The Village of Hamilton offered funds to keep the University operating. This donation of trees is symbolic of the deep connections that have formed between the university and the local community in the past 200 years,” said President Brian W. Casey. “We are so thankful for the support this village has offered to our faculty, staff, and students throughout our proud history together.”

Village officials will be reaching out to local residents in the new year to gauge interest in the plantings. Residents will be offered an opportunity to request a tree to be planted alongside the street in front of their homes. Details of the selection process, and the exact varieties of trees, are still being worked out, said Hamilton Mayor RuthAnn Loveless.

“We are very grateful for this gift,” Loveless said. “Streetscapes are so very important, and this is just another effort that will help make Hamilton even more beautiful.”

Loveless said village officials are going to be examining village-owned properties and parks for possible planting as well.

The village tree donation mirrors efforts on the hill this year, as the University has committed to planting 200 mature trees on its campus before the Bicentennial year ends. More than 100 trees have already been planted, offering a new system of carbon storage, improving air quality, and creating habitat for many native species.

“Together, we are proud to become carbon neutral in 2019. Sustainability is also reflected in this new initiative providing existing and new entrepreneurs a low-cost, co-working space where they can grow their businesses while working alongside of and learning from their peers.”

“The co-working space is an important and exciting amenity for our local entrepreneurs who have traditionally had difficulty networking or finding affordable workspace outside their homes,” said Jennifer Marotto Lutter, PCD executive director. “PCD, TIA, and others have worked to build an entrepreneurial ecosystem for the area, and the creation of a dedicated space for entrepreneurs right in Hamilton’s downtown is a critical piece of its growth.”

Membership is open to the community and applications are still being accepted. A $30 monthly fee affords unlimited access to the flexible workspace, high-speed Internet, quiet conference area for meetings, computer workstations loaded with full Adobe and Microsoft software suites, as well as access to printing, audio and video equipment for practicing pitches, and a kitchenette.

“In addition to all of the site support we provide, we also offer access to regular Thought Into Action programming related to entrepreneurship and business-related topics,” said TIA Alumni Executive Director Wills Hapworth. “This is an opportunity to tap into incredible experts and to work side by side with other entrepreneurs at similar stages of business development. Serendipitous things come of that.”

Early adopters of the co-working space include a company focused on luxury eyewear from Europe and Japan, an inventor of a 3D printable device to turn smartphones into high-powered digital microscopes, a breast prosthesis company focused on helping survivors of breast cancer, a local construction and engineering firm, and a full-service media and telecommunications firm.

“The efforts of everyone involved in bringing this space to life have empowered me and my business to reach all new levels. The solution-oriented people who utilize the space are friendly and collaborative providing a warm and supportive atmosphere.”

—Joshua Bagnall

The Thought Into Action Entrepreneurship Program (TIA) is now open and already hosting five early adopters of the co-working space, including a number on the Academic Quad. While the quad may be known by most as a large open space, it previously hosted a grand canopy of elm trees that eventually died or were removed due to Dutch elm disease in the 1920s.

Colgate’s commitment to sustainability is also reflected in this new tree-planting effort, and the University is proud to become carbon neutral in 2019.
An Inn Update

The Colgate Inn is a foundational part of our community, the front door to Colgate, and a key gathering place for the village. The Charlestowne team, which took over management of the iconic location on July 1, is committed to growing that reputation.

In the past few months, the management team was able to onboard 86 employees. A majority of these folks transitioned from the former management company. They will continue to receive training in the coming months, and the team is actively recruiting supervisory positions for food and beverage as well as other important front-line positions, and a new general manager was recently hired.

Following the initial few weeks, which were focused on deep cleaning the entire property, the early priority was to improve the overnight guests' experience significantly. New signature touch points, such as offering refreshments and snacks at check-in, have been introduced. New mattresses, bed linens, and towels, as well as new room amenities, have been added. The team has also concentrated on upgrades across the property, including painting the exterior, adding outdoor seating, and installing new landscaping.

Dining is the next area that will receive significant attention. Breakfast was reinstated in late July and has been well received. Interim smaller menus were developed, allowing the team time to determine the direction that the Tavern and Madison Room will take. The chef is building relationships with local vendors, and within the next several weeks, new seasonal menus featuring local food will be rolled out.

In the coming months, we hope to solidify the Colgate Inn experience by blending long-treasured traditions with new initiatives — such as refreshing the design of public spaces and reopening the Rathskeller. The Tavern will continue to add special events, including live music on the patio in the summer and trivia in the fall and winter on Wednesday nights. The Charlestowne team is committed to becoming a strong community partner and is proud to support Symphoria, Arts at the Palace, Hamilton Movie Theater, Rotary, and the Hamilton Business Alliance, just to name a few.

The team is poised to provide guests with a sustainable hospitality experience and looks forward to working with the community to enhance the inn experience. Please don't hesitate to send your thoughts and feedback to me at jshope@colgate.edu, or to Joanne Borfitz at jborfitz@colgate.edu.

— J.S. Hope, senior vice president for finance and administration, chief investment officer

HPD and Colgate Campus Safety Meet the Neighbors

A new collaboration between the Hamilton Police Department and Colgate Campus Safety has resulted in increased community outreach to the University's off-campus residents.

HPD and Campus Safety spent four nights earlier this year visiting nearly all of the local off-campus housing locations in an effort to both introduce themselves and to hear out any concerns.

Dan Gough, Colgate associate vice president of campus safety, said that the purpose of the outreach program was to introduce HPD and Campus Safety to students as a community resource, deliver off-campus housing informational brochures, and to establish a positive connection with this year’s off-campus residents.

“The joint outreach effort presented a great opportunity for off-campus students, as the newest residents of Hamilton, to meet the safety professionals that serve them and to ask questions about their safety and security in an off-campus living environment,” Gough said. “We want them to reach out to us, and I think they’ll be more likely to do so if they’ve already had a positive interaction with our staff.”

Gough said the response from students, landlords, and Hamilton residents has been very positive.

“This collaboration between Colgate and the Hamilton community will hopefully foster closer connections and create a more positive living experience for everyone involved,” Gough said. “Campus Safety and the Hamilton Police Department want Colgate students to see our organizations as helpful resources, should they ever need assistance.”

— Kate Norton ’20

Giving Back

One of the most compelling reasons for prospective students from around the world to enroll at Colgate is the amazing and caring community that is Hamilton, N.Y.

As Forbes once noted, Hamilton is one of the friendliest cities in America, and indeed, it is one of the central components of the college experience for our students. It’s also home to the majority of our faculty and staff.

With this in mind, it is so important for Colgate to be a good neighbor, and we hope that our cultural, academic, and athletic offerings open to the community help to further that connection. We also know that being a good neighbor means helping to support critical public safety needs, assisting with beautifying the downtown area, and supporting dynamic small-business owners in the region.

For fiscal year 2018–2019, Colgate has invested more than $1 million in the local community. That support includes final payment on the Hamilton Fire Department rescue truck, funding for Chenango Nursery School, volunteer tax payments to the local school district, town, and village, and a myriad of contributions to help support SOMAC, Community Memorial Hospital, arts initiatives at the Palace Theater, Hamilton Movie Theater, symphony concerts, and of course, fireworks.

I want to personally thank you, the members of our community, for being so supportive of Colgate through the years. You and your open embrace of the University and its people are part of the reason we are here to celebrate 200 years. We couldn’t do it without you.

— Joanne Borfitz, associate vice president for community affairs and auxiliary services

Partnership Supports continued

Colgate. TIA mentors have devoted a combined 24,000 hours of time and expertise toward supporting more than 500 entrepreneurs across 350 new businesses to date.

For more information about membership in the co-working space, contact Mary Galvez at mgalvez@colgate.edu.

A Bicentennial Prayer

The following was shared by former President Mary V. H. Galvin, as penned by Harry Emerson Fosdick, one of Colgate’s most widely known and revered alumni (Class of 1900).

“Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be
Armed with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!
May it be so. Amen!”

— from the Fosdick hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

May it be so. Amen!

Continued guidance and knowledge, inspiration and enrichment, now and for Colgate’s next 200 years,

Most sincerely,

Reverend Wesley A. Smith
Pastor, Hamilton’s First Baptist Church (2010–2017)
Retired
Long Beach Island

Contact Mary Galvez at mgalvez@colgate.edu.
Life After Death: 200 Years of Natural History at Colgate

Colgate is home to a vast collection of natural history specimens. These specimens have been used extensively in teaching throughout the last 150 years, beginning in 1868 with their arrival in the luggage of Albert Bickmore, former professor of zoology and geology.

Bickmore, who later founded the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, brought with him a large collection of stuffed birds, which he had collected and preserved throughout several years in the East Indies and Asia.

This important connection to one of the world’s preeminent natural history museums gave rise to two very different exhibitions on view in celebration of Colgate’s Bicentennial: The Beauty of Sculpted Minerals, located in the Ho Science Center’s Robert M. Linsley Geology Museum (see event listings), and Life After Death: 200 Years of Natural History at Colgate, an interdisciplinary exhibit housed in the glass display cases in Olin Hall.

Throughout the years, Olin’s display cases have been home to a number of different objects, animals, and plants, ranging from tropical ferns to living animals.

“There was once a python,” said Eddie Watkins, associate professor of biology. “I got out and was missing for a few days, and that was the end of living animals in the cases.”

Watkins applied for a Bicentennial Grant and turned to professors Elizabeth Marlowe (art and art history) and Tim McCay (biology) for assistance in fleshing out Life after Death. Julia Marchetti ’18 and Erin Burke ’18 developed the vision for the redesigned cases.

The students spent last summer combing through Colgate’s natural history collection, designing the exhibits, and researching the objects and their unique histories. McCay served as a scientific adviser to the students. “The display cases are just the tip of the iceberg,” he said. “Altogether, we have almost 34,000 skulls, mammal skins, eggs, seeds, mosses, lichens, lizards, pressed plants, stuffed birds, and other specimens.”

— Tim McCay

In the last case, Marchetti and Burke ponder the future of Colgate’s natural history collection and how these objects could be used for research into the death of coral reefs and widespread insect decline. “This exhibit has helped me to think about the way we frame what is valuable and what should be preserved,” said Marchetti. “I see this collection as the perfect opportunity for a truly interdisciplinary teaching and working museum.”

The exhibit is on permanent display and serves as an ongoing testament to the tradition of interdisciplinary learning at Colgate. The remainder of the collection is housed around the corner in Olin Hall’s Natural History Museum of the Chenango Valley and is available to students, faculty, and visitors.

— Jasmine Kellogg, internal communications manager

Upcoming Events

The Beauty of Sculpted Minerals  BICENTENNIAL EVENT
Ongoing
Ho Science Center, Robert M. Linsley Geology Museum
See beautiful mineral sculptures carved from jade, carnelian, malachite, lapis lazuli, tiger eye, and rock crystal now on loan from the Halls of Gems and Minerals at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Grinchmas Party
Dec. 15 | 10:30 a.m.
Colgate Bookstore
Meet the Grinch and learn how he stole Christmas with crafts and cookies to follow story time.

Sunday Public Skate  BICENTENNIAL EVENT
Dec. 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 | 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Riggs Rink, Class of 1965 Arena
Cost $1 per skater. No charge for skaters with a Colgate ID. Skates Required, rentals not available.

Art on Campus

Picker Art Gallery
Let Us March On: Lee Friedlander and the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom
Through Dec. 16
This exhibition presents photographer Lee Friedlander’s images of the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, a critical, yet generally neglected, moment in American civil rights history.

Embodied
Through Dec. 16
Drawing from the Picker Art Gallery’s permanent collection along with selected works from the Longyear Museum of Anthropology, this exhibition explores how artists have engaged with the body as subject and as metaphor.

Longyear Museum of Anthropology
Not a Costume
Through Dec. 19
This exhibition examines issues of identity, stereotypes, and cultural appropriation connected to contemporary indigenous fashion of the Western Hemisphere. The exhibition is curated by students and museum staff in collaboration with Colgate community members (students, faculty, staff, and alumni) who identify as members of an indigenous community in the Americas.

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