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# SHORT FORM

## 2017

### Applications Surge for Third Straight Year

# 117%

INCREASE FROM 2014 TO 2017

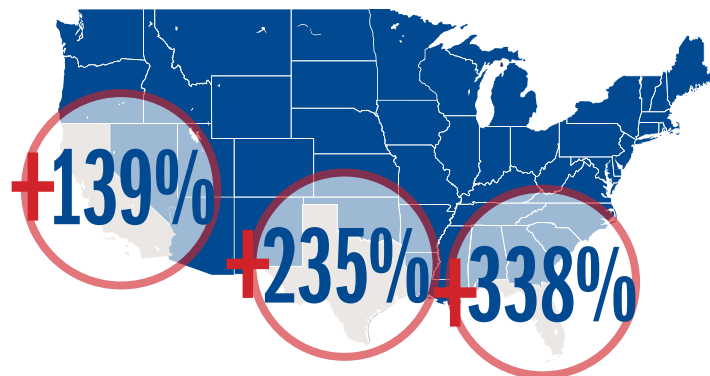
## 11,190

APPS FOR CLASS OF 2021

**“Colby is changing the way people think about liberal arts education, and the best students from around the world are taking notice.”**

—Matthew T. Proto,  
Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

### GROWTH IN DOMESTIC APPLICATIONS 2014 TO 2017



## 135+

COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED  
IN THE APP POOL

# 1

The number of Colby computer science majors who were supposed to land a coveted paid summer internship with CGI, the international company that is making Waterville its Maine hub.

Instead the company hired four. Rob Durst '19, Robbie DeAngelo '19, Christopher Marcello '19, and Austin Nantkes '19 so impressed CGI supervisors during Jan Plan that they were all taken on.

The four were given a challenge: form teams of two and create a solution to a common problem using “blockchain” technology, a type of digital ledger most

famously used in the digital currency Bitcoin. The best proposal, CGI said, would earn the creator a paid summer internship at the Waterville center.

“After a few hours of research I immediately became hooked,” Durst said in an email.

“With our focus on computational initiatives over the next several years, I expect this new partnership with CGI to grow and provide even more of our students with incredible experiences,” said Colby Vice President of Planning Brian Clark.



## Four for Four

Mardi Haskell '17 and head alpine ski coach Danny Noyes '02 react as they hear that Haskell earned her fourth All-American honor at the NCAA Division I Skiing Championships March 8 at Cannon Mountain in Franconia, N.H. Haskell, skiing with a back injury this season, earned the honor in the giant slalom with a 10th-place finish.

# 8

The number of members of the women's indoor track and field team qualifying for the NCAA Division III Championships. Jenna Athanasopoulos '17, Michaela Athanasopoulos '17, Taylor Depalo '19, Michaela Garrett '17, Caitlin Lawlor '18, Rachel Leonard '19, Hannah Springhorn '19, and Sophie Stokes Cerkenik '19 competed at nationals March 10-11 at North Central College in Illinois. Tenth-place finishes went to Garrett, in the 20-pound weight throw, Lawlor, in the 3,000 meter run, and the 1,600 relay team.



## Another Weapon in Fight Against Climate Change

A gift from Trustee Sandy Buck '78 and Sissy Buck will connect Colby students to organizations in Maine and beyond as the College expands funded opportunities for students, giving them valuable tools to help solve the world's most challenging problems.

Through the Buck Environment and Climate Change Lab, students will conduct research on Maine's coast, lakes, and forests, working closely with faculty and local nonprofits to understand changes to ecosystems and the far-flung effects of those changes.

Their internships in organizations focused on environmental issues will be paid through the Buck Lab.

"It's incredibly gratifying when a donor and an institution can find the perfect fit," said President David A. Greene, "and that's exactly what happened here. With this gift Sandy and Sissy Buck make a meaningful contribution to the issues that matter most to them, and Colby is able to support students as they work to solve complex global problems and gain the experience they need to make a profound difference after they graduate."

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## Sandler's Passion Forever Linked to Colby Lacrosse

A year after his tragic death, an anonymous donor endowed the men's lacrosse head coach position in memory of late coach Jack Sandler (above). Current head coach Guy Van Arsdale, who joined Colby last year from Jacksonville University, will be the first to hold the endowed position. "Colby's coach-as-educator model was personified by Jack Sandler," said Tim Wheaton, the Harold Alfond Director of Athletics.

Sandler, 35, died during his third season at Colby. He had led the Mules to the conference playoffs in each of his first two years as coach. At the time of Sandler's death, Colby President David A. Greene said the young coach's "real passion was teaching and helping students develop their full potential physically, intellectually, and personally."

## Significant Recognition for Glenn's Research

Melissa Glenn, associate professor of psychology, was awarded a 2017-18 James McKeen Cattell Fund Fellowship. This award includes financial support to extend Glenn's sabbatical from one semester to two. Her sabbatical activities will include collaborating with colleagues in Canada to develop ethologically rich behavioral methods that better represent the complexities of human behavior and dysfunction than existing assays. This is central to her efforts to improve the translational success of animal models in treating human psychological disorders.

## For Moland, Scholarship Leads to Berlin

One of the foremost scholars on the philosopher Hegel, Associate Professor of Philosophy Lydia Moland was awarded a prestigious American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) fellowship in support of her 2017-18 sabbatical for a book project titled *Hegel's Aesthetics: The Art of Idealism*. The grant will allow Moland to extend her upcoming sabbatical and undertake work as a guest at the Freie Universität in Berlin. Her book will combine analysis of the philosophy of art during the period known as the German Age of Aesthetics with application of that analysis to contemporary art.

**"I wanted to experience life here,  
(it always seemed so cool to me that you can drive  
everywhere, as there are no roads going out of Juneau)  
and college seemed like the perfect time for that."**

—Swimmer Abigail Taylor-Roth '19 on deciding to come to Colby from Alaska. Taylor-Roth, a math major with a minor in women's, gender, and sexuality studies, is tied for the highest grade point average among Colby athletes.



## Media Shout Outs for Colby Faculty

*Making Refuge*, the latest book by **Catherine Besteman**, Francis F. Bartlett and Ruth K. Bartlett Professor of Anthropology, was named one of the best books of 2016 by *Foreign Affairs* magazine. Subtitled *Somali Bantu Refugees and Lewiston, Maine*, the book chronicles Besteman's reunion in Lewiston with Bantu refugees she had met as a doctoral student in Somalia. A feature story on the work of Besteman, a renowned scholar, is at [colby.edu/mag](http://colby.edu/mag).

In a video produced by the Asia Society, **Ankeney Weitz**, Ellerton M. and Edith K. Jette Professor of Art and co-curator of *No Limits: Zao Wou-ki*, Weitz explains why the painting *Traces dans la ville (Tracks of the City)* is her favorite. "Although it's abstract, there's a sense of uncovering a hidden past that I think is one of the reasons I like this painting so much," Weitz said. *No Limits: Zao Wou-Ki* (at the Colby College Museum of Art through June 4) is the first retrospective of the work of Zao Wou-Ki (1920–2013) in the United States. "An intriguing, peripatetic, at times beautiful affair," said the *New York Times* in its review of the exhibition.

A *New York Magazine* interactive article highlights research by Associate Professor of Psychology **Christopher Soto** investigating the "big five" personality traits: extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness, neuroticism, and open-mindedness. The Dec. 21 article also asks readers to predict their own scores on these traits, then take a personality test developed by Soto and collaborator Oliver John.

As the winter solstice approached, *TIME* turned to scientists, including Charles A. Dana Professor of Science, Technology, and Society **James R. Fleming**, to point out that "the idea of the first day of winter is more complicated than you may think," Fleming said. Meteorological winter differs from astronomical winter because "the alignment of the Earth's axis doesn't line up with traditional weather, or the common-sense idea of weather," Fleming told *TIME* Dec. 20.



## Tenure Times Five

Five professors have been awarded tenure for their scholarship, excellence in the classroom, and service to the College.

President David A. Greene described the five as accomplished scholars and teachers. "Their remarkable dedication to their scholarly fields and to their students reflects the remarkable standard of excellence maintained by Colby faculty," Greene said. "These five professors connect with students and the Colby community in truly transformative ways."

*Colby's new tenured faculty members are top, left to right: Erin Sheets, psychology; Moubamedoul Niang, French; Samara Gunter, economics; Jonathan McCoy, physics and astronomy; and Tim Hubbard, economics. More online at [colby.edu/mag](http://colby.edu/mag).*

# 8.19.71

The Colby-record time posted by David Chelimo '17 at the Tufts Final Qualifying Meet March 4. Chelimo, who missed last year's season due to injury, bested the previous record for the 3,000-meter run held by Jeff Hale '15 by more than six seconds and took first place in the event.

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## Diamond Named Life Trustee

Robert E. Diamond Jr. '73, LL.D. '08, P'12 has been named a life trustee of the College in recognition of decades of steadfast service.

Diamond, former chair of the Board of Trustees, is founding partner and chief executive officer of Atlas Merchant Capital, a global financial services company. As a life trustee, he joins a circle of some of Colby's most dedicated supporters, comprised of Joseph F. Boulos '68, LL.D.

'09, Paula Crane Lunder, D.F.A. '98, James B. Crawford '64, LL.D. '05, the late Lawrence R. Pugh '56, LL.D. '99, and William R. Cotter, LL.D. '00.

"It's been an incredible pleasure over the years to be part of everything that is Colby College," Diamond said when presented the award in January.

As chair, Diamond helped recruit President David A. Greene to Colby and has galvanized board support of strategic initiatives the administration has launched since then, including revitalization of downtown Waterville, construction of a new athletic facility, and raising the College's admissions, academic, and fundraising profiles. Greene credits Diamond for setting ever-higher expectations for excellence at Colby. "He loves this place so much, he

knows its potential, and he wants nothing but the very best for this institution," Greene said. "He incites us to reach a little bit higher every single time."

Diamond's fellow trustees praise his tireless leadership, dedication, and ability to tap the skills of trustees to help Colby achieve ambitious goals. "Bob had a great way of ... convincing each of us that we had an important role to play," said Trustee Jane Powers '86.

That role was in the ongoing and relentless effort to help Colby excel, board members said. "He directed the board to think about how much more Colby could be doing," said Trustee and Chair Eric Rosengren '79, P'12

Part of that effort was bringing Greene to Colby, which Diamond undertook with Trustee Michael Gordon '66. "I don't think we would have been able to hire David if [Bob Diamond] hadn't been central and integral to it," Gordon said.

With Greene as president, Diamond helped direct the board to continue to strive to make the College a leader, "giving the sense of high competition that we need to be the absolute best," said Trustee Emeritus Richard Uchida '79, P'19.

That goal remains, Diamond stressed as he accepted the College's recognition. The process of pushing Colby to greater academic heights that, for him, began as he worked with past presidents William R. Cotter and William D. Adams, continues with Greene, he said. "We have an opportunity to raise the bar even further."

## She Believes ...

"... that community can be found where you would least expect it. ... I think that we are able to create the strongest bonds with those we may not talk to when we run into them in the elevator. I think that is what makes residence communities so special, and I hope I can help create that with my hall. #taylor gang"

—Community Advisor  
Carolyn Jones '19,  
in a posting in Pulver Pavilion

## Schupf Gift Connects Colby Students to Top Cancer Researchers

Select Colby students will have a chance to work with one of the nation's top cancer researchers, thanks to a gift endowing the Paul J. Schupf Colby College/Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Internship. The gift from Trustee Emeritus Paul J. Schupf LL.D. '06 establishes the summer experience at the renowned medical center.

"Paul Schupf's generosity will make it possible for students to apply what they have learned in the Colby classroom and lab to one of the most critical issues of our day—how to conquer cancer," said Colby President David A. Greene.

The new internship fund follows the Paul J. Schupf Scientific Computing Center and the Anthony-Mitchell-Schupf residence hall. Schupf's gifts also include the naming gift for the Paul J. Schupf Wing for the Works of Alex Katz, as well as many other works of art, and a promised gift of 150 works on paper by the renowned artist Richard Serra. Schupf also contributed the funds for the Paul J. Schupf Sculpture Court.



# Small Fish, Big Discovery

A discovery in the Gulf of Maine by a sharp-eyed Colby student biologist attracted the attention of scientists interested in the effects of climate change. Corin Balan '18 was on a research trip when he found a small orange fish in a tide pool in Acadia National Park. After the photo was posted online, the students learned the fish was a short bigeye, a species rarely seen as far north as Cape Cod. An anomaly? Habitat expansion? Balan and Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Seabird McKeon, who is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution and studies climate change and range expansions, are mulling the question.

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