To the Class of 2014:

We would like to offer you the distinct opportunity to join The Colgate Maroon-News 2010 First-Year Pre-Orientation Program. The success of the esteemed “Oldest College Weekly in America” directly depends on the recruitment of motivated, enthusiastic and dedicated incoming first-year students. Therefore, the Senior Staff is committed to selecting a group of up to 20 first-years to participate in this year’s Pre-Orientation Program.

The Pre-Orientation Program gives you, the first-year student, the opportunity to publish an issue of The Colgate Maroon-News strictly intended for the class of 2014. The issue traditionally provides year-in-reviews for News and Sports, as well as campus and Hamilton survival guides that will further assist your class with adjusting to collegiate life. After the conclusion of the Pre-Orientation program, you will have the opportunity to join the Staff for the duration of the academic year.

Through the Pre-Orientation Program, the current staff will familiarize new students with The Maroon-News office and production procedure in addition to the greater Colgate environment. Our Pre-Orientation Program also connects first-years with seasoned upperclassmen mentors. The program also offers first-year students the opportunity to become acclimated with the campus and to meet current students before the official first-year orientation program begins.

The first meeting for the Pre-Orientation Program will be on Monday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m. and will conclude in time for you to join the rest of the Class of 2014 in Colgate’s main orientation events. If you are selected to participate, you will have the opportunity to move into your designated first-year residence hall on August 23. Over the following three days, The Maroon-News staff will provide you with real journalistic assignments, all of your food and fun evening activities. All students joining us will receive an official itinerary once accepted.

We welcome all those interested in any aspect of newspaper production, whether that is research, writing, editing, layout, photography, online multimedia or business, regardless of past experience. And with the launch of our brand new website, www.maroon-news.com, an increase in on-line advertisers has made the need for students interested in the business aspect of the newspaper greater than ever. Please take the time to fill out the application on the following page and send us some information about your background and your interest in The Colgate Maroon-News. Please either e-mail your responses to both addresses below or send them to Geoff’s post address on the following page by July 2. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Geoff at (203) 895-5218 or Mike at (908) 672-4295. We hope to see you in August!

Sincerely,

Geoff Guenther
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Editors-in-Chief
Please Note: Mike McMaster will be studying abroad in Freiburg, Germany until July 24. If you have any questions that you would like to be answered on the phone before that point, please direct them to Geoff Guenther. Mike is available via e-mail the entire summer, and will be happy to take any questions via phone at any point after July 24.

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Phone Number: (_______) ______________________________

Please answer the following questions briefly and either e-mail your responses to both Geoff and Mike or post this information to Geoff by July 2.

1. Why are you interested in The Maroon-News First-Year Pre-Orientation Program?

2. Based on either your past or projected experience, what aspect(s) of The Maroon-News most interests you (News, Commentary, Arts & Features, Sports, Photo, Online, or Business and Management)? If you have previous experience, please elaborate. (This is not binding)

3. We are a very close-knit staff. Tell us something about yourself so we can get to know you!