Our new president

Colgate University’s Board of Trustees named Brian W. Casey, the president of DePauw University, as Colgate’s 17th president. He will take office on July 1, 2016. Born and raised in New Jersey, Casey earned a BA in philosophy and economics at the University of Notre Dame, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and graduated summa cum laude. Casey went on to earn his JD from Stanford University Law School, where he graduated with honors. After beginning his career as an attorney with the Wall Street firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell, Casey earned his PhD in the history of American civilization from Harvard University.

As a former captain of Notre Dame’s varsity swim team and the school’s 1985 “Scholar-Athlete of the Year,” Casey recognizes and appreciates the fine balance between academics and athletics. He is known for relating well with students. “I had many conversations with students who wanted an energetic, visible, and involved president,” said Joanna Howe ’16, one of three student representatives on the search committee. “Brian encompasses exactly what we were looking for in a campus leader. He has a contagious energy, and his genuine care for students and student life is obvious. I was especially impressed when he told me he gets up and does morning practice with the swim team, and that he has dinners with students at his house and an open door policy for students to come talk to him. I’m so excited to welcome him!”

Casey, who has a distinguished history with America’s top academic institutions as both a student and an administrator, said: “I am truly excited to begin my service at Colgate. I have long admired the academic excellence, rich traditions, and spirit of the university. Colgate is a distinctive institution in the American higher education landscape, with a unique scale and atmosphere. The university is also marked by a dedication to the achievement of excellence. Throughout the search process, I encountered members of the community committed to moving Colgate — even more than it is today — into the very highest ranks of American colleges and universities. To achieve that, I know I will be building on the work of the faculty, the leadership of the Colgate board, and the profound support of the university’s alumni. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together.”

New career center: the challenge

Colgate is committed to ensuring successful post-graduate outcomes for students and is building a new career center, to be named Benton Hall. Colgate has raised significant funds toward the full cost of the building. We are excited to announce that Ted and Linda Schlein P’19 have stepped up to help Colgate complete the fundraising with a $1 million challenge — they will match every gift 1:1. With your support of this challenge, Colgate will have the resources to build an exceptional facility where students will be able to initiate their career explorations and develop job skills before they graduate.

Benton Hall will be the crossroads connecting students’ academic and intellectual interests with opportunities to gain additional skills, immersive experiences, internships, and jobs. It will also be the new home for the Office of Undergraduate Studies, which provides educational and academic support to students.

Please consider participating in the challenge so that Colgate can capitalize on this transformational gift! If you are interested in learning more about the new facility or participating in the challenge please contact Tony Burns ’02 at aburns@colgate.edu (see last page for more information on Benton Hall).
Dear Colgate families,

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as chair of the Parents’ Steering Committee and work with Colgate to keep you connected with the institution.

My daughter Charlotte ’17 has enjoyed her time at Colgate and it has been a pleasure seeing her thrive within the student community. Living in Darien, Conn., I have been able to make it back to campus for some of the major events and I am looking forward to Family Weekend on October 30–November 1.

Family Weekend is a wonderful opportunity for you to share in your child’s experience and build a deeper connection with the university. The Parents’ and Grandparents’ Fund will host a tailgate on Saturday, October 31, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and I hope you will join us as we cheer the Raiders on to victory.

More than 1,700 current parents and alumni parents made gifts to Colgate last year, providing $5.2 million for campus initiatives, and more than 460 of you joined the Presidents’ Club, the university’s leadership giving society. Construction is now underway for the Class of 1965 Arena, and ground has been broken for a new Center for Career Services to be built on the hill. These improvements, as well as the Global Leaders Lecture Series and funding for internships would not be possible without your generous support. On behalf of the Society of Families, many thanks.

Building a new Center for Career Services is aligned with Colgate’s commitment to ensuring students have access to opportunities for securing internships and jobs. Through internship funding, Colgate has been able to support students as they pursue unpaid or underpaid career-related opportunities. These experiences are critically important if students are to be successful after graduation — whether in the job market or accessing top graduate programs. It has been a thrill to see how Colgate has achieved a balance between ensuring academic excellence and successful career outcomes for students.

The university greatly appreciates your continued support. I hope you will be able to come back to campus for a program, attend a regional event, or connect with Colgate in other ways that are meaningful to you. The other day, Charlotte mentioned her excitement about the upcoming year. I echoed similar sentiments in light of my new role within the parent community. I am looking forward to another year of engaging with Colgate. See you in October!

Sincerely,
Lisa Ryan-Boyle P’17
Chair, Parents’ Steering Committee
Society of Families

Meet the new director

Hello everyone,

As the new director of the Parents’ and Grandparents’ Fund, I am very much looking forward to meeting you and helping you stay connected to the university. I am originally from Chicago, Ill. and graduated from Colgate in 2002. In 2008, I returned to Colgate as an assistant dean of admission and have been working in Institutional Advancement since 2011. I joined the Parents’ Fund team this past summer and have already made invaluable connections with members of the Colgate parent community. My wife is also a Colgate alum and member of the great Class of 2002. She admits that she is jealous that I have the opportunity to work at such a special place and interact with so many committed parents.

We have an exciting year ahead and I hope that you will be able to attend Family Weekend, Entrepreneur Weekend, a regional program, or use technology to engage with the Colgate parent community. Joining the parent Facebook group or participating in one of our livestreamed programs also are great ways to stay connected.

In the meantime, please feel free to share your ideas with me about how we can better involve the parent community. Our hope is to keep all Colgate families connected and updated with Colgate news, even after their students graduate. Thanks also for your continued financial support. We hope we can count on you again this year and that you will consider a free shore excursions, dining options, and more

Through our Facebook page, parents can share recent campus updates and activities, and also have the opportunity to connect with others with similar interests. Please join today at colgate.edu/parentsfacebook.

Cruise with Colgate

Travel the Mediterranean Sea with Colgate alumni and parents! You can enjoy a 7-night luxury cruise aboard Riviera from Athens to Barcelona October 8–16, 2016.

Robert Garland, Roy D. and Margaret B. Wooster Professor of the Classics at Colgate, will join travelers and offer lectures about several of the ship’s destinations, from Italy’s legendary ruins of Pompeii and Malta’s beautiful St. John’s Co-Cathedral to Greece’s Bronze Age Palace of Knossos.

For Robert Garland’s biography, more information, and registration: colgate.edu/alumni/stay-involved/alumni-advantages/travel.

All the best,
Tony Burns ’02

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Voices from campus

On August 27, the first Residential Commons was launched at Colgate. These new living and learning communities are being created to improve the quality of students’ lives at Colgate in two key ways: to create a community where every student feels at home, and to forge strong connections between the classroom and the rest of life at Colgate. Previous research has shown that students who live in residential learning communities transition more seamlessly to academic and social life in college and are more satisfied with their residential experience overall. We believe that these Residential Commons will make a big difference in students’ lives.

The first of four faculty-led Residential Commons includes students living in the upper-campus Curtis and Drake residence halls and the house at 100 Broad St. About 200 members of the Class of 2019 live in Curtis-Drake, where they live with 200 sophomores. Approximately 40 sophomores, juniors, and seniors live at 100 Broad.

We hope students will maintain at least a loose affiliation with their Residential Commons as they engage in many other social and academic activities over their four years here. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will have the option of living in a residence affiliated with their Commons, and they will be invited to many public events at their Commons. We also hope that students’ connections to their Commons and its members will last long beyond their four years at Colgate.

Mark Shiner
University Chaplain
and Catholic Minister

Rebecca Shiner
Professor of Psychology;
and Catholic Minister

The Center for Career Services at Colgate presents many opportunities and programs for students to connect their academic and intellectual interests with experiences that explore the world of work. We offer career interest assessment resources, guidance regarding the broad and varied career paths available to Colgate students and alumni, and connections with alumni and parent volunteers. In addition, we offer many opportunities to gain hands-on experience through job shadows, internships and summer jobs, immersion trips, on-campus events, on- and off-campus recruiting by top companies and organizations, and more.

For up-to-date information on upcoming events and opportunities, subscribe to Career Services’ e-newsletters at colgate.edu/ccsnewsletter.

Michael Sciola
Director of Career Services

From the Dean of the College

Dear Colgate family members,

As you may have heard from your students, social media, and news outlets, Colgate has been mourning the tragic deaths of two students, Cathryn (Carey) Depuy ’19 and Ryan Adams ’19, who died on Sunday, September 20, 2015, in a plane crash in Morrisville, N.Y.

Counseling center and chaplain’s office staff members were available for your students. After learning of this accident the community gathered for a vigil on the Academic Quad.

On behalf of all Colgate faculty, staff, students, and alumni, we send our condolences to the Depuy and Adams families, and we ask you to keep them in your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Suzy Nelson
Dean of the College

Hello parents! As a member of Colgate’s Counseling and Psychological Services staff, I would like to welcome you to the Colgate family. Our staff members are excited to start a new year and support your children as they pursue their academic goals. We know that sometimes things, including mental health issues, can get in the way of their pursuits.

Our staff members — five full-time and one adjunct — are available to assist students who are working through issues that cause difficulties. All our staff members are generalists; they are trained to help with a variety of mental health issues a student may face. Most of the mental health difficulties that students face can be handled right on campus, while some require outside providers. We can be helpful in making appropriate referrals and finding necessary care. As well, our group therapy program is growing and we are proud to offer this type of service in addition to individual counseling.

If you are worried about your student and think that a mental health counselor may be helpful, first encourage your student to contact us for an appointment. Appointments can be made online at colgate.edu/counseling or by calling our office 315-228-7385. The first appointment is 1/2 hour long; short enough for students to make a first connection quickly. With the therapist, your student can decide what treatment would be most helpful. If a student is unwilling to make an appointment, you can call to consult with one of us about making a referral and a therapeutic connection.

It is important that your child knows you care and are approachable. College is a time of growth and change and your child needs your support as this happens. Sometimes difficulties arise and students need additional support and professional care. That is where we come in!

Dawn LaFrance, PsyD
Associate Director of Counseling and Psychological Services
Fundraising priorities

Benton Hall — new center for career services

The construction of a new career services center will help Colgate ensure successful outcomes for students. This facility will enhance Colgate’s ability to connect students with employers, and provide staff with additional space for programming. In response to Colgate’s emphasis on student career-related success, Ted and Linda Schlein P’19 have issued a $1 million challenge gift — they will match every gift 1:1. Your support of this challenge will significantly impact Colgate’s ability to prepare students for post-graduate success. It would also provide career services staff members with a facility that complements their ongoing initiatives.

By matching the very best liberal arts education with an award-winning career services program, Colgate is achieving extraordinary outcomes. Students are responding in record numbers — 94 percent of all students engaged with career services this past academic year, and so far this year more than 53 percent of the student body has already been in. However, with all of this activity, it has become clear that the current location of the career center program in a former faculty house built in the 1830s is inadequate.

Benton Hall will be located near the heart of campus, providing students with easy access to the facility. At 18,600-square-feet, the stone, wood and glass-clad facility will feature:

- The Career Commons — a 1,200-square-foot multipurpose, flexible space that can be converted to function as a drop-in resource center, a premier programming location with theater-style seating for audiences of 100, or a fully functional reception room for gatherings of 300 plus guests
- Advanced internet technology to facilitate real-time connections between students, alumni, and employers world-wide
- An employer suite of five individual interview rooms for visiting and virtual recruiters
- Office space for a staff of 18 professionals who are dedicated to helping Colgate students connect their interests and passions with opportunities to pursue internships, jobs, graduate and professional school programs, and to aspire to a lifetime of career success

If you are interested in learning more about the new facility or participating in the challenge please contact Tony Burns ’02 at aburns@colgate.edu.

Global Leaders Lecture Series

Launched in 2007, the Global Leaders Lecture Series was created with the goal of exposing students to complex societal issues and engaging well-known leaders in global conversation. These individuals do not only provide remarks regarding specific topics, but they also participate in a Q&A with Colgate leaders and interact with students in more intimate settings. Past visitors have included Shimon Peres, Hillary Clinton, Sir Richard Branson, Bill Clinton, and His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet. Please consider supporting this lecture series so that Colgate can continue to bring dynamic speakers to campus. Learn more by visiting colgate.edu/globalleaders.

Internship Funding

Internships are an essential component of higher education and a valuable precursor to post-graduate success. Additionally, studies conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in 2010 and 2011 showed that nearly 80 percent of all employer respondents ranked internship programs as a core recruiting tool. Although generous, Colgate’s existing funds are insufficient to meet the full financial needs of students who pursue unpaid or underpaid internships. We hope that you will consider making a gift to spendable internships so that Colgate students can continue to pursue career-related opportunities. Learn more by visiting colgate.edu/summerfunding.

The Colgate Fund

This fund is a crucial economic resource that brings together gifts of all sizes to provide the university the ability to make long-term strategic plans and the flexibility to respond in real time to innovative opportunities that arise during the course of any academic year. The Colgate Fund augments income from the university’s endowment and underwrites countless campus initiatives, including 25 percent of the financial aid budget and nearly 40 percent of the budget for academic programs. To learn more please visit colgate.edu/colgatefund.

Please make a gift today by visiting colgate.edu/makeagift. We have included a gift slip and return envelope for your convenience.