



Colby-Sawyer
College

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

September, 2018

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

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Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I am delighted that your student is part of our amazing learning community. It is an exciting time and we are preparing for a great year. The athletes returned last week and we are looking forward to the arrival of all of our students next week.

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 12 – 14, 2018 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 & Registration](#)

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

This year, we are changing the way mail is addressed to students. We are asking that the following format be used:

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

I have provided the link to the 2018-19 Opening and Closing, Vacation Housing and Meals schedule. Please pay careful attention as some information is new this year. For a complete listing: [Openings and Closings](#)

We strongly recommend renter's insurance for students living in the residence halls, which will cover damage to your students' belongings in the case of flood, fire, or other accidents. Though there are many providers available, two have asked us to provide their contact information to you. You can find more information at GradGuard.com/learnmore or worthavegroup.com/product/college-student-insurance/

Mary McLaughlin, director

IMPORTANT DATES FROM REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

October 31st Mid-term Grades

Faculty will submit mid-term grades by October 31st. 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 9th 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 5th - 8th 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.

For a complete listing: [Academic Calendar](#)

Diane Driscoll, registrar



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND RETENTION

As a student transitions to college they are faced with making many transitions at once. There is quite a mix of joy, exploration, and anxiety in these initial weeks. This month, the top 5 things you can do to help your student succeed are:

1. Encourage them to make social connections at orientation and in their residence halls.
2. Encourage them to attend the Activities Fair on 9/19 to join student organizations.
3. Remind them that it is normal if they feel anxiety. Instagram filters may make it look like high school friends at other schools are having an easy time of it.
4. Encourage them to stay on campus for at least the first 4-6 weeks without coming home. This helps students start to find people and places on campus that are comforting instead of leaving when they are stressed.
5. Remind them to check their moodle course sites and Colby-Sawyer email daily.

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. I'm a new face on campus and the new Director of Access Resources. In Access Resources, we work with students with learning differences and temporary medical impairments. Kristen Nesbitt, MJ Richardson and I are the Learning Specialists who meet with students on a regular basis. Becca Reeve and Anne Soule are also here to help support students' learning needs. We encourage any student needing our services 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