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it's what we do...



Miselis Professor of Chemistry **Brad Mundy** usually works at Colby through June and July conducting research with student assistants, returning to his home state of Montana for August.

A few years ago he was working in the lab with junior **Christina Goudreau Collison '98** to synthesize two naturally occurring compounds. They succeeded and together wrote two papers on the topic.

That summer Mundy learned of an international chemistry conference in Bozeman, Montana, that would provide not



only an opportunity to present their work but also



help Christina meet well-known chemists and make

decisions about graduate studies. When Christina

told Mundy of her concerns about travel expenses, he found College travel-grant money to **fly her to the conference**. But rather than having her stay in a hotel, he insisted she stay with his family, not only for the conference but for an impromptu family reunion. After

the conference, a state fair, some Big Sky hiking and a Shakespeare festival, Christina returned to Colby, graduated (Phi Beta Kappa) and is now working on her Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of Rochester.



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