Dear Colby Parents,

As co-chairs of the Parents Executive Committee, we welcome parents to the Colby community for the 2013-2014 academic year.

As you already know, Colby is a special place for students. Colby is also a special place for parents. The College extends beyond the on-campus community of students, faculty, and administration. Parents play an integral and important role in college life. In supporting your son or daughter, and the Colby community at large, the College welcomes your engagement.

To help you connect to Colby, we have prepared this guide, which focuses on information of interest to parents, including a summary of key resources, a quick reference to student support services, and the academic calendar. We hope you find this guide useful over the next 12 months.

We look forward to meeting you at a Colby event on or off campus soon. Should you have questions, big or small, please feel free to reach out to the College or to us.

Best wishes for the year ahead.

Bob Hesslein & Chris Ciotti

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Parents of Brady ’13 and Hallie ’15
Parent Executive Committee Co-Chairs
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO COLBY

FINDING INFORMATION
In the months leading to the start of your daughter’s or son’s first semester as a Colby student, please read communications mailed from the Dean of Students and the Office of Campus Life and use the Colby parent website (colby.edu/parents) as your gateway to the many resources, program details, contacts, and news items available on Colby’s website. If you cannot locate the information you seek, e-mail parents@colby.edu.

TRANSITION
Letting go can be a difficult step for parents of college students. The Office of the Dean of Students can provide guidance and support as your student transitions into life at Colby. Visit colby.edu/familytransition for links to these resources.

MOVE-IN DAY
Move-in day for first-year students is Aug. 27, 2013. (If your student is participating in the Colby in Dijon or Colby in Salamanca programs for their first semester, the move-in day to campus is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 5, 2014.) Visit colby.edu/movein for planning tips.

Can’t find the information you’re looking for? E-mail parents@colby.edu.
KEY CONTACTS

The Colby website offers many resources to better acquaint parents with how students seek and receive support in all aspects of their experience on Mayflower Hill. Below is a list of people and offices parents can suggest to students who have questions or concerns contact.

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For a complete directory, visit colby.edu/directory.
2013-2014 Academic Calendar

First Semester

Aug. 27  Class of 2017 arrival day (parents depart 4 p.m.)
Aug. 27-Sept. 3  First-year orientation
Sept. 2  Residence halls open, upper classes return
Sept. 4  First classes
Oct. 14-15  Fall recess (no classes)
Oct. 25-27  Family Homecoming Weekend
Nov. 27-Dec. 1  Thanksgiving recess (dorms remain open)
Dec. 6  Last classes of first semester
Dec. 7  Last day for scheduled events
Dec. 11-16  Semester examinations
Dec. 17  Residence halls close for winter recess

January Term

Jan. 5  Class of 2017 arrival day for Salamanca/Dijon students
Jan. 6-30  Jan Plan

Second Semester

Feb. 5  First classes
March 22-30  Spring recess (residence halls closed)
April 15  Financial aid application deadline for returning students
May 1  Colby Liberal Arts Symposium
May 9  Last classes of second semester
May 10  Last day for scheduled events
May 14-19  Semester examinations
May 24  Baccalaureate
May 25  Commencement

Summer 2014

June 5-8  Reunion Weekend

Schedule is subject to change.

Planning ahead? Visit colby.edu/planahead for calendars through the summer of 2017.
FAMILY HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Each October more than 1,000 alumni, parents, and friends of Colby return to Mayflower Hill for Family Homecoming Weekend. Past Family Homecoming Weekend events have begun with visiting selected academic classes and taking tours on Friday. The weekend’s key activities kick into high gear Friday evening. Saturday is full of activities including a State of the College message from the president, musical performances, and, of course, the homecoming football game. A full schedule will be listed online in early fall.

Upcoming Family Homecoming Weekend dates:
Oct. 25-27, 2013
Oct. 17-19, 2014

Plan ahead. Area hotel rooms fill quickly. Families also stay in hotels in nearby Augusta, and some make arrangements to rent a lakeside cottage.

Local hotel accommodations and restaurants
Visit colby.edu/parents or colby.edu/restaurants.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Colby’s Office of Alumni Relations organizes many regional events for parents and alumni each year. For a list of regional events, visit alumni.colby.edu. In addition, the Office of Parent Programs organizes regional events each year exclusively for parents. In past years, these events have taken place in Boston, New York City, and Washington, D.C. For more information about events for parents, visit colby.edu/parentevents.
HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Here's a quick reference guide to assist in making Colby a home away from home for students. A list of resources is linked from the Colby parent website (colby.edu/parents/resources).

Dorm Room Details
Information about floor plans, window dimensions, furniture and beds, keys, and hall access is available at colby.edu/dormrooms.

Sending Mail/Packages
Each student is assigned a Mayflower Hill number as part of his or her school address. For details about how to address mail or packages, visit colby.edu/sendingmail. Boxes can be shipped to campus prior to move-in day (visit colby.edu/movein).

Summer Storage
Students living more than 750 miles away can box their clothing, linens, and books (excluding appliances, electronics, and furnishings) for storage at Colby over the summer. Colby students who live fewer than 750 miles away or need storage for other items may make arrangements through a commercial storage company.

Travel
By plane: Boston's Logan Airport is often the least expensive and most direct option. Concord Coach is easy to catch from Logan. Colby stops are limited (more plentiful at standard school break times), but the bus does pick up and drop off frequently in Augusta, about 20 minutes from Waterville. The Portland Jetport is about 80 minutes from campus. Students need to take a taxi or city bus from the airport to the bus station and then catch the northbound bus to Colby (or Augusta). Airports in Bangor and Augusta offer limited flights compared to Portland or Boston.
By bus: Concord Coach Lines offers daily bus service to and from Colby. The Colby stop is in front of the Harold Alfond Athletic Center.
By car: You'll find directions for driving to campus at colby.edu/directions.
Without a car? The Student Government Association (SGA) provides information about the student-operated Colby Jitney service and local taxi companies (colby.edu/localtransport). Zipcar has also become a practical alternative to bringing a car to campus.
MyColby, a secure online portal, is the place to view bills and pay tuition, apply for financial aid, access academic information and student employment records, and load funds onto the ColbyCard—Colby’s campus ID and smartcard.

Students receive password-protected access to myColby when they matriculate, and access to the portal is recommended for all parents. Students may grant parents access by following a few simple steps outlined at colby.edu/parents/aboutmyColby. Parents may gain access only through their student, and students only need to grant parents access once during their time at Colby.

Links below go to information parents frequently seek. These and other online resources are listed at colby.edu/parents/resources. If that site doesn’t help locate the information you need, e-mail parents@colby.edu.

Athletic schedule. Includes webcast schedule. Go Mules! colby.edu/athleticschedule
Career Center. A four-year co-curriculum. colby.edu/careercenter
ColbyCard. Information and a link to load funds onto the campus smartcard. colby.edu/colbycard
COOT. Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip. colby.edu/coot
Course catalogue. Course descriptions, requirements, majors, procedures. colby.edu/catalogue
Dorm closure schedule. End-of-semester details including storage. colby.edu/leavingdorm
Financial accounts. Tuition payments and financial aid. colby.edu/sfs
InsideColby. Photos, videos, stories of campus life. By students. insidecolby.com
Jan Plan. The intensive four-week experience between fall and spring semesters. colby.edu/janplan

The Colby Echo. Student newspaper. thecolbyecho.com.

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E-mail parents@colby.edu.