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Class of 1905 Cup
Presented to the class that graduated less than 50 years ago, with the largest percentage of returning members.

Class of 1906 Cup
Presented to the class that graduated 50 or more years ago, with the largest percentage of returning members.

Class of 1922 Cup
Awarded for the largest overall number of returning classmates.

Alumni Corporation Distinguished Teaching Award

Alumni Corporation Humanitarian Award

Ann Yao ’80 Memorial Young Alumni Award

Maroon Citation

Wm. Brian Little ’64 Alumni Award for Distinguished Service

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Following the program, there will be a torchlight procession from Memorial Chapel to Whitnall Field.

Please allow the Class of 1965 and their guests to exit the chapel first.


**LESLEIGH CUSHING**

*Murray W. and Mildred K. Finard Associate Professor in Jewish Studies, and Associate Professor of Religion; Director of Jewish Studies*

An inspirational teacher and an irrepresibly generous member of the University and Hamilton communities, Lesleigh Cushing is, at the same time, a scholar whose research and writing put her on the leading edge of a new discipline: she brings the skills of literary analysis to the study of the Bible.

Lesleigh connects with her Colgate students in ways that are simultaneously friendly and warm, challenging and motivating. Students in her sophomore residential seminar explore the landmarks, tastes, sounds, and scriptures of three religious traditions both here in Hamilton and together traveling in Jerusalem. In her Core class, *Legacies of the Ancient World*, students come to know the vibrancy and contemporary relevance of ancient texts such as *Genesis*, the *Iliad*, and the *Aeneid*.

As one friend put it, students “see in her a serious, substantive scholar, recognized in her profession, who is at the same time affable, approachable, and immensely supportive.”

Lesleigh’s first book, *Sustaining Fictions*, examines how biblical figures are recast and transformed in subsequent retellings of their stories, in the biblical canon and beyond. One reviewer described the work as “groundbreaking in its search for more precise ways of describing retellings....”

Lesleigh is at work on two new books. The first looks at ways the Bible is used in American public and political discourse. The second, a collaboration, examines the Bible in the American short story. In addition to her books and scholarly articles, Lesleigh is a frequent speaker at professional conferences and symposia in the US and abroad. And she shares her brilliance locally with the Hamilton community in classes for Lifelong Learners, high school students, and the Jewish community.

Even as she was on leave this year, Lesleigh continued supervising independent studies and counseling her advisees. She and her husband, Ben Stahlberg, routinely open their home to students and friends, including cooking Passover Seders for a houseful.

For her genuine devotion to her students, her exceptional scholarship, and her model as a citizen of our community, we are delighted to honor Lesleigh Cushing with the Alumni Corporation’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

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**FRANK FREY**

*Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies*

Frank Frey makes it clear the first day of class that discussion counts. A lot. Then, a few weeks into the semester, he invites students in for a one-on-one. “I have you down for a C-minus in participation,” he’ll say. “Here’s what you need to do to bring it up.”

Discussion ensues.

A colleague says Frank has a knack for being liked by students all the more because of his terrifying standards. His popularity also traces to how generous he is with his time, how much he cares for students, how hard he works, and a sense of humor that makes everything go down a little easier.

Frank teaches courses in biology and environmental studies. His Core course *Sex, Drugs, & Chocolate* gives students “a new appreciation for what people eat, drink, smoke, and wear.” For the past several years Frank has been teaming with colleagues in geography to engage students in hands-on study of environment and health issues in rural Uganda. He will return there with a team of students this summer. Frank has led study groups to Wales and Australia. He and his wife Brenda, who works in Colgate’s advancement office, will direct one of the University’s new residential learning communities.

Frank mentors the student research associates in his laboratory. More than 20 have shared writing credits with him on papers in professional journals.

Frank is also director of the Office of Undergraduate Studies, helping talented students from challenged circumstances take full advantage of all that the university offers. Summer classes introduce OUS students to learning at Colgate. “Professor Frey changed my entire perspective on science,” one student wrote of Frank’s summer course. Another said he “opened my eyes to what OUS and Colgate are really like.”

An admiring colleague describes Frank’s “complete openness and compassion,” and his willingness to speak “home truths” to students who need a push to realize their potential. They know that he is their understanding advocate.

For all that Frank Frey means to Colgate, we are delighted to present him the Alumni Corporation’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

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**DR. ROBERT B. RAIBER ’68, P’02**

Speaking on campus at a packed career panel on “Alternatives to Medicine,” Dr. Bob Raiber credited Dean William Griffith with steering him toward a career in dentistry. As an undergraduate, Bob was a biology major, a wrestler, and a bass violinist who considered becoming a doctor as a way of “giving back.”

Dean Griffith counseled Bob: “You like to work with your hands. Dentists have many opportunities to give back.” Bob went
on to earn his DDS at NYU. “To be a dentist is to be a physician of the mouth,” he told the career panel. And over a distinguished medical career that continues to this day, he has found many ways to give back.

Bob had been the president of the New York County Dental Society for less than a day when terrorists flew jets into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Bob had already evacuated his office at Rockefeller Center when the New York City medical examiner called to request his help recruiting dentists with forensic training to identify victims at the Trade Center. Using x-rays and dental records, Bob and his team worked around the clock for several days to identify 580 victims and allow for their immediate burial. They were still identifying victims when American Airlines flight 587 crashed in Queens and they were called again to identify those victims.

Bob has traveled to Alaska to assess the lack of services and treat villagers in remote Hooper Bay, and represented their plight in Washington. Since 2008 he has been volunteering dental services for disabled, elderly and medically compromised patients who don’t qualify for Medicare. And he is an ethics facilitator for the Columbia and NYU undergraduate dental schools.

Bob is a fixture at Colgate events and a dedicated volunteer, serving on the Presidents’ Club membership committee and the Alumni Council, networking with health professionals, volunteering in admissions, and counseling students. His daughter Emily, Class of ’02, is another enthusiastic volunteer who shares Dad’s love of Colgate.

To Dr. Robert Raiber’s national recognitions for service, and his Maroon Citation, we are pleased to add the Alumni Corporation’s 2015 Humanitarian Award.

**EMILY H. BRADLEY ’10**

Colgate’s most selective and prestigious student recognition is the 1819 Award. When Emily Bradley won it in 2010, the University featured her in a video. “Colgate didn’t change who I was, but it did challenge me to know who I was and to be able to explain why,” is one pearl from that rich minute and a half.

Her dean described Emily as “brilliant, with a zest for life and a sense of fun; authentic in her leadership, service and scholarship.” An early-decision admit from Toronto, Emily was a Dana Scholar who won prizes in Political Science and CORE Scientific Perspectives. She rowed crew, counseled first-year students, lived as a Gamma Phi Beta, mentored a Hamilton youngster, and served Konosioni. When alumni and other media heavyweights gathered in New York in 2008 to discuss the presidential campaign, there was Emily, a junior, holding her own among Andy Rooney, Howard Fineman, Jeff Fager, and Scott Pelley.

On the Washington Study Group she scored an internship with Bob Schieffer at Face the Nation. After graduating she joined his staff and soon became his top producer. He told us to attach any superlative to her name and he’d sign it.

A veteran board member called Emily “wonderfully collaborative” during her term as young alumni trustee.

Emily, who now works with the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, will marry classmate John Greenfield in August.

“Colgate pairs confidence with humility,” she said with a smile in that 2010 video. And wouldn’t she know.

We’re delighted to present Emily Bradley the Ann Yao Memorial Young Alumni Award.

**KARL D. FRIES ’10**

As co-president of the Colgate Alumni Club of Boston, Karl Fries employs organizational skills he learned as the undergraduate president of Theta Chi and as a staff member at Outdoor Education.

With 2,200 members, one of the largest and most active of the University’s local alumni organizations, the Boston club is celebrated for events such as outings at Fenway Park, rowdy turnouts at Colgate-Harvard hockey games, ice skating on the Frog Pond, support for the Celtics and Bruins, and the social series at area pubs.

The club also marshals strong support for Colgate programs such as send-off parties for Boston-area students, and a Presidents’ Club reception at the famous Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Much of the responsibility for organizing those events falls to the club president — a high-visibility position. Karl’s predecessors in that role say he’s done “good things with a good club,” increasing membership and improving the organizational structure while maintaining the club’s loose and friendly atmosphere.

Karl majored in physics at Colgate, earning Phi Eta Sigma honors as a freshman. For Outdoor Education, he led backpacking trips and helped create a mountain biking course. A member of Konosioni, Karl solicited for 2010’s Senior Class Gift. He continues to solicit classmates for the Presidents’ Club.

After working as an investment associate with Putnam, Karl now applies his skills in data gathering and analysis as a freelance growth consultant. One recent client is the rock band Beecher’s Fault.

We’re pleased to recognize Karl Fries with the Ann Yao Memorial Young Alumni Award.

**SAFWAN B. SHABAB ’10**

Safwan Shabab entered Colgate from his native Bangladesh, bent on making his mark.

Four years later he graduated summa cum laude in international relations and mathematical economics with a resume to fill a page. His Kingsford Prize and 1884 Prize in public speaking reflected his place on a debate team ranked 16th in the world. He won the Stillman Award for International Relations, the Politics and Citizenship Award for Political Science, and the Stone Civic Freedom Award. The Class of 1997 Award recognized his intellect and leadership. He was a Cobb Fellow, a Dana Scholar, an RA, and a DJ. He wrote for the Academic Review and spoke at the Lecture Forum.

On the London Economics Study Group he interned at Rhone Capital. The summer before, he interned at Nobel-Prize-winning Grameen Bank in his native Dhaka.

Safwan spent two years at Barclays in New York, then two years in Chicago with Cressey & Company, before entering Harvard last
Safwan Shabab, knowing that we will continue to hear from him. This Ann Yao Memorial Young Alumni Award is presented to Safwan supports the Millenial Scholarship Program. “Paying forward” the aid that enabled him to attend Colgate, and communications. Colleagues on the Board say he “sees the big picture.”

HARRY E. GOULD JR. ’60

Fifty-five years after graduating from Colgate with high honors in English, Harry Gould continues to be a force in the worlds of business, the arts, and philanthropy. He studied marketing at Harvard Business School and holds an MBA from Columbia Business School, where he serves on the Board of Overseers.

In 1969, seven years into his career, Harry took over the family business, Gould Paper, where he continues to serve as President and Chairman of the third largest paper distributor in North America. Under Harry, annual sales grew from $16 million to $1.1 billion.

He also ran Cinema Group, underwriters who financed films such as Flashdance, Star Trek III, and Staying Alive. He has a lifetime vote on the Academy Awards.

Harry represented the US on the UN East-West Trade Development Commission in the ’60s, and in the ’70s served on the President’s Export Council.

He sits on the boards of Roundabout Theatre Company and the New York Housing Development Corporation. A trustee of Colgate, his other directorships have served the National Symphony Orchestra, American Management Association, Actors Studio, the USO of Metropolitan New York, and national efforts combating Multiple Sclerosis and Cerebral Palsy.

Harry collects rare documents and signed first-edition books. He and his wife Barbara endowed an annual concert of world-class music for Colgate audiences in memory of their youngest daughter, Katharine Elizabeth. Harry gave a music room in Case Library in honor of his father. More recently, the Goulds made a special gift to create a scholarship endowment.

We are delighted to recognize the vital Harry Gould with this Maroon Citation.

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PETER O. HANSON ’55, P’79,’86,’89

Peter Hanson is a leader in his profession, a person of acclaimed integrity, an independent spirit and clear thinker with strong convictions, and a generous benefactor who wants only the best for Colgate.

Peter is a Phi Delt who majored in sociology at and took part in ROTC. Following graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force, became a pilot and rose to captain over a four-year tour of duty. In 1959 he joined the industrial real estate company his father founded four years earlier – a company that is now a diversified three-generation family business in its 60th year, with Peter as its very active board chair.

Held in high regard by his peers, Peter was president of both the Industrial Real Estate Brokers Association and the Society of Industrial Realtors. In the community, he has served on the boards of the Salvation Army and Hackensack University Medical Center, and the senior council of Boy Scouts of America.

Peter’s brothers Jon ’60 and Donald ’65 and his son Bill ’86 followed his path to Colgate and into the family business, where Bill has been president since 1993. Peter’s daughter Kathryn ’79 and stepdaughter Carmel Gunther Robinson ’89 also graduated from Colgate.

Peter is a member of the Presidents’ Club in perpetuity and a past member of the Alumni Council and the board of Maroon Council. He serves on the alumni advisory board of the Center for Freedom and Western Civilization, and endows the Peter O. Hanson Scholarship.

On the occasion of his 60th Reunion, we are pleased to award Peter Hanson the Maroon Citation.

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DR. MARK A. MANDEL ’60

Dr. Mark Mandel is an acclaimed physician, a thoughtful leader, and a generous philanthropist. He graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Colgate, earning high honors in chemistry. As an undergraduate he was an Austen Colgate Scholar, a National Science Foundation Fellow, president of the Phi Society, and a campus leader named to both Maroon Key and Konosioni.

Dr. Mandel earned his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine in 1964. His distinguished medical career has included positions as an academician, a surgeon, a researcher, and now as a neutral expert deciding medical claims cases. He has performed more than 18,000 surgical procedures and written two books and more than 50 articles in his specialty of plastic and reconstructive surgery. Last fall, NYU School of Medicine presented Mark with its Alumni Leadership Award, “in recognition of his professional accomplishments and gracious humanitarianism.”

Mark has launched a line of high-end hair care products, all the proceeds of which fund his Foundation for Advancement of College Education – F.A.C.E. – which funds college scholarships for low-income students. He and his wife Emilia are generous patrons of the fine and performing arts in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, and support a recovery center for addicts.

Mark and Emilia are also generous supporters of Colgate, Raider athletic teams and facilities in particular. The top floor of
the Trudy Fitness Center is the Mark Mandel Cardiovascular Center, and the lobby of the new Athletic Center will also be named in Mark’s honor.

On the 55th anniversary of his graduation, Colgate is pleased to recognize Dr. Mark Mandel’s exceptional achievements with this Maroon Citation.

PETER L. KELLNER ’65, P’87,’16,’19

This 50th anniversary of the Class of 1965 provides an occasion to recognize one of Colgate’s most generous, yet most understated, benefactors: Peter Kellner.

Never seeking the limelight, Peter has quietly and effectively provided support from behind the scenes where and when the university needed it most. He and his wife Maria have opened their homes in London and on Nantucket to formal and informal gatherings of Colgate faithful. For students on the London Study Group interested in finance, Peter has offered internships at his offices. Generations of Colgate’s volunteer and administrative leaders have sought his counsel.

Many of the financial gifts that earned Peter membership in the James B. Colgate Society were given without restrictions. He told the Scene in March 2007, “I’ve always thought that’s where you get the most bang for the buck.” In supporting ’65’s Reunion gift he has endowed the Kellner Family Scholarship Fund, which will create opportunities for talented students in perpetuity. Peter’s name also appears on plaques listing leadership donors to signature facilities such as Little Hall, Persson Hall, Trudy Fitness Center, and will soon appear on the New Athletic Facility.

A Dean’s List German major and DU, Peter earned his MBA at Columbia and spent much of his professional career with Morgan Stanley in London. He and Maria are world travellers and wise patrons of the arts. Peter’s son Erik Zissu graduated from Colgate in 1987; granddaughter Zoe Hunter Zissu is a rising senior; granddaughter Claudia Hensley will enter with the bicentennial class in August.

It is a great pleasure to honor Peter Kellner with the Maroon Citation.

STEPHEN J. ERRICO ’85, P’16,’18

Steve Errico’s devotion to his family, his dedication to Colgate, and his commitment to his community are products of his “inner compass,” says a close associate.

On campus, Steve was a Theta Chi who majored in economics and played basketball for two years. He spent his junior year at the London School of Economics, and while in London met his future wife, Jennifer Newman.

Steve and Jennifer live in Ridgewood, New Jersey, where Steve grew up. Two of their kids are still at home; two are students at Colgate – Caroline, a rising senior, and Robert, a rising sophomore. The Erricos are fully invested in their community, from coaching youth sports to providing leadership at the hospital.

Steve enjoyed great success and acclaim at Lehman Brothers, Paine Webber, and Morgan Stanley before striking out on his own in 2002 to create Locust Wood Capital Advisers, a hedge fund that has grown more than 30-fold since its inception.

Steve and Jennifer have been hosts to Colgate events in New York City and Northern New Jersey. Their annual and capital support of financial aid, athletics, career services, admission, and cultural arts has made them members of the James B. Colgate Society.

A volunteer career counselor, admission representative, and fundraiser, Steve joined Colgate’s Board five years ago. His fellow trustees credit his measured perspective and his absence of ego as signature attributes of his counsel.

Colgate Alumni Corporation is pleased to award the Maroon Citation to Steve Errico, a stalwart in the Great Class of 1985.

GREGORY J. FLEMING ’85

Greg Fleming writes: “I’m passionate about creating a culture of ethics in business, and enjoy challenging students to think through the many dimensions of ethical decision-making using real-world scenarios.”

His education and career have put him in position to act on those passions directly. A Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate in economics from Colgate, Greg earned his JD from Yale Law School in 1988. Following four years with Booz Allen, Greg spent 17 years at Merrill Lynch, rising to president and chief operating officer. After brokering Merrill Lynch’s sale to Bank of America, he stepped away for a year to become a visiting fellow at Yale, lecturing on financial industry reform. While he continues to teach occasionally, he returned to Wall Street in 2010, and heads both investment and wealth management for Morgan Stanley. He has been a leader in finding ways to integrate returning veterans into the finance industry.

Greg is highly regarded as a smart, confident, principled leader with both a long view and a capacity for detail, qualities that he brings to his role as a Colgate trustee. He is vice chair of the board’s budget committee, and a member of committees focused on academic and faculty affairs, and endowment management and finance.

Greg is married to classmate Melissa Shaw. The couple are parents of a son and two daughters. Greg and Melissa are generous supporters of financial aid and the new career center, and regular donors to the Annual Fund through the Presidents’ Club.

On the 30th anniversary of his graduation from Colgate, we are pleased to recognize Greg Fleming with the Maroon Citation.

LEROY G. POTTS JR ’85

In Fall 1986, The Scene reported on the first-ever reunion of Colgate’s alumni of color. “Sometime in the future,” that story predicted, “Saturday October 18 will have its place in Colgate history as the day when alumni of color began to define their role in the university.”

LeRoy Potts, one year out of Colgate at the time, arranged that reunion and the historic organizational meeting of Colgate’s Alumni of Color, which took place the next day at Riverside Church, where Harlem meets New York’s Upper West Side.

Diane Ciccone ’74, who would go on to lead the Alumni of
Color for many years, met LeRoy at Riverside. “He was clear about the importance of us organizing,” she said recently, “and clear that we had to be a big umbrella of support for one another and, more importantly, for students of color. Some of us hadn’t seen that. We’re enriched because of his vision.”

LeRoy was a Cobb Fellow, Konosioni, representative to the Student Association, and Vice President of the Black Student Union while studying international relations and political science. He holds a Masters from the LBJ School of Public Affairs and a JD from George Washington University, credentials for his distinguished career in government service.

In addition to his work with Alumni of Color, Roy served on the Alumni Council, advises students, represents the admission office, and raised funds from his class.

This Maroon Citation recognizes LeRoy Potts’ many important contributions to Colgate.

LISA OPPENHEIM SCHULTZ ’85 P’15,’18

Lisa Oppenheim Schultz, chair of the Alumnae Leadership Council, models the ideals of an important Colgate group whose influence and support have grown steadily since its founding.

As its name implies, the Alumnae Leadership Council engages leaders among Colgate-educated women to mentor students, stay current on issues in higher education and the challenges facing Colgate, epitomize volunteerism for future alumnae, and sustain an endowed fund that provides financial aid and underwrites student organizations and leadership programs that exemplify Colgate’s mission in residential life.

Lisa has also served on the 56-member Alumni Council that represents the entire alumni body – her five-year term concluded in April. That position has kept her in the conversation about issues in education nationally and on campus. She mentors students across their undergraduate years, from pre-admission through career counseling, and volunteers for her class. And she has endowed an eponymous scholarship fund in addition to her support of the scholarship fund created by the Alumnae Leadership Council.

An entrepreneur and successful marketer early in her career, Lisa moved into secondary school administration five years ago, first in admission and now as Director of Secondary School Counseling for New Canaan Country School. She is also chairwoman and co-founder with her husband Bob of The CauseWay, a full-service communications group that works exclusively with non-profit organizations and government agencies. The couple are parents of Katherine, Class of ’15, and Robert, Class of ’18.

Lisa Oppenheim Schultz is a leader for Colgate, on campus and off, and we are pleased to honor her service with this Maroon Citation.

DEWEY J. AWAD II ’90

The same analytical focus and technological awareness that makes Dewey Awad such an asset at Bain Capital’s Brookside Fund also serves Colgate, where Dewey is a valued member of the Board of Trustees.

Dewey earned his MBA from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown, where he sits on the executive committee of the Board of Advisors. His insights into technology and software companies, in particular, have put him in demand not only as an advisor and investor, but also as a speaker on how technology advances, disrupts and changes industry.

He brought that message to Colgate when he addressed the investment lecture series sponsored by Alan Greene ’51. Dewey advised Colgate’s Board on technology issues before becoming a Trustee in 2009. He is vice chair of the Board’s endowment finance committee, and a member of committees dealing with academic and faculty affairs, the budget, and institutional advancement and communications. Colleagues on the Board say he asks the right questions at the right times to help keep deliberations on point.

A Member in Perpetuity of the Presidents’ Club, Dewey was a leader in his class’s 25th reunion gift effort. A perennial contributor to the Annual Fund, he also supports financial aid and the Career Center, and helped establish a digital media center in Case/Geyer. Dewey and his wife Margaret are gracious hosts to admission yield receptions and Presidents’ Club events in the Boston area. They are the parents of sons Alex and Ryan.

Dewey Awad, at this quarter-century reunion, it is a pleasure to present you this Maroon Citation.

THOMAS J. MURPHY ’90

Tom Murphy values family and friends, and in honoring them with lasting memorials creates opportunities that benefit Colgate students.

Tom’s father, William “Tony” Murphy, graduated from Colgate in 1960. Tom and his wife Sophie – a 1989 alum – are endowing a scholarship in memory of Tony, whose brothers Stephen ’55 and Jerome ’61 are also Colgate graduates.

As captain of the soccer team, Tom played alongside his Sigma Chi fraternity brother and classmate David Retik. When David died on 9/11, Tom led the effort in their class to endow a scholarship in David’s memory. Begun five years ago at the Class of ’90’s 20th reunion, the Retik Scholarship Fund is already approaching $350,000.

Among other support for Colgate, Tom also inspired a stone gateway to Van Doren Soccer Field memorializing David Retik and two other Colgate soccer players who died on 9/11: Scott Coleman ’94 and Todd Pelino ’89. That gateway was relocated to the entrance of the new Beyer-Small Field.

Universally described as thoughtful, generous, and kind, Tom recently completed a four-year term on the Alumni Council, where he chaired the athletics committee. He’s a leader among his class, as well, inspiring classmates to stay close to one another, and close to Colgate.

Tom holds an MBA from Stern School of Business at NYU. He’s been employed for nearly 20 years at the global growth equity firm General Atlantic, where he is CFO and Managing Director. He and Sophie are parents of Ella, Aidan, Patrick and Gavin.

On the 25th anniversary of his graduation from Colgate, we’re delighted to recognize Tom Murphy with this Maroon Citation.
**HEIDI BULOW PARSONT '90**

That Heidi Parsont named her three-year-old communications search firm “Torchlight Hire” is an indicator of where her loyalties lie.

Heidi has been a “doer” for her class and for the University since she arrived on campus — “a true Colgate networker, she has always transcended social groups,” said a close friend.

Heidi was ’90’s class editor from the fall of 1993 to the winter of 2007, which is 13 years and change for anyone who’s counting. And though she gave up her class column when she and husband Marc welcomed son Brandon (and 13 months later, daughter Lindsay), Heidi continues to use her expertise in social media to market Colgate to her class.

A member of her class gift committee for 14 years – and class gift chair for this 25th Reunion – Heidi is a Presidents’ Club member who has made giving to Colgate a priority every year since she graduated. Through the professional network of Colgate entrepreneurs she’s taken a special interest in advising students on their careers at Real World, mock interviews, and on-campus seminars. During her five-year term on the Alumni Council, which ended a year ago, Heidi earned a reputation as a straight talker with the best interests of students and alumni at heart.

Heidi holds an MBA from Georgetown and is well known for her work in marketing, communications and business development in the Nation’s Capitol. Torchlight Hire is thriving as a woman-owned and woman-staffed business.

Heidi Parsont, for all you’ve done and do for Colgate, we are pleased to present you this Maroon Citation.

**JOANNA E. ALLEGRETTI ’05**

Joanna Allegretti arrived at Colgate in the fall of 2001, an intense and motivated first-year student from Silver Spring, Maryland, bent on majoring in history and honing her skills as a leader. For four years, while distinguishing herself in the classroom, she would leave her mark on the Newman Community, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Sidekicks, the LINK staff, the Residence Hall Council, WRCU and CUTV. She tutored her peers, volunteered in admissions, rowed crew, joined Helping Hands, and solicited the Class Gift.

When she moved to New York to begin her career, Joanna continued to volunteer for Colgate. Elected alumni club president in 2008, over the next seven years she became the acknowledged heart and the face of the New York City Club. She organized events and welcomed newcomers to the City, and the Alumni Council twice named New York its Outstanding District Club.

For her dedication and results, Joanna was recognized at her fifth reunion with the Ann Yao Memorial Young Alumni Award.

Fast forward five years and, if anything, Joanna’s Colgate involvement has increased. She serves on the Alumni Council, is a member of the Presidents’ Club, volunteers for the admission office, counsels students on their careers, and networks with alumni in her field. In 2012 she won the RuthAnn Speer Loveless Award for Distinguished Individuals. For this tenth reunion of the Class of 2005, she served as program chair and helped raise the class gift.

Joanna Allegretti epitomizes the volunteer energy, enthusiasm, and involvement that defines Colgate Spirit, and we are delighted to award her this Maroon Citation.

**KATIE FINNEGAN ’05**

Entrepreneur Weekend, two years ago, and Katie Finnegan was on this stage giving a “Little Talk about a Big Idea” to a roomful of real and aspiring entrepreneurs. “Follow your passion,” she said. “Don’t be afraid to put yourself out there. Take risks.”

At the time, Katie was near the zenith of her own maiden entrepreneurial voyage, having grown her online shopping service Hukkster exponentially with support from investors who bought her pitch at Entrepreneur Weekend one year earlier.

Hukkster would experience lows, too, as happens in the world of the web, but smart people learn and grow from the lows, and Katie’s now director of product strategy and innovation for an online retailer who could become the next big thing.

A history and religion major, varsity swimmer, class officer, and Kappa, Katie graduated to a career in retail with American Eagle and J Crew before earning an MBA at Duke and becoming a consultant. Colgate believers provided her the capital and the encouragement to cash in security and risk it all in pursuit of a vision, though, and an entrepreneur was born.

All along that trajectory Katie’s found time to serve Colgate – on the Alumni Council, chairing the entrepreneurs professional network, speaking at Real World, representing admissions, raising funds for the Presidents’ Club, counseling future entrepreneurs through Thought Into Action. Five years out her involvement won her the Ann Yao Memorial Young Alumni Award.

And now, five years later, we’re delighted to present her the Maroon Citation.

**LAUREN GALLIKER ’90**

Lauren Galliker is Colgate’s senior regional advancement director in New York City. She said recently she “stumbled into this work 13 years ago, never thinking how rewarding it would prove to be.”

The legions of alumni and parents in Lauren’s universe call her “friend.” They will tell you she is the consummate Colgate contact: knowledgeable, genuinely interested, articulate, smart, sophisticated, fun.

“Lauren is guided by her passion for Colgate,” says a colleague. “She’s an embodiment of the best attributes of the Colgate network – she finds and makes connections everywhere, and links Colgate people together in new ways.”

Lauren’s undergraduate record reveals a motivation to serve. She won the Stimets Award as the first-year student who contributed the most to Colgate. She was a George Cobb Fellow, vice president of Konosioni, an officer in student government, a Big Sister, and four-year volunteer on the Charity Fund Drive. A sister of Gamma Phi Beta, she enlisted senior classmates in the Presidents’ Club, of which she has remained a perennial member.

Twenty years ago, at her fifth Reunion, the Alumni Corporation recognized Lauren’s service with the Ann Yao Memorial Young Alumni Award. She was a member of the Alumni Council then, a class agent who had been president of the New York City Alumni Club. She continues to volunteer for Colgate in countless ways.

Lauren holds a JD from Western New England University and practiced law before joining the advancement office.

That was a career change that we are delighted to celebrate with this Maroon Citation.
DEBORAH BARNES

Deb Barnes, who retired in January, saw to it that Colgate was informed and on schedule for 32 years. For 18 years as the lone secretary in the Office of Communications, Deb published the campus calendar, compiled the faculty/staff directory, managed the distribution of external communications, kept the books on a million-dollar budget, archived public statements, monitored the schedules of writers, photographers, designers and editors, and was the first point of contact for press and others approaching the college with questions about campus news that ranged from concerts to crises.

In 2001 Deb moved across the third-floor lobby of James B. Colgate Hall to the Presidential Suite, where she served as administrative assistant to three successive Secretaries of the Board of Trustees. In that vital role, Deb was one of two front-line staff who not only greet every visitor to the President’s office, but manage calls and correspondence directed to the University’s top administration and Trustees. With the Secretary of the Board, Deb kept Colgate’s official record, compiled the agendas and complex workbooks that enable Colgate’s trustees to stay informed and on task, organized Trustee functions, and managed the itineraries and schedules of Colgate’s most important visitors.

Keeping track of that volume of complex detail is a special skill that Deb took to a higher level, representing Colgate with warmth, grace, goodwill, and a sense of humor. With her husband Doug, Deb is a proud mother of three grown kids. Her daughter Diane Beach – mother to two of Deb’s four grandchildren – is the assistant to Colgate’s Dean/Provost.

We’re delighted to recognize Deb Barnes’ years of invaluable service with this Maroon Citation.

CHRISTINE LAFAVE

Christine LaFave arrived at Colgate 17 years ago as a lab instructor in biology. She soon established herself as a favorite of both students and her faculty colleagues. Christine teaches labs in introductory ecology and evolution, “but it’s her human physiology lab that really sets her apart,” says Professor Ken Belanger. The upper-level, hands-on lab explores muscle and cardiac function and is taken by most pre-meds. “It’s incredibly popular, largely because of Christine,” says Belanger.

Professor Randy Fuller calls Christine “a godsend” for the way she relates to students and for the organization and preparation she brings to the lab. Colleagues like to have Christine teach Monday labs because the instructions that she details on the chalkboard are so explicit, Fuller said: “We just mark them ‘SAVE’ and work from them all week.”

Belanger said Christine “takes the time to talk with students about what they want to do, and how to get there.”

“Rate My Professor” is an open-access, online, anonymous site that can make it too easy for a disgruntled student to vent. Five-star ratings are almost unheard of, but Christine has one, including this insider advice: “The lab practicals are difficult though, so study for those.”

Students found another way to show their appreciation for Christine when she was diagnosed with cancer two years ago. At “LaField Day for LaFave,” students raised $8,000 toward a college fund for Christine and Tom’s daughter Grace – a fund the Marshall Tucker Band would later bolster with a benefit concert.

Chemotherapy required some time off, but Christine was back in the lab in six months, inspiring everyone with her grit and honesty.

For all that she means to her students, her colleagues, and Colgate, we are proud to award this Maroon Citation to Christine LaFave.

Wm. Brian Little ’64 Alumni Award for Distinguished Service

The Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to Colgate is the highest honor the Alumni Corporation can bestow upon a Colgate graduate. Established in 1937, the award may be made only to alumni who have previously earned a Maroon Citation. The Alumni Corporation is proud to honor these deserving alumni.

PETER BLAISE DESNOES ’65, P’17

Peter Desnoes’ outstanding effort as programming chair of the Class of ’65’s 50th Reunion is only the latest in a long and distinguished record of service to Colgate and his class.

As in his professional career, Peter brings to his volunteer work for Colgate both a CEO’s perspective and a line worker’s willingness to roll up his sleeves and get the job done. His thoughtfulness and attention to detail in preparing for this Reunion will rekindle memories for the Class of ’65 and their guests far beyond this weekend.

A volunteer for Colgate dating back to the ERA campaign in the 1970s, Peter has repeatedly stepped forward in leadership roles such as regional chair for the Campaign for Colgate in Chicago in the ’80s, vice chair of major gifts for Campaign Colgate in the ’90s, and as master of ceremonies for west coast gatherings of campaign donors and members of the Presidents’ Club – of which he is a member in perpetuity. A past member of the Alumni Corporation Board of Directors, Peter endows a scholarship fund that aids talented undergraduates. He received the Maroon Citation in 1980 at his fifteenth reunion.

Peter’s service to Colgate and the class is made all the more remarkable by the fact that he left Colgate his sophomore year. As one on-campus observer noted, “That was enough time for Colgate to get into Peter’s soul, and ever since he’s been getting into ours.” Colgate awarded Peter an honorary baccalaureate at ’65’s class dinner last evening.

Peter’s professional career began at Olgilvy & Mather in New York and soon led to broadcasting sales and management positions with ABC in New York, Detroit and Chicago, including the presidency of WLS in Chicago. Then followed an entrepreneurial period on the west coast during which he built and sold two multi-station broadcast management companies and had a foray into Internet broadcasting. Retired now, Peter continues to be the major shareholder in high-end luthier Paul Reed Smith Guitars.

Peter and his wife Randi are parents to four children, including Blaise, a Colgate sophomore.

We’re delighted to recognize Peter Desnoes’ loyalty and service to Colgate with the Wm Brian Little Alumni Award for Distinguished Service.
**MARianne CROsley ‘80, P’16**

Her grace alone would qualify Marianne Crosley for this award, so genuinely does she relate to everyone, so warmly do they recount their interactions with her. “She is that rare combination: thoughtful, focused, assertive, and kind,” said a friend who served with Marianne on the Alumni Council and the Board of Trustees. “She champions those whose voices we don’t always hear.”

Still, it is the many leadership roles that Marianne has served with such grace that distinguish her and warrant the Alumni Corporation’s highest award. From her first week on campus, when she was elected dormitory president, Marianne has been a leader for Colgate in so many ways.

As an **undergraduate**: student senator, student affairs commissioner, student advisor to the counseling center, athlete, George Cobb Fellow, Konosioni, and the first woman elected senior class president in Colgate’s 160 years through 1979.

As an **alumna**: class president, class agent, admission representative, district club president, reunion program chair, career adviser to students, member of the network of alumni legal professionals, Alumnae Leadership Council, Alumni Corporation Council, three-term Trustee, Maroon Citation winner. And always Colgate’s advocate on the Cuyahoga.

“If Marianne said, ‘I’d like to help with that,’ you knew she would,” said a friend who knew her through many of those roles. “She’s a doer, and she’s thoughtful. When she speaks, people listen. And though she never shirks from the tough questions, she’s always so kind.”

A Peace Studies and Political Science major, Marianne earned her law degree at Ohio State, and spent her early legal career trying homicides in Brooklyn. She returned to her native Ohio and settled in Cleveland, where she is now president and CEO of Cleveland Leadership Center — a position for which she is perfectly suited and credentialed. Marianne married her Buckeye law classmate Tim Clements and they raised four kids on Lake Erie’s southern shore. Their youngest, Ryan, is Colgate Class of ’16. Marianne came back this spring for his Konosioni induction — that apple not falling far from the tree.

We are delighted to present the Wm Brian Little Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to Marianne Crosley.

**JAMES A. SMITH ’70**

Jim Smith lived through, and contributed to, one of Colgate’s transitional periods. Though Colgate would not welcome its first class of women until four months after Jim graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors in history, he was part of the Reorganization Committee whose recommendations brought the University to that momentous change.

That’s certain to figure in Jim’s history of Colgate, a work in progress that will record the University’s first 200 years. He also serves on the alumni committee that will advise on Colgate’s Bicentennial.

Jim earned his Masters and PhD in medieval history at Brown, and has taught history at Brown, Smith, and Nebraska. He is also a distinguished advisor, researcher and author on philanthropy and public policy who has held positions with the Twentieth Century Fund, the Howard Gilman Foundation, the J. Paul Getty Trust, and, currently, the Rockefeller Archive Center. That experience has informed his classes in philanthropy at Georgetown University, and nonprofit management at New School.

Jim, who has just concluded a term on the Alumni Council, has served on the Board of Trustees since 2009. A leader in his class, he has planned reunion programs, compiled reunion yearbooks, and raised Presidents’ Club support for Colgate. He has organized off-campus arts immersion programs for students, and advised on their careers in programs such as the Common Good Professional Network.

In 2012, preparing an invocation for the spring meeting of the Trustees, Jim researched the frontier Baptists who inhabited upstate New York in the early 1800s and founded Colgate. Titled “Our 13th Prayer,” Jim’s re-creation included this historic insight: “We have planted — and those who come after us will cultivate — an institution in this congenial soil. It will grow and flourish in this village where we have made a sacred and solemn covenant between college and community.” And it concluded: “Our torch must burn forever with one flame — a single bright fire emitting both intellectual and moral light as it illuminates our path.”

Jim Smith embodies the history that informs Colgate’s vision, and we are pleased to award him the Wm. Brian Little ’64 Alumni Award for Distinguished Service.

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**Class of 1965 Distinctions**

**Alumni Maroon Citation**

**Recipients**

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- James E. Himoff ’65
- Peter L. Kellner ’65
- Karl J. Maggard ’65
- Charles H. May II ’65
- John S. Morrison ’65
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**Athletic Hall of Honor**

**Inductee**

- Brian C. Edgerly ’65
- Robert P. Meehan ’65
- Ray M. Williams ’65

**James B. Colgate Society**

- Robert D. Forster ’65
- Peter L. Kellner ’65
- Kevin J. Maher ’65
- B. Terry Skinner ’65

*A listing of distinctions for our living classmates celebrating their 50th Reunion*
The Colgate Alma Mater

Words by Lindol E. French 1902

When through thy valley,
Fair Chenango, twilight falls,
Bringing its silence
To our college halls;
In that happy moment,
Love for Alma Mater swells,
And the heart, outpouring,
Of her glory tells:

Colgate, Alma Mater,
Fairest theme of all our lays!
Colgate, Alma Mater,
Ever blest thy days.

Far from thy valley
Yearly roam thy loving ones,
Yet, in their dreaming,
E’er thy name returns;
’Tis the same fond spirit
Which the mem’ry lingers o’er
And our lips but echo
That old song of yore:

Colgate, Alma Mater,
Fairest theme of all our lays!
Colgate, Alma Mater,
Ever blest thy days.