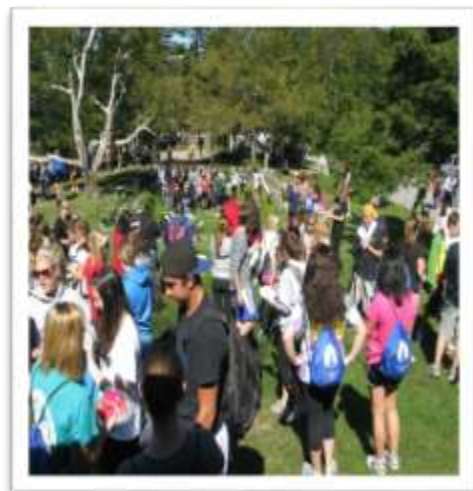
Faculty will submit mid-term grades by October 30th. This is a time for faculty to check in with your student regarding their progress. It's a time to congratulate students who have started strong and catch the students who are struggling. All first-year students will receive mid-term grades. If your upper class student does not receive mid-term grades, encourage them to check in with their professor about their progress.

November 8th Deadline to Withdraw from a Course

If a student discovers he or she will not be able to pass a course, the best thing for his or her GPA might be to Withdraw from the course before November 9th. Encourage your student to meet with professors to discuss progress in courses of concern. Encourage your student to meet with his or her advisor to make informed decisions.

November 11th - 14th Spring Registration

This is one of my favorite times of the year! Students get to choose their courses, and new adventures, for next semester. Encourage



your student to meet with his or her advisor to make sure they are making the best choices for their program.

Diane Driscoll, registrar

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND RETENTION

Soon your students will be settling into the reality of college. This could mean excitement about great friends, events, and engaging classes. This could also mean anxiety about being away from home. The top 5 things you can do from afar to support your student's successful transition:

1. Remind students to check their Moodle course sites and Colby-Sawyer email address DAILY so they don't miss important communications.
2. Encourage students to use the resources available to help them build their education (Student Learning Collaborative, professors' office hours, advisors, Librarians, Baird Health and Counseling, etc.)
3. Send care packages for a few weeks rather than inviting them home. This helps them put down roots here so they can learn to comfort themselves effectively while on campus.
4. Encourage them to join clubs and work at making social connections.
5. Assure them that making mistakes is part of college that "failure" is just another way to get information. The most successful students are NOT the ones that get everything right the first time! The most successful students are the ones who get up and keep trying.

For more information: [Student Success](#)

Erica Webb, director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF ACCESS RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

This is such an exciting time of year and we in Access Resources welcome your student back or for the first time to Colby Sawyer. In Access Resources, we work with students with disabilities and provide them support services and accommodations. MJ Richardson, Becca Reeve and I are the Learning Specialists who meet with students on a regular basis. Anne Soule, our testing proctor, is also here to help support students' learning needs. We encourage any student needing our services and accommodations on campus to come visit and set up an appointment to meet with us. We look forward to working with your student! For more information, please visit the [Access Resources](#) website. See you on campus and in the library!

Katie Vedova, director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE STUDENT LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

As the new academic year begins, we are busily training tutors and preparing for students to return to campus. The Student Learning Collaborative is a valuable resource for all Colby-Sawyer students. We offer writing consultations, course content tutoring, study groups, and study skills consultations. Parents, please send your students to us if they are looking to improve their academic performance. We have a variety of academic support options. [Student Learning Collaborative](#)

Caren Baldwin-DiMeo, director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE STABLE – THE COLLEGE STORE

MBS Direct

Colby-Sawyer partners with MBS Direct to offer our students a virtual bookstore. *No books are carried in the campus store.*

MBS Direct will offer free shipping from August 19 through August 25.

Questions about textbooks? Email alison.seward@colby-sawyer.edu

The Stable's hours over move in weekend:

The Stable will be open during move in weekend!

Hours:

Thursday, September 5 – 9:00 to 5:00

Friday, September 6 – 9:00 to 5:00

Saturday, September 7 – noon to 4:00

Sunday, September 8 – 9:00 to 1:00

Normal School Year Hours resume on Monday, September 9:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 to 5:00

Saturday, noon to 4:00

Alison R. Seward, store manager