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# NUMBERS

# 81

The number of countries represented by current Colby students, as represented by the 81 flags that were the backdrop to Colby's 199th convocation Sept. 6. The convocation, open to the campus community, was held on Miller Lawn. The Class of 2020 was welcomed by President David A. Greene and Dean of the College Karlene Burrell-McRae '94. The convocation address to this global community was given by Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Professor of History Robert S. Weisbrot, who spoke of "the wonderful challenges we have at Colby to reinvent the world, both in the realm of ideas and of deeds."

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The number of National Science Foundation grants awarded Whipple-Coddington Professor of Geology Robert Gastaldo since 1999. The latest, for nearly \$200,000, was awarded in July. The funding supports Gastaldo's groundbreaking work on the End-Permian extinction event he has researched with Colby students since 2003 in South Africa's Karoo Basin. Three of those researchers, on site in South Africa are, from left: Oriana Battifarano '17; Johann Neveling of the Council for Geoscience, Pretoria; Robert Gastaldo, and Alyson Churchill '17.