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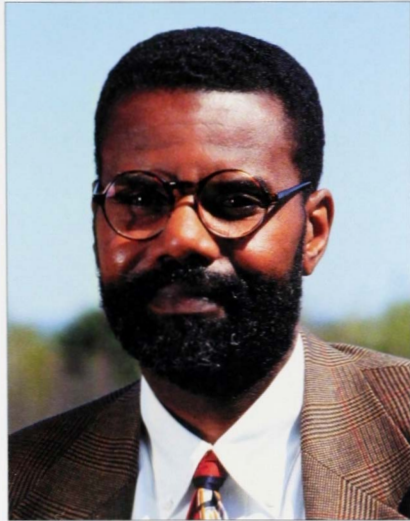
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# *Making Connections*



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Now that I've been here long enough to experience the five-year-alumni pipeline and been a part of celebrations, like the Class of '94's reunion last summer, I am reminded in the most pleasant ways not just of my impact on Colby alumni but of theirs on me. The feeling is one of wholeness, of being forever connected to something larger than one's self—to a community of friends who are your advocates for life . . . and you theirs.

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