

This is
Colgate.



Welcome

The campus rises steeply, creating a sense that this place is always ascending. And so it has climbed for more than 200 years, proud of its tradition, emboldened by ambition. This is where the best scholars in their fields actually put teaching first. This is where students thrive in the most creative curriculum in America. This is what it feels like to have the best of a research university and a liberal arts college in one. This is a scene of unforgettable beauty, of energetic spirit, of intellectual preparation for life. This education is distinct. This is Colgate.



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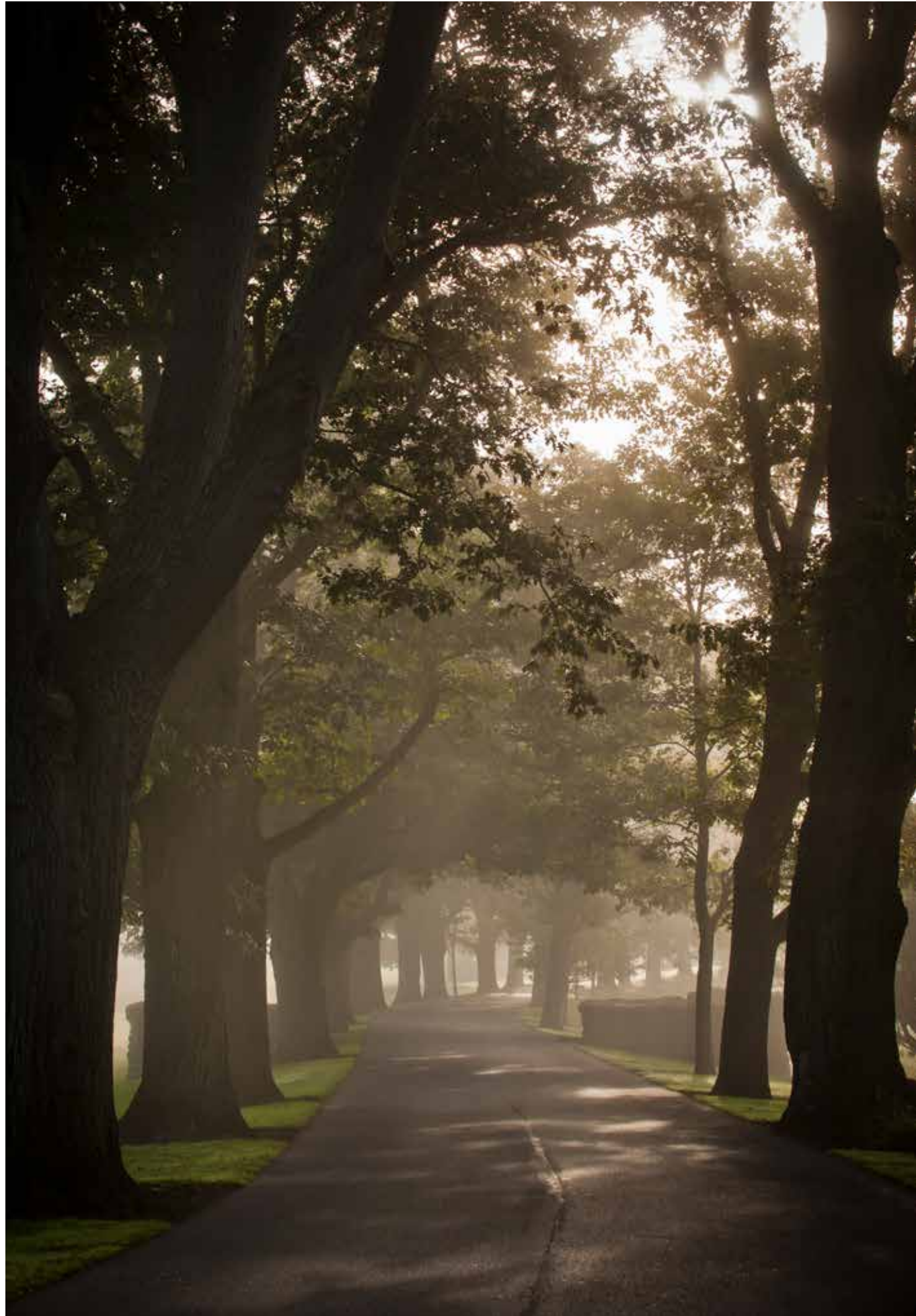
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Students walk on the academic quad between classes.

Chapter 1
**A Sense
of Place**





Beauty

From the first look, the campus is inviting. And then, as it takes hold, the scenery becomes defining. Colgate's allure shapes the experience of living and learning here. The feeling comes alive in every majestic view. It is in the cover and colors of sugar maples and red oaks. It is in the strolls along Willow Path, the serenity of Taylor Lake and Payne Creek, the history chiseled into halls of stone. Set in the Chenango Valley of central New York, Colgate is one of the most beautiful environments in America. It is forever in Colgate's identity: breathtaking beauty.



From top: Detail of the academic quad; James B. Colgate Hall; Olin Hall; the hill. Opposite page: Oak Drive.



KATIE MARATEA '25

Hometown: Basking Ridge, N.J.

Majors: French and educational studies

Activities: Late Night Student Activities Director, President of the French Club, Club Swimming, Water Polo



CAROLINE GHAYOUR '25

Hometown: Lexington, Mass.

Major: Psychology

Activities: Ski and Snowboard Club, Club Soccer



YABESI WITINYA '26

Hometown: Kigali, Rwanda

Major: Computer science

Activities: African Student Union, Coders Club, Intramural Soccer, Model African Union



RIAN MAGNER '25

Hometown: Port Aransas, Texas

Major: Computer science

Activities: Women in Business, Tri Delta, She's the First Education Club



BAKER BECK '26

Hometown: Darien, Conn.

Major: Economics

Activities: Colgate Investment Club



NHU DANG '26

Hometown: Grand Rapids, Mich.

Majors: Political science and history

Activities: Colgate Vietnamese Society, QuestBridge, First@ Colgate, Tri Delta



ZAINAB BASHIR '26

Hometown: Fort Smith, Ark.

Majors: Economics and political science

Activities: The Colgate-Maroon News, Mock Trial, Women in Business



GEORGE WILSON '25

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Majors: International relations and French

Activities: 13 Degrees Magazine, Elementary Tutor, ETC Sketch Comedy



TATSU NISHIZAWA '26

Hometown: Greenwich, Conn.

Majors: Mathematical economics and computer science

Activities: Student Government, Colgate Investment Club, President of Colgate Japanese Cultural Community, Club Baseball, Greek Life

Fit

Students often choose Colgate because it just *fits*, the intangible quality that can mean everything in picking a college. They know it as soon as they get here. It starts with that first step on campus, seeing the landscape and the way people engage with each other. It grows and endures because students find others who share their interests in class, in recreation, in reflection.

Colgate, from its courses to its Residential Commons, is expressly designed to help people connect. This place attracts students who want to live in a community with peers, study seriously, challenge themselves, be active, get involved. The reason it feels right to people from so many different places and perspectives is because Colgate supports, welcomes, and wants them.

→ Meet more Colgate students at colgate.edu/studentfeatures

Scale

The scale of Colgate is unlike any in America. As a university, it offers world-caliber faculty, extraordinary research opportunities, dozens of diverse majors, more than 260 clubs, and the highest level of competition in athletics: Division I. As a private and selective liberal arts college, it is intimate enough to ensure that teaching is the priority and that students know their professors. Colgate is a learning environment of small classes, on a campus designed for community, in a town where people gather at the inn and village green. It is also a 575-acre home of expansive academic choices on campus and around the world. The balance of that scale is distinctive. It creates opportunities only Colgate can offer.

SMALL-SCHOOL FEEL

3,274

Size of the student body. A small student body creates a connected community

→ Scenic setting in a small town. *Forbes* listed Hamilton, N.Y., as one of America's friendliest towns

17

Average class size

54%

Percentage of professors who live within the Hamilton area

→ Housing for students is guaranteed, providing a four-year residential experience

→ **Residential Commons system offers small living-learning communities**

→ Faculty and administrative leaders are approachable and active in the lives of students by attending brown bag lunches, holding drop-in hours, and more



BIG-SCHOOL BENEFITS

25

NCAA Division I Athletics teams

→ Uncommon opportunities for undergraduates to take part in research and significant service projects each summer

65,000

internships and jobs posted by Career Services this year

→ **Strong, loyal, passionate network of alumni**

→ Distinguished faculty

→ Recent expansion of physical spaces on campus: Olin Hall and Bernstein Hall

260+

Clubs, organizations, and club sport options, plus the option for students to start their own

→ Study-abroad options: 100+ approved programs, Colgate study groups, and extended-study options

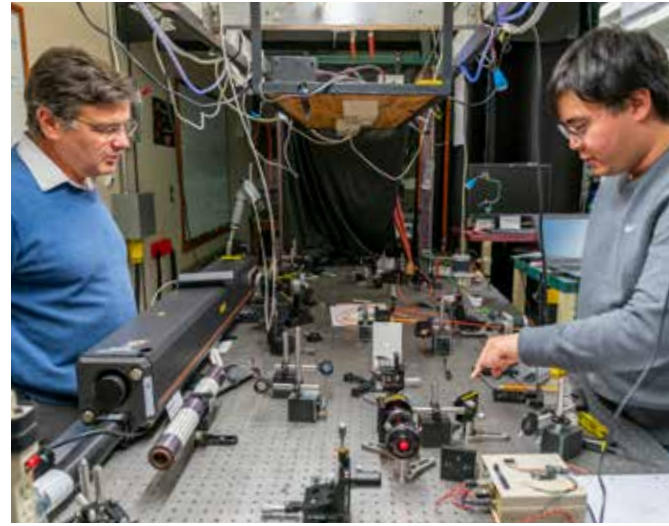
→ High caliber of visiting speakers, scholars, and artists

Chapter 2 Academics



Excellence

What makes learning at Colgate so exceptional is academic quality at a remarkably personal level. Every single class is taught by distinguished faculty — never teaching assistants. Professors truly get to know and mentor their students, with classes kept small enough to ensure it. At the same time, Colgate's larger scale provides an enviable choice of majors, research, and global study. The hallmarks of a Colgate education have stood for centuries: critical inquiry, knowledge across disciplines, and rigorous preparation for the world. Graduates have a profound ability to summon reason, gather facts, solve problems, and communicate with power. This is the choice for students who are sophisticated, driven, and eager for transformative teaching.



Charles A. Dana Professor of Physics and Astronomy Enrique Galvez was named an Optical Society Fellow for his outstanding research, development of educational optics laboratories, and involvement of undergraduates in research.



Jerome Balmuth Award for Teaching recipient Engda Hagos published research in the *European Journal of Cell Biology* with 10 Colgate student co-authors; it examines how a specific protein inhibits cancer growth at the cellular level.

100%

Classes taught by faculty who are leaders in their fields

9:1

Student-to-faculty ratio

Zero

Classes taught by teaching assistants

93%

Retention rate (students returning as sophomores)

SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

Colgate offers scholars programs for first-year students based on qualities demonstrated in their admission applications. All of these students receive valuable support toward learning, research, and global travel as they begin their Colgate life.

Alumni Memorial Scholars

Students with an exceptional academic record who will thrive by contributing to the intellectual community

Office of Undergraduate Studies Scholars

Students who have shown creativity, determination, and intellect in the face of significant challenges



Geography professor Peter Klepeis takes students on a snowshoeing walk as part of an exercise in happiness and paying attention to details in nature.



Art and art history professor Lynette Stephenson explores creative visual modes of expression in her studio art class.



Roy D. and Margaret B. Wooster Chair in the Classics
Rebecca Ammerman discusses aspects of early Greek life, including art, architecture, and culture.



John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Chair Kezia Page
and her students trace the sociocultural history of the Caribbean using literature, film, and music.



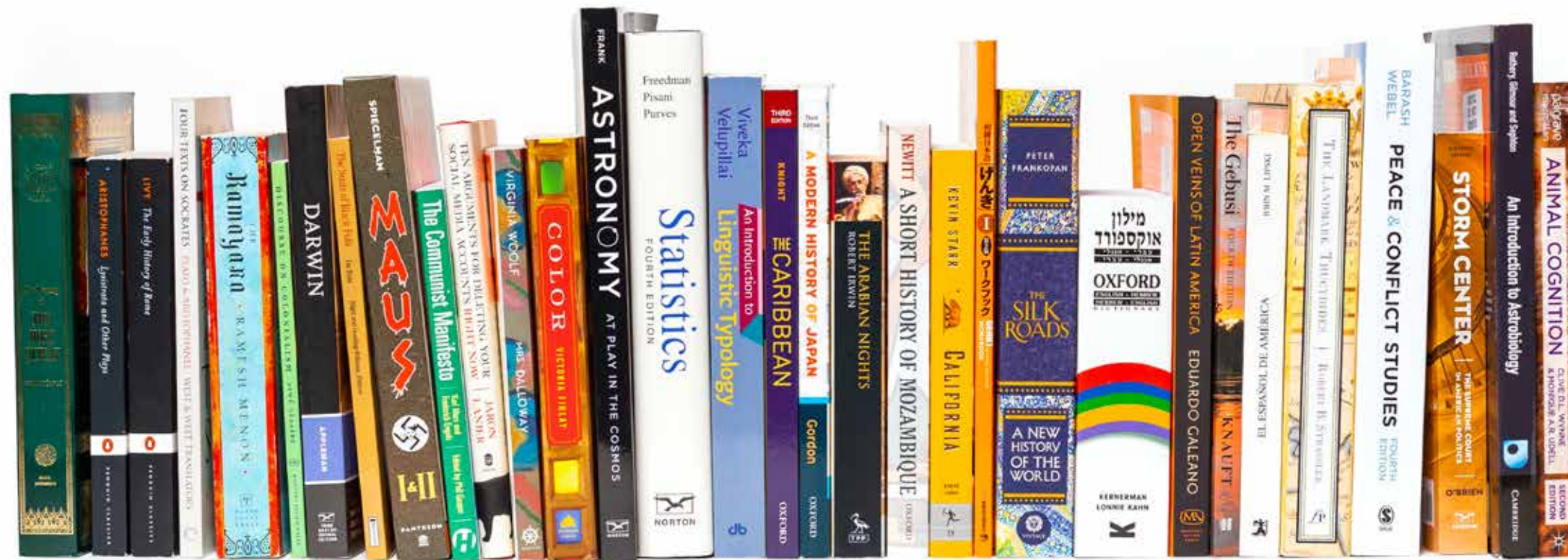
Antonio Barrera, associate professor of history, leads a class discussion in Alumni Hall.

Core

Colgate's Liberal Arts Core Curriculum teaches not just topics but habits of mind. The Core takes students through an intellectual exploration of questions that every educated person will encounter at some point in their lives. Gathered in lively small-group discussions, students go in surprising directions of discovery as they dive into history and challenges of modern life. The courses cross all majors, reflecting a Colgate liberal arts education that teaches the whole person about a world that never fits neatly into just one discipline.

Although it is one small slice of a student's overall coursework, the Core unites everyone in a common academic experience. And even though its tradition runs more than 90 years, the Core is distinctive for never aging. With intensity and care, the faculty debate each year how to keep the Core fresh, ensuring that it is constantly relevant.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE COMPONENTS



CORE COMMUNITIES

These multidisciplinary courses examine the patterns of inclusion and exclusion shaped by global phenomena (capitalism, colonialism, political ideologies, religions, and new technologies, among many others) to better understand what it means to live in a community.

CORE CONVERSATIONS

This course employs a set of five common texts to promote wide-ranging conversations anchored in the past and directed toward the present. Core Conversations defines the term "text" expansively, not limiting it to written work but encompassing many modes of intellectual and creative expression from different cultures and time periods, including the pre-modern past.

CORE SCIENCES

These courses investigate the scientific process and the relationship between science and society while understanding the histories, inequities, or social differences that can be and have been associated with science.

THE LIBERAL ARTS PRACTICES

To build mastery in the skills and habits of mind most essential to a broad education, students take courses emphasizing five Liberal Arts Practices:

- Confronting Collective Challenges
- The Process of Writing
- Quantitative and Algorithmic Reasoning
- Language Study
- Artistic Practice and Interpretation

AREAS OF INQUIRY

To foster breadth of learning, students take one course from each of three Areas of Inquiry:

- Human Thought and Expression
- Social Relations, Institutions, and Agents
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND WELLNESS

To promote physical, mental, social, and environmental well-being, students take two or more courses in the Division of Physical Education, Recreation, and Athletics.

Majors

Minors are offered in most majors

- Africana and Latin American studies
- Anthropology
- Applied mathematics
- Architecture[†]
- Art and art history
- Asian studies
- Astrogeophysics
- Astronomy/physics
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry

- Chinese
- Classical studies
- Classics
- Computer science
- Computer science/mathematics
- Creative writing[†]
- Economics
- Educational studies
- English
- Environmental biology

- Environmental economics
- Environmental geography
- Environmental geology
- Environmental studies
- Film and media studies
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German

- Global public and environmental health[†]
- Greek
- History
- Humanities
- International relations
- Japanese
- Jewish studies[†]
- Latin
- LGBTQ studies[†]
- Linguistics[†]

- Mathematical economics
- Mathematical systems biology[†]
- Mathematics
- Medieval and Renaissance studies[†]
- Middle Eastern and Islamic studies
- Molecular biology
- Museum studies[†]
- Music

- Native American studies
- Natural sciences
- Neuroscience
- Peace and conflict studies
- Philosophy
- Philosophy and religion
- Physical science
- Physics
- Political science

- Psychological science
- Religion
- Russian and Eurasian studies
- Social sciences
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theater
- Women's studies
- Writing and rhetoric[†]

[†]Minor only



Listed from left to right:

Sam Varzandeh '24
Los Angeles, Calif.
Major: History
Minor: Theater

Madison Elias '26
Seaford, N.Y.
Major: Psychological science
Minors: Theater, education

Lindsay Waldman '27
Marlboro, N.J.
Majors: Political science, theater

Molly Lambert '24
Sound Beach, N.Y.
Majors: Theater, physical science

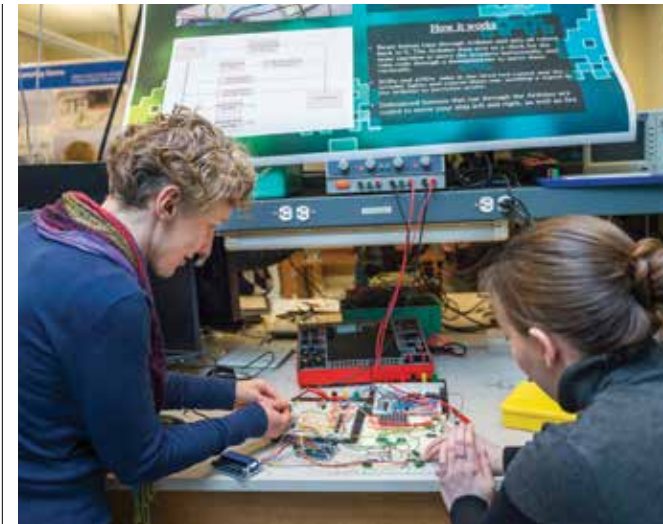
Tanner Harmon '26
Whitefish, Mont.
Majors: Theater, economics



Priscilla Van Wynsberghe, associate professor of biology, instructs students in FSEM 126: The Biology of Women: Sex, Gender, Reproduction & Disease.



George Carleton Jr., Professor of Philosophy David Dudrick instructs a challenges of modernity class in Lathrop Hall.



Beth Parks, professor of physics and astronomy, and a student look at an electronic game in the Robert H.N. Ho Science Center.



Elodie Fourquet, associate professor of computer science, instructs a computer science class in Lathrop Hall.



Sam Rosenfeld, associate professor of political science, teaches War and the Shaping of American Politics in Lawrence Hall.

Faculty

Students at Colgate tend to refer to their courses by the name of the person who teaches them. That shorthand reflects what students feel — a personal connection to the classes because of the professors. The faculty are not just known for their achievements; they are actually known by the students in a real way, every day. Beyond their research and teaching success, the faculty have developed a proud reputation for who they are: approachable, invested, involved, and inspiring.

STUDENT RESEARCH AT COLGATE

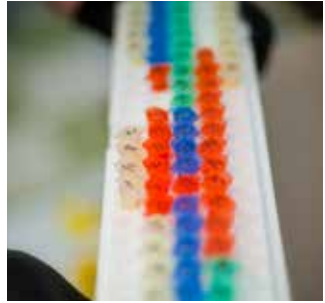
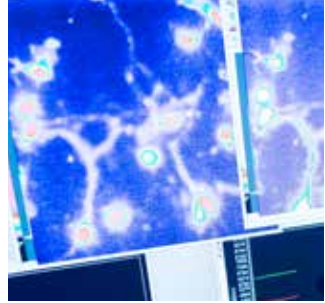
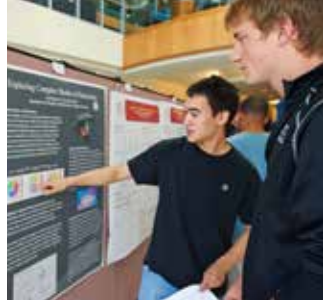
\$1 Million

approximate funding designated annually for students to pursue summer research

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

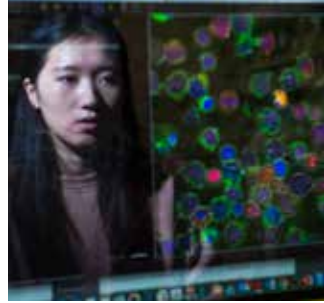
Antarctic Paleoclimate Research

Rylie Berwanger '26, Gisele Tjan '26



POLITICAL SCIENCE
Coverage of the Presidential Debates in a Changing Media Landscape

Peter Biss '26



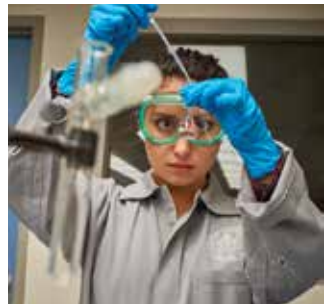
GEOLOGY
Spatial Distribution of Microplankton in the Ross Sea, Antarctica

Cha Thompson '25



CHEMISTRY
Nanoscale Structure and Folding of Ice-nucleating proteins

Katherine Wand '24



ART AND ART HISTORY

Motion in the Art During the Han Dynasty

Xiang (Wendy) Wu '25

BIOLOGY

Antibiotic Resistance in Uganda

Etiosa Ojefua '26

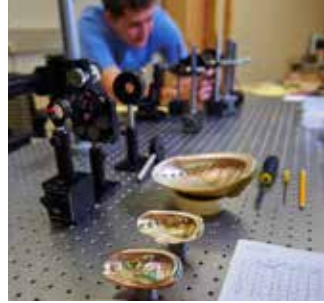
MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics Behind Designing Large-scale Computer Networks

Sophia Child '25, Omshi Samal '24

ECONOMICS
What's the Plan Now? The Dobbs Decision, The Reversal of Roe v. Wade, and The Changed Landscape of Planned Parenthood.

Vuong Hoang '24



EDUCATION
Critical Social STEM Teaching and Learning by Design: Understanding Pedagogy and Practice Through Hands-on Engagement and Reflection

Jenna Mapley '24



PHYSICS / ASTRONOMY
Quantum Decoherence of Entangled Photons to Detect Hypoxia

Leia Francis '25

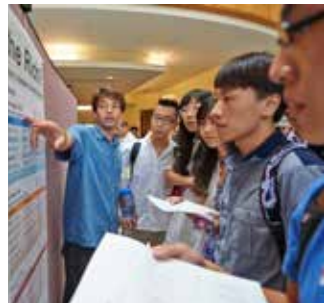


HISTORY
Survivors of the Underground Railroad

Anya Sokolowski '25

NEUROSCIENCE
Stem and Progenitor Cell Signaling in Fish Sensory Systems

Leslie Sanchez-Gonzalez '25



ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

A Social and Environmental History of Agrochemicals

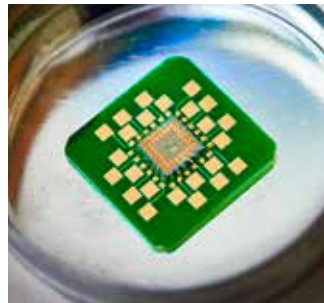
Kayla Gutheil '24

82%
of students participate in research before graduating from Colgate



THEATER
Rewilding: A Micro Festival of Works by Romina Paula in Two Parts: Laboratory #1 & #2

Jorge Rochet '25



Research

Colgate's research is distinguished in quality, respected by peers, and honored by awards, but the real surprise is who gets to do it: an overwhelming majority of undergraduate students. The access to research opportunities is a true differentiator at Colgate, where students can typically work directly with top scholars simply by asking.

Undergraduates at Colgate have access to doctorate-level opportunities without having to compete with graduate students for those chances. The research covers the entire spectrum of Colgate liberal arts, from the sciences and social sciences to the arts and humanities. Some students even have their research published before they graduate. The intellectual experience of teaming with faculty in discovery is transformative.

Success

The students of Colgate carry its values. And one day, they carry out the value of a Colgate degree, which opens doors with its reputation for excellence. The finest employers and most competitive graduate schools all know what it means to meet someone who went to Colgate. This university teaches people to grow in both confidence and humility. To challenge themselves and others with reason and respect. To communicate clearly. To see many perspectives. To embrace responsibility and engage in society. Those are the skills employers want. They reflect well-rounded people who can help, compete, and win in the real world. They are Colgate graduates.

TOP EMPLOYERS OF COLGATE GRADS

AlphaSights
Bank of America
Barclays
Ernst & Young
Goldman Sachs
Guidepoint
Macquarie
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
National Institutes of Health

98%

of last year's class secured jobs, admission to graduate schools, fellowships and scholarships, military or volunteer service within nine months of graduation.

182

Formal recruiting partners, including L.E.K. Consulting, The Nature Conservancy, Oracle, NBCUniversal, Smithsonian Institution, American Heart Association, AbbVie, Veeva Systems, Associated Press, Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, and New York State Office of Attorney General



Colgate University Career Services presents The Big Deal About Big Data, an alumni panel on the fields of data science, analytics, and machine learning. Alumni panelists share their experiences, describe impactful projects, and facilitate hands-on learning for students of all skill levels.



SophoMORE Connections networking event, offering students an opportunity to ask advice and seek the guidance and counsel of Colgate alumni, as the students begin to think about their career options and job opportunities



Entrepreneur Weekend is a celebration and recognition of entrepreneurship at Colgate, featuring innovative student ventures. Colgate students and alumni attend the Showcase and Pitch Competition.

\$1M

Approximate funding designated each year for students pursuing unpaid or underpaid summer experiences.



MAC CHIRARA '25

Conducted field research focused on the social ethology of the endangered black and white rhinoceros at Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservancy in Zimbabwe.



MORGAN MCMAHON '25

Assisted staffers on Capital Hill with new legislation related to veteran substance use disorders and the increasing cost of life-saving prescription drugs and insulin.



CARA SCHMIDLEIN '25

Gained professional experience ranging from organizing inventory to communicating with artists at Olympia Gallery located in New York City's Lower East Side.



SARAFINA LEWIS '25

Worked at the Far Rock Urban Agro-Ecological Center, a nonprofit organization working to end hunger and aid youth empowerment, nutrition education, and community engagement.



JOSH ISRAEL '25

Worked at the Interventional Oncology Lab at Yale School of Medicine devoted to researching the detection, characterization, and treatment of liver cancer.

#2

Ranked nationally in number of undergraduates participating in semester-length, off-campus study among baccalaureate institutions

58%

Students who take part in off-campus study



Colgate students take a tour of Moore Town, a maroon community village in the Portland Parish in Jamaica.

Off Campus

Colgate opens up the world to students by giving them an extraordinary chance to see it. Over its history, Colgate has long been moving outward, encouraging its students to learn the cultures and perspectives of foreign places. What came of that commitment is one of the most revered off-campus programs anywhere. The sheer scope is remarkable, led by more than 100 approved study-abroad programs in 50 countries.

Students can do semester-long off-campus study groups or short-term faculty-led trips with a professor after the semester ends. The majority of students study somewhere else in the world. From Cuba to China, Uganda to Jamaica, Australia to Argentina, Colgate classrooms are everywhere.



The Wales Study Group experiences quintessential parts of the British Isles, including their many historic sites.



Students in the South Africa Study Group take excursions that reinforce the biogeography theme of the study group.

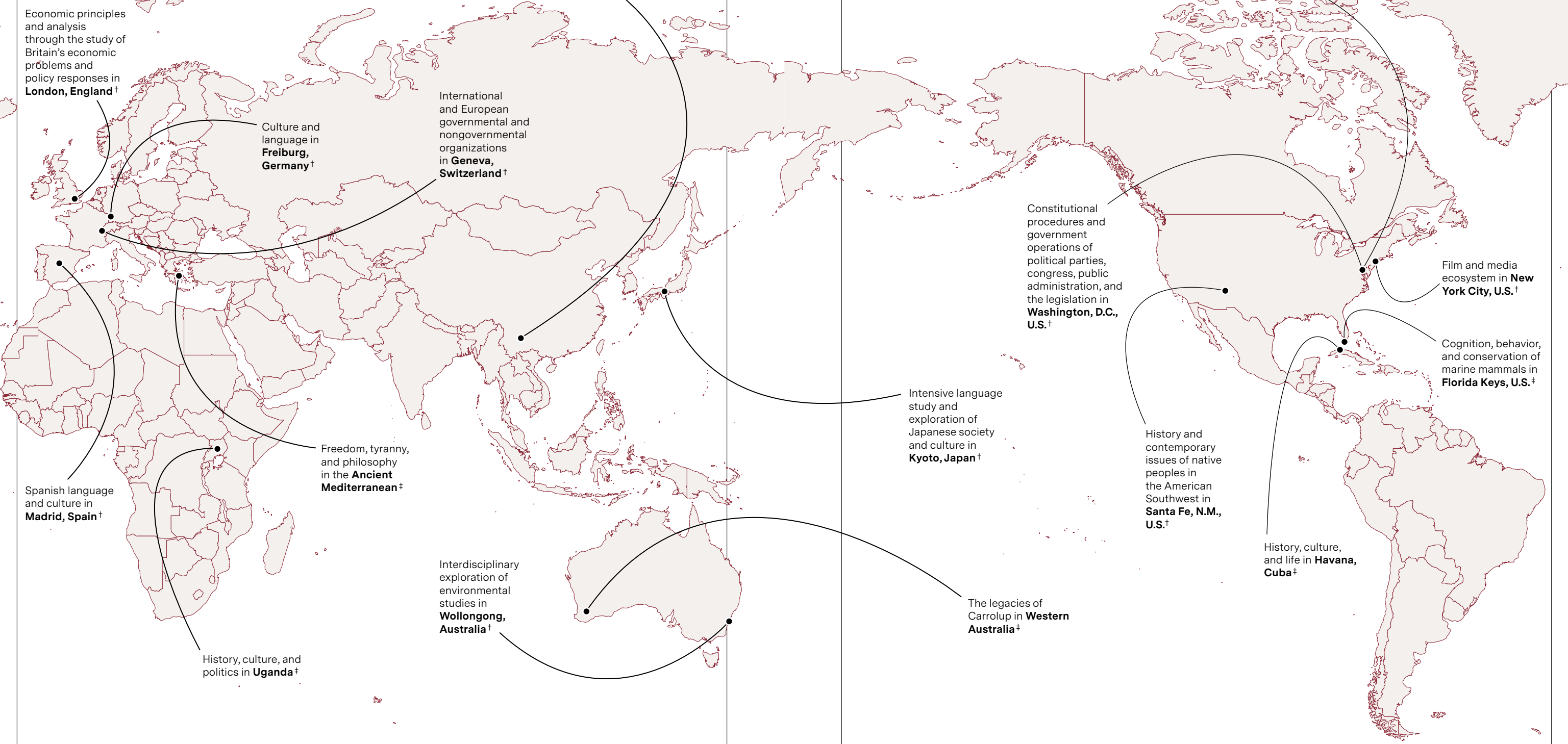


The Florida Keys Extended Study trip immerses students in cognitive and behavioral research of marine mammals.

SELECT OFF-CAMPUS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

†STUDY GROUPS:
Faculty led; full semester

‡EXTENDED-STUDY GROUPS:
Faculty led; 3 weeks; tied to course



- COUNTRIES STUDIED IN**
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| Africa:
Cameroon
Ghana
Jordan
Kenya
Madagascar
Morocco
Rwanda | Senegal
South Africa
Tanzania
Tunisia
Uganda | Europe:
Austria | Azerbaijan
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece | Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Lithuania
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal | Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom | Middle East:
Egypt
Israel | Japan
Mongolia
Nepal
Singapore
South Korea
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Vietnam | Oceania:
Australia
Cook Islands
Fiji
French Polynesia
New Zealand
Samoa | North America:
United States | Latin America:
Costa Rica
Mexico
Panama
Puerto Rico | Caribbean:
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Professor William Peck takes his students out to a quarry as part of the geology outdoors first-year seminar class.



The region's climate and landscape offer a natural setting for a variety of outdoor activities close to campus.



Professor Joe Levy shows students Colgate's new on-campus, weather-monitoring equipment.



Students on a Wilderness Adventure pre-orientation trip



Rock climbing at Bluff Island in Lower Saranac Lake

Outdoors

Colgate loves the outdoors, and it sure tends to attract students who feel the same way. The University's outdoor education program is regarded as one of the nation's best. For first-time students, it begins even before they do; more than a quarter of incoming students take a pre-orientation trip in the New York wilderness, hiking, climbing, and paddling with trained leaders. That symbolizes a commitment to get people outside, have fun, and earn credit in natural settings around the region. Outdoor classes capture the driven nature of Colgate students. The lessons learned — leadership, teamwork, personal growth — capture Colgate itself.

Colgate is also committed to protecting the environment. In 2019 it became the first college or university in New York to be carbon neutral — meaning it offsets its own greenhouse gas emissions by reducing or removing emissions elsewhere, such as by planting trees that absorb carbon as they grow.

Chapter 3 Community





Students in West Hall, part of Dart Colegrove Commons



The discussion-based faculty dinner series connects faculty and students on an intellectual level outside of the classroom.

91%

Students who live in Colgate housing

RESIDENTIAL COMMONS SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

Passion Project series, dinner and discussion with a faculty member about their intellectual passions

Study breaks during final exams with homemade pancakes, Ethiopian tea, and other goodies

Study sessions hosted by the Residential Fellow

Fireside chats that explore and extend classroom discussions in the commons lounges

Apple-picking excursions

Ping-pong and mini-golf tournaments in the commons

Book chats about selections from the Living Writers series

Trivia nights

Community dinners and brunches

Commons Cup activities

Dinners and movie screenings with your first-year seminar (FSEM)

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Part of a long-standing tradition at Colgate, the first chartered fraternity dates back to 1856. About 26% of students belong to one of the five fraternities and three sororities.

Living

What makes living at Colgate so uncommon is what the University does to give first-year and second-year students something in common: a community within a community. Beyond the hall in which they live, students belong to one of four Residential Commons, groupings that allow them to have support, make friends, and feel connected early in their college life. The activities are optional, but they usually draw a crowd: weekly dinners with faculty, ski trips, study groups, trivia nights, provocative discussions, and weekend brunches.

This is part of how Colgate prepares people for life. Living in a close community means learning the skills of empathy, sociability, flexibility, and respect for others. Beyond the commons, most every student lives in Colgate housing, an offering that is guaranteed for all four years.



Brown Commons gathered in Colgate's Chapel to kick off the academic year.



Students in Hancock Commons enjoy fall activities.



A broad array of activities helps students connect with each other.

Inclusivity

Opportunities abound for Colgate students to explore, understand, and appreciate culture and identity. Because of this, students can learn to make connections and communicate well across their different experiences, identities, and backgrounds, which can help build a stronger community and empower students to embrace and celebrate their strengths and those of their peers.

Student-favorite ALANAPalooza, hosted by the Africana, Latin, Asian, and Native American (ALANA) Cultural Center, kicks off Colgate's academic year. Brown bag lunches offer a platform to discuss challenging topics. Today's leaders and activists are special guests on campus, sitting down for dinner, joining classes, offering thoughts and insights. These countless activities and resources — and the staff, faculty, and peer mentors who support them — bring a diverse community together in the spirit of personal growth and discovery.



The Center for Women's Studies brings together Colgate alumnae for a panel discussion.



German DuBois III '91 and Alvin Glymph '91 record their podcast *AfterGate*. The podcast aims to connect alumni of color with current students to foster community and networks.



ALANAPalooza is a tradition that unites the campus community in a celebration of multicultural life at Colgate.



International students get to know each other during Orientation and learn about the support provided by the Office of International Student Services.



Diversity, equity, and inclusion leader and educator Dr. Eddie Moore Jr. delivering the keynote address at Colgate's MLK Celebration

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Each Colgate student is paired with an administrative dean and a faculty adviser, who help them navigate student life and academics. The support builds from there. Students are surrounded by resources that focus on their health, safety, and success and aid in their personal and academic growth. These include:

- Shaw Wellness Institute
- Student Health Services
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling
- Haven: Sexual Violence Survivor Support
- 24/7 Campus Safety

SAMPLE CULTURAL AND INCLUSIVITY PROGRAMS

- Artforce
- Blue4Q LGBTQ+ Awareness Game
- Empower: Student of Color Support Group
- Heritage Month Celebrations
- Lambda
- Lavender Graduation
- LGBTQ+ Family Dinners
- LGBTQ+ History Month and Queerfest
- QTPOC
- Unity
- VISION: Multicultural Group Leader Meetings

FIRST@ COLGATE

Every year more than 300 first-generation students pursue their degrees at Colgate. The First@ Colgate program supports first-generation students and their families in taking advantage of everything that Colgate has to offer.



Students and families enjoy campfires and fireworks during Family Weekend.



Members of the Colgate community attend Charter Day at the Memorial Chapel.



New Student Orientation prepares students as they begin their college experience.

Spirit

It starts on Arrival Day. As first-year students pull onto campus, fellow students stand atop the stone Colgate University marker as a welcoming committee — banging pots and pans, cheering on the new students, and prodding them to honk their horns if they love Colgate. That is what students do: they love Colgate. They are serious about learning and about having fun, and they chose a school that embraces both. They are passionate and ambitious. They channel that drive into everything. Colgate students seek out connections, share warm hellos on the walk to class, and feel part of this university for life. They create a whirl of energy. That is Colgate spirit.



Members of the Colgate community participate in homecoming activities.



New students and families are welcomed to campus on Arrival Day.



Dancefest is Colgate's best-known tradition, where dance groups perform in a celebration that unites the campus.

Alumni

Even by college standards, where many universities have proud and passionate followers, the alumni of Colgate are more than loyal. They are *famously* loyal. And that means the students of Colgate can count on support from one of the most inspiring and successful groups of leaders in America. Colgate alumni provide mentoring, internships, and constant engagement with undergraduates, tailored right down to their areas of interest.

At more than 35,000 strong, Colgate alumni are leaders of business, literature, finance, entertainment, and more. Each year, dozens return for a weekend devoted to giving career counsel to Colgate sophomores — just one of many examples of how Colgate alumni are involved and invested in the alma mater they love.

† MOSAIC VOLUNTEERS

Colgate's Mosaic initiative connects multicultural alumni with current Colgate students, providing students with an opportunity to learn from alumni, especially in career development and networking.

‡ ALUMNI CAREER VOLUNTEERS

Colgate alumni play an active role in career development and networking opportunities by offering internship programs, job shadowing, mentorship, and more.

Academics

Michèle Alexandre '96, civil rights scholar, dean of **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, and professor of law ‡

Denniston Reid '94, co-chief executive officer at **Excellence Community Schools** †

Kevin Ross '94, president of **Lynn University**

Andrea Maldonado '97, founder and director of international admissions at the **National Student Leadership Conference** †

Dre Finley '13, inaugural dialogue facilitator at **Williams College** †

Arts

Joe Berlinger '83, **Academy Award**-nominated, and **Peabody**- and Emmy-winning filmmaker ‡

Amanda Terkel '04, politics managing editor at **NBC News**

Julie Cohen '86, director of *RBG*, nominated for **Best Documentary Feature at the 2019 Oscars** ‡

Chris White '91, executive producer of the Academy Award-nominated film *Minding the Gap*, documentary series *POV*, and *America ReFramed*; **winner of multiple Emmy Awards**

Athletics

Rob Stone '91, lead studio host at **FOX Sports** ‡

Mark H. Murphy '77, president and CEO of the **Green Bay Packers**

Tad Brown '86, CEO of **Harris Blitz Sports and Entertainment**, including the **76ers**

Kiira Dossall '09, played professionally for the **Metropolitan Riveters of the National Women's Hockey League**

Adonal Foyle '99, 13-year **NBA** player; entrepreneur, philanthropist, and CEO of Adonal Foyle Enterprises †



Daniel Green '06, founder and CEO of **Green Sports Management**

David Lloyd '83, studio host at **ESPN**

Lauren Schmetterling '10, **Olympic gold medal-winning rower**

Business and Entrepreneurship

Silvia Alvarez '96, associate director of international and domestic communications at **Major League Baseball Players Association**

Jenna Kramer '10, policy researcher, **RAND Corp** ‡

Samantha Radocchia '11, co-founder of **Chronicle Inc.**; **Forbes 30 Under 30** ‡

Tim Spence '01, **Digital Banker of the Year (American Banker)**, chairman, president, and CEO at **Fifth Third Bank**, Cincinnati, Ohio

Jon Sendach '98, president, **North Shore University Hospital** ‡

Carmine Di Sibio '85, former global chairman and CEO of **Ernst & Young** ‡

Nick Kokonas '90, founder and owner of **Alinea**, **Next**, **The Aviary**, and **Roister**; founder of **Tock, Inc.** ‡



Media and Publishing

Jennifer Levene Bruno '94, senior vice president, **Hearst Magazine** ‡

Kristin Koch '05, editor in chief of **Seventeen Magazine**

Bob Woodruff '83, correspondent at **ABC News** ‡

Kim Edwards '81, **New York Times** bestselling author, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*

Gloria Berger '74, senior political analyst at **CNN** ‡



Stephen Burke '80, senior advisor at **Comcast Corporation** ‡

Matt Renner '01, executive producer of Academy Award- and BAFTA-winning documentary feature film **Free Solo**

Politics and Advocacy

Amy Dudley '06, senior vice president and head of communications at **Lantern**

Maggie Dunne '13, founder of Lakota Children's Enrichment; **Forbes 30 Under 30**

Peter Feldman '04, commissioner of the **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

David Kusnetz '09, of counsel at **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP** ‡

Nicol Turner Lee '90, senior fellow, governance studies and director, Center for Technology Innovation at the **Brookings Institution** †‡

Rob Sobelman '08, co-chief of the public corruption unit at the **U.S. Attorney's Office** for the Southern District of N.Y.

Science and Tech

Spencer Charles '11, product operations manager at **Google Inc.**

Matthew Culbreth '09, associate creative director at **Peloton** ‡

Jason Rand '07, global account manager at **Pinterest** ‡

Clarissa Shah '10, managing counsel at **LinkedIn** ‡

Debra Locastro '05, strategy and operations for **Google Ads** ‡

35K

Number of Colgate alumni globally

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

Colgate's 10 professional networks are powerful sources of student-alumni connections and career programming. Students participate in events such as the Michael J. Wolk '60 Conference on Medical Education; Be the Change Weekend, illuminating socially conscious paths under the Common Good Network umbrella; and producing and creating unscripted TV under the Marketing, Media & Communications Network.

Chapter 4

Pursuits



Athletics

Athletics help define Colgate — its drive, spirit, and ambition. Belonging to and succeeding in Division I NCAA athletics attracts outstanding student-athletes and unites so many people. It reflects Colgate's excellence as a top American school and distinguishes it from smaller liberal arts colleges. And that is just the start of what sport means at Colgate. For the hundreds of students who take part in intercollegiate athletics, even more sign up for club or intramural sports for fun, fitness, and competition. From the friendly games to the fierce ones, Colgate's sport culture welcomes all, as athletes and fans, at the highest levels and all.



From top: Colgate women's hockey competes in the Class of 1965 Arena; men's rowing practices on Lake Moraine; women's lacrosse takes on Cornell; men's swimming competes in Lineberry Natatorium.



Colgate men's basketball has hoisted the Patriot League trophy for four consecutive years..

NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETICS TEAMS

Women's

Basketball
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Ice Hockey
Lacrosse
Rowing
Soccer
Softball
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field (indoor)
Track & Field (outdoor)
Volleyball

Men's

Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Ice Hockey
Lacrosse
Rowing
Soccer
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field (indoor)
Track & Field (outdoor)



Colgate women's soccer celebrates an overtime victory against Lehigh.

97%

Graduation rate of student-athletes

CLUB SPORTS

Badminton (Co-ed)
Baseball (Men)
Basketball (Women)
Bowling (M/W)
Cricket (M/W)
Curling (M/W)
Equestrian (Western, English; M/W)
Fencing (M/W)
Field Hockey (W)
Figure Skating (M/W)
Ice Hockey (M/W)
Indoor Rock Climbing (M/W)
Lacrosse (M/W)
Rugby (M/W)
Sailing (M/W)
Ski Racing (M/W)
Soccer (M/W)
Spikeball (M/W)
Squash (M/W)
Swimming (M/W)
Tennis (M/W)
Ultimate Frisbee (M/W)
Volleyball (M/W)
Water Polo (M/W)

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Basketball
Flag Football
Inner Tube Water Polo
Racquetball
Soccer (indoor, outdoor)
Softball
Table Tennis
Volleyball (indoor, Outdoor 3 vs. 3)

Arts

In all its stirring forms, the arts come alive at Colgate. They reflect the characteristic spirit of the students who come here wanting to explore and engage. That spirit is why the most beloved event on campus is Dancefest, a packed-house performance of student groups. Music, theater, dance, writing, film, and art allow students to develop a fuller sense of who they are. They bring that imagination into everything else they study. Colgate fosters this exploration in the arts through the majors and minors it offers, in the clubs and concerts it sponsors, in the performers it hosts on campus. The rhythms of every day run through the arts.



From top: Students perform during Dancefest at Memorial Chapel; students assist with the creation of a sculpture by DeWitt Godfrey at the Paul J. Schupf Studio Arts Center; community members perform at the Colgate Community Garden's Fall Festival.



From top: The Colgate University Department of Theater performs *The Juniors* by Noah Diaz at the Brehmer Theater, directed by Kat Yen '09; indie pop band Echosmith performs during homecoming weekend; students on stage at the annual ALANA Cultural Center Multicultural Fashion Show.

Clubs

Academic and Languages

Chemistry Club
Engineering Club
History Club
Impulse STEM Inclusivity
Mathematics Club
Midnight Philosophy
Philosophy Club
Senior Honor Society
Society of Physics Students
Spanish Language Debate
Star 'Gate
Students for the Exploration and Development of Space

Creative and Performing Arts

Aerial Arts Club
Afro-Beat
Belly Dancing Club

Bollywood Dance Group
Broad Street Records
Chinese Dance
Clay Club
Colgate Ballet Company
Colgate Ballroom Dancers
Colgate Dance Initiative
Colgate Dance Team
Colgate Dischords
Colgate Painting and Drawing Club
Colgate Raider Pep Band
Colgate Resolutions
Colgate Tap Troupe
Cosplay Photography Club
Crafters Club
Creative Arts Society
DDT
FUUSE Dance Company
Groove Dance Troupe
Latin American Dance
Mantiphondrakes
Masque and Triangle

MELANATED
Photography Club
Shock Dance Group
Sipsam Dance Group
Swinging 'Gates
Symphonic Band
Wolfpack
Wood Turning Club

Culture

African Student Union
Arabic Culture Club
Arabic Language Culture Club
Armenian Student Association
Black Student Union
Blue Diamond Society
Brothers
Caribbean Student Association
Cheese and Culture Club
Chinese Interest Assn.
Colgate Coffee Assn.
Colgate International Community
Colgate Japanese Cultural Club
Colgate Open Discussion Club
Colgate Student Coalition
Colgate Vietnamese Society
French Club
German Club
Her Campus Colgate
Italian Club
Korean Culture Assn.
LAMBDA
Latin American Student Organization
Minority Association for Premedical Students
Model Arab League
Organization of the Asian Sisters in Solidarity
Russian Club

Sisters of the Round Table
South Asian Culture Club
Tea Club

Entertainment

Beyond the Board
Charred Goosebeak
Chess Club
Colgate Anime Society
Colgate Film Society
Colgate Poker Club
Colgate Quiz Bowl
Colgate Smash Club
Colgate Stand Up Go+

Faith-Based/Spiritual

Colgate Buddhist Community
Colgate Christian Athletes
Colgate Christian Fellowship
Colgate Jewish Union
Colgate Newman Community
Hindu Students Assn.
Muslim Students Assn.
Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Secular Assn. of Skeptical Students
Sojourner's Gospel Choir
University Church

Greek Life

Beta Theta Pi
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Upsilon
Gamma Phi Beta
Inter-Fraternity Council
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Panhellenic Council
Phi Delta Theta
Phi Kappa Tau
Theta Chi

Philanthropy and Community Service

American Heart Assn.
American Sign Language
Amnesty International
Black Bridge Mentorship Program
BRITE - Sherburne-Earlville Tutors
Broad Street Association
Challah for Hunger
Circle K
Colgate Buddies
Colgate Caretakers
Colgate Global Health Coalition
Colgate Hunger Outreach Project
Do Random Acts of Kindness
engAGE
ESL Tutors
Friends First
Friends of Hamilton Manor
Habitat for Humanity
Hamilton Central School Elementary Tutors
Hamilton Central School Secondary Tutors
Hamilton Fire Fighters
Hamilton Outdoor Group
Letter Project
Liberty Kids
M+Ms
Madison Craft Club
Madison EMS
Madison Mentors
Madison Tutors
Morrisville-Eaton Elementary Tutors
Morrisville-Eaton Secondary Tutors
North Broad Street Grads



North Broad Street Tutors
Ophelia's Girls
Pet Pals
Rotaract
SAT Prep
Sidekicks
The Network
Utica Refugee Tutors
We Are Enough

Politics

Colgate Political Review
Colgate Socialist Association
Colgate Vote Project
College Democrats
College Republicans
Debate Society
Democracy Matters
John Quincy Adams Society
Model United Nations

Professional Development

Colgate Architecture Club
Colgate Coders
Colgate Consulting Club
Colgate Data Society
Colgate Finance Club
Colgate Investment Group
Colgate Real Estate Club
Colgate Speaking Union
Colgate Women in Business
Gate Game Devs
Minority Association of Premedical Students
Mock Trial Team
Pre-Health Pathways
Pre-Law Society
Pre-Vet Society
TAMID
Women in Computer Science

Publications and Media

Colgate Maroon-News
Colgate Political Review
CUTV
Monthly Rag
WRCU

Sports and Recreation

Aikido Club
Anglers Society
Beekeeping Club
Colgate Esports Club
Colgate Golazos
Disc Golf Club
Grapplers Club
Hiking Club
Ping Pong Club
Recreational Golf Club
Ski & Snowboard Club

Student Government

2025 Class Council
2026 Class Council
2027 Class Council
2028 Class Council
Colgate Activities Board
Senior Honor Society

Sustainability

Green Earth Gang
Green Thumbs
Students for Environmental Action

Wellness

Dumpling Club
Public Health Initiative
The Real Food Project



Volunteering

Colgate believes that those who lead should help others. The students who come to Colgate embrace that belief in social responsibility. They serve the community because of how it feels to know they are making the world better. Their activities help them see real life in a way that broadens what they learn in class. And what they do really makes a difference — tens of thousands of hours tutoring students, helping the elderly, putting out fires, mentoring kids. Colgate's service learning is rooted in its mission to develop thoughtful leaders who seek to strengthen the larger community. This commitment is backed up by Colgate's bustling hub of volunteerism, which makes it easy for students to learn how and where to help.



Colgate student volunteers help serve and protect the local community by responding to real-life emergencies.



A student volunteers at the Madison Historical Society during the Charter Day of Service.



Child and youth mentoring and educational enrichment are popular volunteer opportunities for Colgate students.



The Max A. Shacknai Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education (COVE) connects students with community partners.

Chapter 5
**Where
Colgate Is**

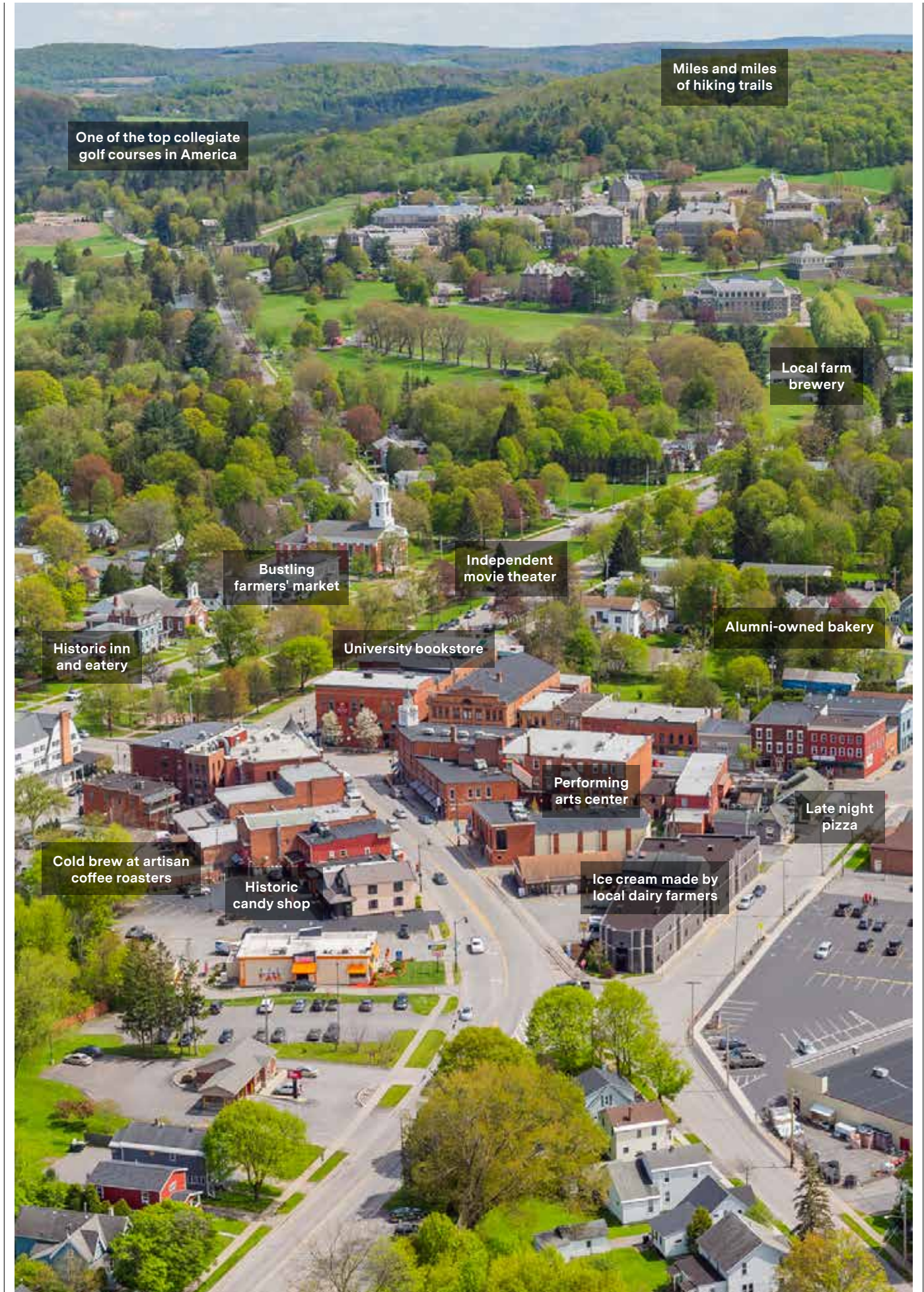




From top: Take a study break at the Hamilton Movie Theater; choose from plenty of local eateries and coffee shops; spend Saturday morning at the farmers' market on the village green.

Location

In the center of New York, in a town known as one of the friendliest in America, Colgate offers the best of college life. A short walk down the hill is charming Hamilton, a village of about 4,000 people, where many of the Colgate faculty live. The town is like an extension of Colgate, from the stores run by alumni to the landmark Colgate Inn that amounts to a front door to the University. Hamilton is the spot for students to get off campus and grab a slice, catch a movie, browse the bookstore, and enjoy a weekly farmers' market. Weekend getaways are a reasonable drive away: the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains in 40 minutes; the Syracuse Hancock International Airport in one hour; and Boston, Philadelphia, and New York City all within four to five hours.



Seasons

The seasons create a stirring sense of place at Colgate. More than a backdrop, they are at the forefront of a campus that embraces every element of the year. Just as Colgate's lawns and wooded paths define the landscape, just as Colgate's stately buildings reflect the sweep of history, so are the seasons an active player in Colgate's story.



Fall brings incredible views of the foliage from the Sky Bridge at Persson Hall, apple picking in nearby orchards, and the first walk up the hill to start the academic year.



Winter brings out the best of Colgate's rugged spirit, where snowballs fly, Willow Path is aglow in thousands of lights, and students grab a spot to study by the fireplace in the student center.



Spring means blossoming trees, rugby on Academy Field, classes outside, ultimate Frisbee next to Taylor Lake, and students grabbing the best study spot: an Adirondack chair on the quad.



Summer is bursting with greenery, cherished reunions, sports camps, a writers' conference, and a film seminar. Hundreds of students do creative projects with faculty.



Chapter 6 Where Colgate Is Headed

Vision

Colgate is deeply proud of who it is. And it is ever driven to be even more — the finest undergraduate institution in America and one of the premier universities in the world. Pursuing the *Third-Century Plan*, Colgate cultivates a dynamic culture of intellectual rigor. This school is for extraordinary students whose minds are alive with possibility. It is for faculty who transform lives as they teach. It is for those who want a global perspective as they shape their own. This is a school of first choice for students who expect rigorous classes, brilliant faculty, a campus of enduring beauty, and an assurance they will learn to thrive in work and in life. This is Colgate.



President Brian W. Casey with Emrys and students on campus



Students prepare a test subject for a brain scan in the neuroscience laboratory in Olin Hall.



By investing in important new research facilities, cross-disciplinary curricula and career development, we will make our uniquely rigorous liberal arts education even stronger.

The Third-Century Plan

A long-term framework to guide the University as it achieves the highest fulfillment of its mission.

The first-initiative highlights:

Making a Colgate education within reach for the best students from all economic backgrounds: The Colgate Commitment eliminates or adjusts tuition based on a family's income level, significantly reducing student debt for eligible domestic students.

Expanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A great institution is a diverse institution. Colgate embraces its obligation to welcome and support students of different socioeconomic backgrounds, races and ethnicities, and religions on campus.

Building on a multiyear effort to arrange our first- and second-year students in meaningful Residential Commons: Colgate's Residential Commons system is grounded in the desire for every student to have a strong foundational community from the first day — a place where they experience tradition and build belonging.

Launching the Robert Hung Ngai Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative (MBBI): Through the cross-disciplinary MBBI, innovative faculty and student collaborations (ethics + biology; neurology + linguistics) will push the boundaries of our understanding of brain function at multiple levels.

Redeveloping Middle Campus to focus on arts, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship: Long-term development of this region of campus will set a new standard for the teaching and expression of the arts, creativity, and innovation within a liberal arts context.

Restoring the campus tree canopy and landscape: Colgate is carefully stewarding one of its most precious assets — its campus — by sustaining and strengthening the natural and built environments, and continuing its efforts toward environmental sensitivity and green practices.

Facts

1819

Year of founding

575

Acreage of campus

56

Number of majors

STUDENT BODY

3,274

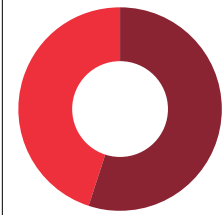
Undergraduate students and 15 graduate students

8%

International students

78%

From outside New York



1,854 female students
1,420 male students

46

Countries represented by international students

26%

Domestic students of color

13%

First-generation college students

FACULTY

347

Faculty

94%

Faculty with PhD or highest degree in their field

25%

Faculty of color

CLASS OF 2028 PROFILE

20,915

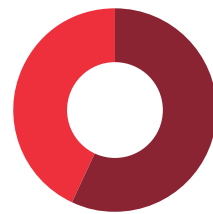
Applications from 50 states, D.C., and 161 countries

829

Enrolled

2,450

Early Decision applications (471 enrolled)



57% female students
43% male students

8%

International students

26%

Domestic students of color

2,843

Accepted (14%)

ALUMNI

91%

Graduation rate, among the highest in the nation

98%

Percentage of last year's class who secured jobs, admission to graduate schools, fellowships and scholarships, military or volunteer service within nine months of graduation

THE COLGATE COMMITMENT

A financial aid initiative for access and affordability that will support students based on their family's annual income.

\$80K or less: Tuition-free; No-loan eligible

\$80K–\$125K: 5% of income toward tuition, on average; No-loan eligible

\$125K–\$175K: 10% of income toward tuition, on average; No-loan eligible

\$175K or more: The University continues to meet 100% of the demonstrated need of all admitted students

Visit colgate.edu/colgatecommitment for more information.

FINANCIAL AID

100%

Colgate fully meets the demonstrated need of all admitted students.

The Colgate Commitment will eliminate or adjust tuition based on a family's income level, significantly reducing student debt for eligible domestic students.

2024–25 Cost of Attendance

Full-year tuition	\$69,886
Activities fee	\$420
Housing (residence hall)	\$8,504
Food (premier gold) +	\$9,106

Total \$87,916

Est. personal expenses/books, course materials, supplies, and equipment \$3,306

Average four-year debt incurred by a Colgate student is \$12,604

Average financial aid package for the Class of 2028 is \$70,414



The story continues...

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Nov. 1:
Early Decision I

Jan. 15:
Regular Decision; Early Decision II

Colgate accepts the Common Application, Coalition Application on Scoir, and QuestBridge Application. Use the links provided on our website, colgate.edu/apply.

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