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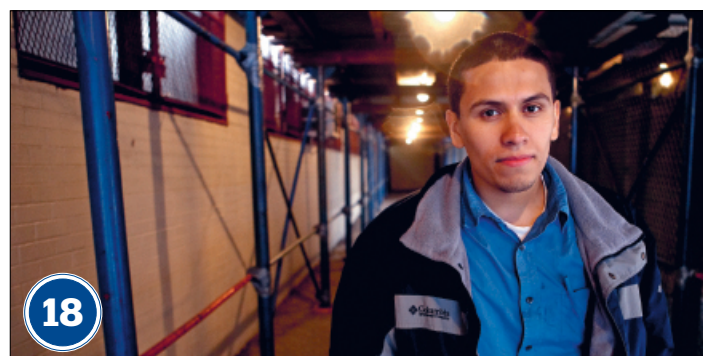
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## The Boatbuilders

In the world of custom-built yachts, Maine boatbuilders Jock Williams '62 (above) and Steve White '77 are renowned for their boats' classic lines and impeccable craftsmanship.



## Jeronimo Maradiaga's Journey

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship winner Jeronimo Maradiaga '09J was a smart kid from a single-parent home in the South Bronx. Few people knew his responsibilities included more than his studies at Colby.

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**ON THE COVER** Jeronimo Maradiaga '09J is shown in the Bronx, outside John F. Kennedy High School, his alma mater. (Photo by Nick Cardillicchio)

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**« A Different Investment** | Bobby Gorman '08 postponed his finance job to make bunk beds for children living in poverty in Costa Rica. [Keyword: Bunkbed](#)

**Colby Connects** | Job hunting? Students and alumni—and the Career Center—find that a Colby mentor can make all the difference. [Keyword: Jobs](#)

**Early College** | Native American kids in Maine got a taste of college this spring, as Colby came to them. [Keyword: Wabanaki](#)

**Art at Your Fingertips** | The museum has launched a new Web feature with almost 2,500 digital images and information about more than 6,000 objects from the permanent collection. [Keyword: See\\_art](#)





As classes were winding down this spring, the students at insideColby were finishing up another issue of the award-winning magazine. Some excerpts are below, and there's much more—videos, blogs, podcasts, photo galleries—online at [insideColby.com](http://insideColby.com).

## Alternative Paths

By Fiona Brown '09

**F**or some students, four years of college is plenty. For others, taking five or more years to graduate means having an even more meaningful experience.

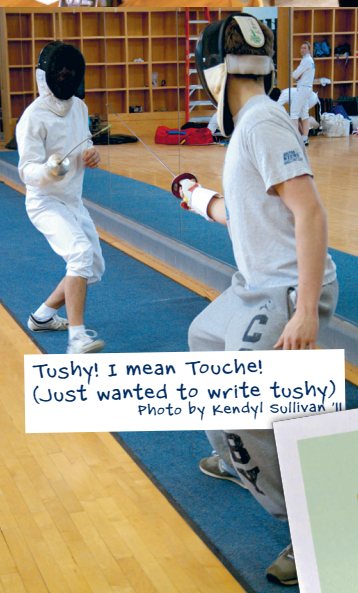
No, these students aren't slackers. Known at Colby as super seniors, they leave school to gain experience, and they return with wisdom, enthusiasm, and a slew of stories to share before they enter (or re-enter) the "real" world.

Starting to tell his story about his time off, Jamie Goldring '09 is out of breath. He has just left a lecture and he's rushing to host a fundraising gig in the pub for the organization he launched to help people in Malawi. After a sigh, he says with a smile, "It's a joy to be here again." Goldring, like many who take a leave, returned with a new perspective and enthusiasm.

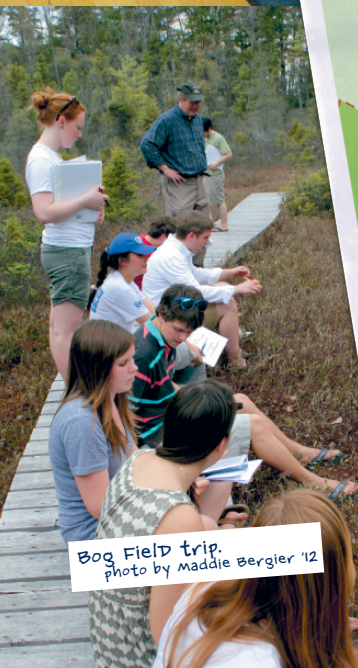
At Colby, leaves of absence are uncommon. Over the last 10 years about three students per graduating class have taken off a full year (or more) without receiving credit, according to Beth Schiller, the College registrar. For three in this year's graduating class—Goldring, Jessica Stern, and Alexandra Freyer—leaving school meant pursuing passions, gaining work experience, and seeing the world.



A Little Music with your dinner?  
photo by Reesa Kashuk '12



Tushy! I mean Touche!  
(Just wanted to write tushy)  
Photo by Kendyl Sullivan '11



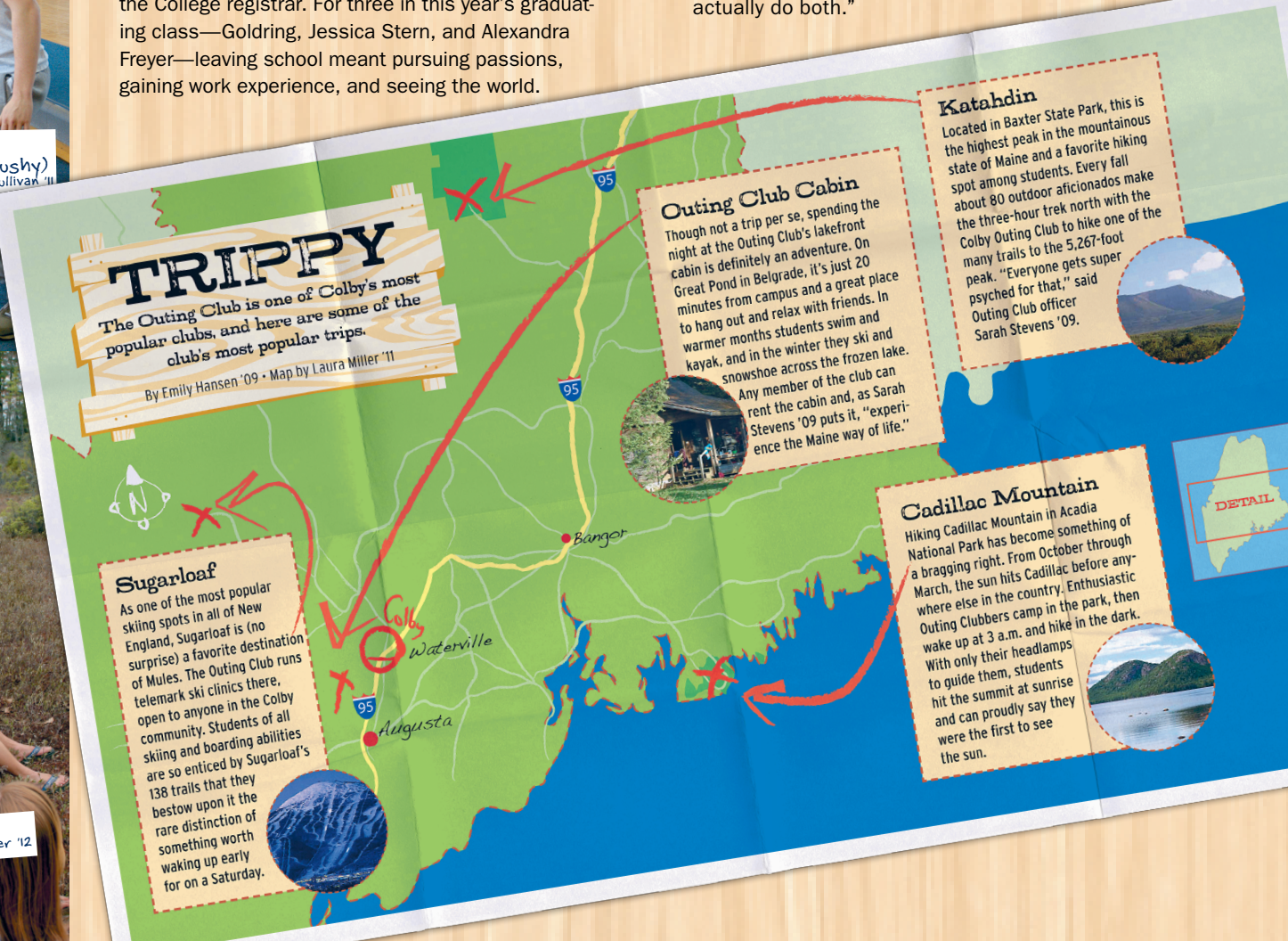
Bog Field trip.  
photo by Maddie Bergier '12

## Engineering Harmony

By Mezhan Moynihan '09

**P**op quiz. Which of these doesn't belong: physics, music, or engineering? If you guessed music, you're right—and wrong. Daniel Gomez '09 used to think his interests in science and music might not mix into one career path. Then he discovered the Colby/Dartmouth dual-degree program.

For Gomez, college has been about finding a balance. "The extremes don't appeal to me," he said. Instead of focusing only on his interest in physics or his love of music, Gomez found a way to blend his passions. He spent his first two years at Colby focusing on music and physics, then went to Dartmouth for his junior year to work on an engineering degree. After he graduates from Colby this year he'll be back at Dartmouth for one more year. When he's done he'll have two degrees—a bachelor of arts in music and physics, and a bachelor of science in engineering—that he hopes to apply to a career in acoustical engineering. "That was one of the advantages of coming here," he said. "I can actually do both."



### TRIPPY

The Outing Club is one of Colby's most popular clubs, and here are some of the club's most popular trips.

By Emily Hansen '09 • Map by Laura Miller '11

#### Sugarloaf

As one of the most popular skiing spots in all of New England, Sugarloaf is (no surprise) a favorite destination of Mules. The Outing Club runs of telemark ski clinics there, open to anyone in the Colby community. Students of all skiing and boarding abilities are so enticed by Sugarloaf's 138 trails that they bestow upon it the rare distinction of something worth waking up early for on a Saturday.

#### Outing Club Cabin

Though not a trip per se, spending the night at the Outing Club's lakefront cabin is definitely an adventure. On Great Pond in Belgrade, it's just 20 minutes from campus and a great place to hang out and relax with friends. In warmer months students swim and kayak, and in the winter they ski and snowshoe across the frozen lake. Any member of the club can rent the cabin and, as Sarah Stevens '09 puts it, "experience the Maine way of life."

#### Katahdin

Located in Baxter State Park, this is the highest peak in the mountainous state of Maine and a favorite hiking spot among students. Every fall about 80 outdoor aficionados make the three-hour trek north with the Colby Outing Club to hike one of the many trails to the 5,267-foot peak. "Everyone gets super psyched for that," said Outing Club officer Sarah Stevens '09.

#### Cadillac Mountain

Hiking Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park has become something of a bragging right. From October through March, the sun hits Cadillac before anywhere else in the country. Enthusiastic Outing Clubbers camp in the park, then wake up at 3 a.m. and hike in the dark. With only their headlamps to guide them, students hit the summit at sunrise and can proudly say they were the first to see the sun.