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SHORT FORM



Comments at and about a rally held April 16 after anonymous posts on the social media app Yik Yak mocked a protest against recent police shootings of African-American men:

“I want to challenge you to be part of the ‘we’ that will not tolerate this.”

—*Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy Jill Gordon*

“I never want to forget that the color of my skin, the size of my wallet, shapes the way I see and I experience the world.”

—*President David A. Greene*

“I think many of the students are surprised, refreshed, and rejuvenated by the fact that they discussed white privilege and called out white students here but not ... in a negative way. They were called out in a socially responsible kind of way and were told it was important to care about this.”

—*Tionna Haynes '15*

“That was rejuvenating and refreshing to be having that conversation. They said it’s been something we’ve been talking about all year long, but for us it’s been four years.”

—*Joseph Whitfield '15*

480

The number of Colby students registered with the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation by Gracie Baldwin '16. Baldwin, an intern with the foundation, ran registration drives in the student center, at pub night, at the Farnham Writers' Center, and for Hillel, and she met with clubs and sports teams, among other initiatives. Colby students she recruits are added to the list of potential bone marrow donors for patients dying of blood-related diseases, including leukemia and lymphoma.



Participants in the Young Curators Program at the Colby College Museum of Art sketch in the museum. Young Curators, the first such program in the history of the museum, offers local high school students immersion in museum practice through arts-centered learning and production. There is an exhibition of their work this summer in the Harriman Student Lounge on the second floor of the Alford-Lunder Family Pavilion.

Bidding Farewell to the Hill

Three professors with a combined 120 years of experience and influence at Colby have retired.

Peter B. Harris, Zacamy Professor of English

Peter Harris joined Colby's faculty in 1974 and taught creative writing and English on Mayflower Hill for more than four decades. His pioneering work with service learning in his English Composition courses inspired the Colby Cares About Kids program, which now has more than 475 Colby students mentoring schoolchildren in surrounding communities.

Thomas J. Morrione, Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology

Tom Morrione graduated from Colby in 1965, earned a master's at the University of New Hampshire and a Ph.D. at Brigham Young University, and returned to join Colby's Sociology Department in 1971. In recent years he taught Learning By Giving, in which students write and assess grants to give \$10,000 to local nonprofit organizations.

Ira Sadoff, Arthur Jeremiah Roberts Professor of Literature

Ira Sadoff joined the English Department at Colby in 1977. A poet, essayist, author, critic, and teacher, he has published eight collections of poetry including, most recently, *True Faith* (2012); a volume of criticism titled *History Matters: Contemporary Poetry on the Margins of American Culture* (2009); a novel, *Uncoupling* (1982); and a collection titled *The Ira Sadoff Reader* (1992) as well as short stories.




Boylan Tapped for Colby Advisor Role

Best-selling memoirist, Barnard professor and former Colby professor, and nationally known advocate for civil rights Jennifer Finney Boylan has been appointed special advisor to President David A. Greene. In this new role Boylan will organize a visiting-artist-in-


residence program, develop internship opportunities for Colby students, and consult on deepening the diversity conversation at Colby.

"Jenny Boylan's deep and important history at Colby and her leadership on issues central to the College's priorities make her ideal for this role," Greene said.

During her time at Colby Boylan has served as program director for creative writing and served as advisor to The Bridge, Colby's all-inclusive queer and ally student-run club. She is the national co-chair of the board of directors of GLAAD, the media advocacy group for LGBT people worldwide. 




"I take serious issue with the marketing trend that uses [women's] empowerment to sell products that have nothing to do with empowerment."

—Ruthie Hawley '15
in her senior honors thesis on ways advertisers distort empowerment of women. Story 

A Win for Socioeconomic Diversity at Colby

As part of its efforts to recruit and enroll exceptional students regardless of their ability to pay, the College has partnered with QuestBridge, an organization that aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best colleges and universities.

"Colby College and QuestBridge share the vision of a global society that embraces leaders from diverse backgrounds and perspectives," said President David A. Greene. "To achieve this goal we must invest in exceptionally talented students with the capacity to excel and ultimately lead in a broad array of fields." 

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Condon Medal

The original Condon Medal, awarded to John Woolman Brush, Class of 1920, was recently returned to the College by his daughter, Julie Brush Wheeler '56. Brush, a minister, was the first recipient of the award created and endowed by Randall J. Condon, Class of 1886 and a prominent educator. The medal is awarded each year to the member of the graduating class who classmates feel has exhibited “the finest qualities of constructive citizenship.” This year’s recipient was Justin Deckert '15.

A Record-Breaking Recruiting Year

Colby’s largest-ever pool of applications yielded the Class of 2019, which is by many measures the strongest class ever. For example, the average aggregate SAT score for this fall’s first-year students is 2040, 10 points higher than any previous class. Colby’s admit rate declined to an unprecedented 22.5 percent (most selective year ever), and the geographic profile spans the globe, with 39 states and 38 countries from Albania to Zimbabwe represented by students committed to joining the Colby community. Eleven percent of students in the class are from Maine, 12 percent are international, and 20 percent are domestic students of color. More at colby.edu/news

2.45 Seconds

The time Alanna McDonough '16 cut from her previous personal best in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Fortunately, she peaked May 23 at the NCAA Division III Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships at St. Lawrence University.

The time of 10:42.03 earned McDonough sixth place and All-America status. “To have your best race of the year when it matters most is extraordinarily difficult,” said men’s track and field head coach Jared Beers '01, who coaches steeplechase. **There were 15 Colby All-Americans this season. See colby.edu/athletics**

Food for Thought

When the tables were cleared after commencement weekend, the numbers were impressive. About 4,900 meals were served and 3,470 pounds of food were composted, leaving a mere 200 pounds of waste and only 80 pounds of recyclables. That’s a 93-percent diversion rate, surpassing the College’s goal of 90 percent. The leftovers went to a local composting company that, in turn, supplies Colby with compost for campus lawns and gardens.

The Mule It Over job-shadow program is off and running.

Alumni and parents have offered opportunities in 33 states and four countries.

Students can explore careers ranging from finance to farming, banking to brewing. Institutions opening doors included the U.S. Department of State, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Portland (Maine) Symphony Orchestra, among many others.

90
students
matched

336
volunteers

(257/79/10)
alumni/parents/both