New Student Orientation
Along with the rest of the staff in the Dean of the College Division, welcome, once more, to Colgate University. You are beginning one of the most important chapters in your life as you join this community and become part of a great university. We are all excited to join you as you begin your studies, engage in new activities, and prepare for lives of promise and purpose as Colgate graduates.

The university has created a comprehensive orientation program to introduce you to important resources and to help you adjust to life at Colgate. Following this four-day orientation, we’ve also assembled a series of programs during Welcome Weeks to help you ease into the rhythm of Colgate and continue introducing you to the invaluable resources here. Faculty, staff, and experienced students – your Community Leaders (CLs) and Link Staff – will assist in this process over the next several weeks. We hope you find these orientation activities helpful.

Later this week, you will begin your classes with Colgate faculty members and fellow students. You will find Colgate classrooms, laboratories, athletic fields, and co-curricular pursuits to be rich places of inquiry, debate, and discovery. I hope that you consider the vast array of opportunities – both in and out of the classroom – to be fully yours to explore.

You arrive in time to celebrate Colgate’s 200-year anniversary as we also celebrate you, one of the most talented groups of new students to matriculate to Colgate.

Please be sure to say hello when we see one another on campus or stop by my office on the first floor of McGregory Hall. I will want to hear how you are doing and how this first year is unfolding for you.

Colgate officially commences the academic year this Wednesday evening with the academic convocation in the university chapel. I look forward to joining you then along with the university president, provost, and Colgate faculty. Until then I wish you an excellent start to your Colgate years.

Sincerely,

Paul J. McLoughlin II
Vice President & Dean of the College
Sunday, August 26

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Registration
Hall of Presidents, James C. Colgate Hall
Required check-in for all new students. Check in, receive your room key, get your photo taken for your student ID, then head up the hill to your residence hall, unpack, and get settled in your room.

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch Available
Frank Dining Hall or O'Connor Campus Center
The dining halls are open for all new students and their families.

12:30–1 p.m. Student-Athlete Welcome
Colgate Memorial Chapel
Greetings from the Colgate Athletics Department. This session provides a welcome and overview of support services for new Colgate student-athletes. Family members are welcome.

1:30–2:30 p.m. Family Orientation: The 'Gateway Ahead
Colgate Memorial Chapel
The start of the college experience is a transition time for both students and their families. What should families expect for their student, for themselves, and from the university during this period of adjustment? While students continue unpacking and meeting roommates, this program provides an overview of this transition, offers constructive ways to be actively involved in the process, addresses common questions, highlights first-semester events, and identifies valuable Colgate resources about which families should know.

3:30–4 p.m. Welcome to the Colgate Community
Taylor Lake Tent
Official welcome to the Colgate community by the president, provost and dean of the faculty, vice president and dean of the college, and the student government association president.

4–4:45 p.m. Ice Cream Social and Family Farewells
Taylor Lake Tent
Enjoy Colgate's long-standing tradition of celebrating with ice cream, especially on arrival day, while also saying goodbye (or, just, see you soon) to your family and friends. At 4:45, new students will be called to assemble by the ringing of the bells and make their way to their Residential Commons meeting point to be led up the hill by their Community Leaders (CLs) and Links.

4:45–5:30 p.m. Residential Commons Gathering
Taylor Lake Lawn
When you hear the bells ring, join your new classmates from your Commons and meet your CL and Link as you head up the hill for dinner.

5:30–7 p.m. Dinner with Community Leaders and Links
Academic Quad
Enjoy dinner with your Residential Commons group, CLs, and Links. You'll learn more about the upcoming days of Orientation.

7–9 p.m. Floor Meetings and Residential Commons Welcome
Individual Residence Halls
Learn more about your Residential Commons and have the opportunity to meet with your CL and Link. We will also talk with you about expectations for maintaining a healthy and thriving residential community this year.

9 a.m.–midnight Carnival on the Academic Quad
Academic Quad
Enjoy this fun evening of games, late-night food trucks, giveaways, and music. This Orientation tradition will have something for everyone.

Monday, August 27

7–9:30 a.m. Breakfast
Frank Dining Hall

8:30–9:30 a.m. Religious Life at Colgate
Garden Level, Colgate Memorial Chapel
The Office of the Chaplains invites incoming students to meet the chaplains and connect with students from several religious and spiritual groups on campus. Bagels and drinks will be available. Everyone is welcome.

9:30 a.m. Check in with your Link
Various locations
Meet your Link at your designated meeting spot.

10–11 a.m. ROTATION 1:

The Power of Unlearning: Cristina Usino
Dart Colegrove and Hancock Commons members
Brehmer Theater, Dana Arts Center
An invitation to the first of many more conversations on unpacking internalized learning of rape culture, misogyny, and sexual assault through the use of media,

Food available
psychology, and dialogue. Learn about media messaging, its effects on our culture, and much more through this interactive session. The campus resources available to you at Colgate and in the community will be reviewed as well. It’s time for the revolutionary power of unlearning as learning.

Decisions That Matter: Dr. Janet Neglia
Brown and Ciccone Commons members
Colgate Memorial Chapel
As a follow up to your completion of AlcoholEdu for College this summer, you are invited to further consider the physiological impacts of alcohol and explore bystander intervention strategies. This session, led by an experienced educator and physician, will help you make informed and responsible decisions as well as empower you to make your own choices about alcohol and other drug use.

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. ROTATION 2: Joining Your Community
Dart Colegrove and Hancock Commons members
Colgate Memorial Chapel
As you take your place as part of Colgate’s 200-year history, we welcome you to this academic community dedicated to the pursuit of intellectual and personal growth. The integrity of the Colgate community depends upon each member’s acceptance of individual responsibility and respect for the rights of others. In this session, we will introduce you to the values that have been a part of the university since its 1819 founding as well as the expectations that our students have of one another. We will share the university’s commitment to you as students and scholars as well as the social and ethical values necessary for community life.

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O’Connor Campus Center

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Frank Dining Hall

Lunch
Brown Commons members
O’Connor Campus Center

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3–4:30 p.m. ROTATION 5: Building an Inclusive Community: Engaging Diversity with Jessica Pettit and Sam Offer
Hancock and Dart Colegrove Commons members
Colgate Memorial Chapel
This session offers an opportunity for students to engage in and learn about the dynamics of difference. Participants will explore who they are as members of a community and the added value of diversity and inclusion to their Colgate education.
Meeting with your FSEM Link
Brown and Ciccone Commons
Various locations
Meet with your First-Year Seminar (FSEM) group to prepare for your individual advising session tomorrow and your first FSEM class on Wednesday. You will meet up with your FSEM and Link following your previous session in the Chapel, so wait to be dismissed until you hear your FSEM number announced.

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6:30–8 p.m.
Dinner with Your FSEM
Academic Quad

8–9:30 p.m.
Common Ground
Various locations
Meet your Residential Commons group in your designated spot to reflect on your experiences today and on your shared responsibilities as the newest members of Colgate.

9:30 p.m.–midnight
Residential Commons Late-Night Activities
Brown Commons — Laser Tag of Duty
Huntington Gym
All new students are welcome. Brown Commons is hosting a laser tag tournament. There will be snacks.

Tuesday, August 28

7–8:30 a.m.
Breakfast
Frank Dining Hall

8:45 a.m.
Check in with Your Link
Various locations

9–9:30 a.m.
The Colgate Experience
Colgate Memorial Chapel
Join Provost and Dean of the Faculty Tracey Hucks ’87 and MA ’90 as she welcomes you to Colgate and reflects on her time as a student here.

9:30–11:30 a.m.
Individual New Student Advising Sessions
Various locations
Meet with your FSEM professor at your scheduled advising time. Your FSEM professor is also your academic adviser and an important resource for you throughout the year.

10–11:30 a.m.
Pre-Professional and Language Information Sessions
Various locations
Representatives from several majors and programs will provide an overview of requirements and answer questions. Times and locations are listed on the next page.
10 a.m. Health Sciences Information 101 Ho Science Center
10 a.m. Teacher Certification 108 Persson Hall
10:45 a.m. Pre-Law 101 Ho Science Center
10:45 a.m. Languages and Off-Campus Study 105 Lawrence Hall

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch
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1:45 p.m. Pre-Law 101 Ho Science Center
2:30 p.m. Health Sciences 101 Ho Science Center
2:30 p.m. Math 129 Olin Hall
4:15 p.m. Pre-Engineering 238 Ho Science Center

3–3:45 p.m. and 4–4:45 p.m. NEW STUDENT MEET UPS
Various locations
Enjoy this opportunity to meet people who share a common interest and to learn more about what Colgate has to offer. Stop in for a bit, or stay for an entire session. Refreshments will be provided.

3 p.m. Sustainability and Climate Action
Atrium, Ho Science Center
Connect with others who are curious or passionate about these issues. Learn about the resources on campus.

3 p.m. LGBTQ+ and Allies
Center for Women’s Studies, East Hall
Connect with others who are interested in learning more about Colgate’s community.

3 p.m. Nontraditional Students
111 Wynn Hall
Connect with others who may have taken a gap year, served in the military, have a child, or are experiencing Colgate as an older student.

3 p.m. Visual and Performing Arts and Artists
129 Olin Hall
Connect with other creative Colgate minds.

3 p.m. Campus Recreation, Outdoor Education, and Physical Education
111 Alumni Hall
Connect with others who are interested in recreational sports, fitness, and the outdoors to learn about Colgate’s Physical Education program. This session is open to all students.

3 p.m. Gamers
Media Lounge, O’Connor Campus Center
Connect with others who enjoy video and computer games. Learn about opportunities to get involved with gaming at Colgate.

3 p.m. Religious Life
Garden Level, Colgate Memorial Chapel
Connect with others who are interested in learning about incorporating spirituality into their life at Colgate.

3 p.m. ALANA
Lounge, ALANA Cultural Center
Connect with others who are interested in African, Latino, Asian, and Native American cultural issues, while relaxing in the Cultural Center’s lounge.

4 p.m. Dare to Deviate
104A Olin Hall
Connect with others who march to the beat of their own drum. Still not sure if this is for you? Show up and see for yourself that Colgate does not require you to “fit in” to belong here.

4 p.m. Long Distance Life
101 McGregory Hall
Connect with others who are from across the country and the world.

4 p.m. Entrepreneurship
Conference Room, O’Connor Campus Center
Connect with others who are interested in innovation, and learn about our campus resources for exploring these opportunities during your time at Colgate.

4 p.m. First Generation Students
Office of Undergraduate Studies and First Generation House
Connect with others who are the first in their family to attend college.
Wednesday, August 29

8:30-10:30 a.m. Course Drop/Add
103 Lathrop Hall
The drop/add period provides an opportunity to make schedule changes after you’ve met with your academic adviser. Students may drop courses and add open courses online. Closed or otherwise restricted courses can be added by obtaining the instructor’s signature on your drop/add schedule (available on the portal). If you obtain an instructor’s signature, you must bring it to the Office of the Registrar before the end of the drop/add period to make the course changes official. Additional information is available on the Office of the Registrar’s website.

9-10:30 a.m. Chemistry Drop/Add
Wynn Hall

10:30 a.m.-noon First FSEM Class Meeting
FSEM classroom locations
This is your first class at Colgate.

Noon-2 p.m. Lunch with Your FSEM Link
Frank Dining Hall or O’Connor Campus Center

Noon-2 p.m. Resource Fair
Academic Quad (rain location: Atrium, Ho Science Center)
Explore the many resources available to you at Colgate. Career Services, Off-Campus Study, and dozens more will be present. Explore the fair and feel free to ask questions.

2-3:30 p.m. Residential Commons Field Day
Merrill House Lawn
The Commons communities will compete for prizes and bragging rights. Bring your game face. Facilitated by the Konosioni Senior Honor Society.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Residential Commons Photos
Persson Lawn

6:00-7:30 p.m. Convocation Dinner
Taylor Lake Tent

7:30 p.m. Procession
From Taylor Lake to Academic Quad
Led by President Casey and the Konosioni Senior Honor Society, all new students process up the hill and form a circle around the Academic Quad.

8 p.m. Founders’ Day Convocation
Colgate Memorial Chapel
Convocation begins with the traditional procession led by the university president, deans, and the faculty, in academic regalia. The Founders’ Day ceremony commemorates the devotion of the 13 people who established the institution that became Colgate University and celebrates the beginning of the academic year.
Thursday, August 30

4:30 p.m.  Men’s Soccer vs. Hofstra  
Beyer-Small ’76 Field

6:30 p.m.–9 p.m.  Colgate Athletics Community Day  
Beyer-Small ’76 Field
Come show your Raider pride at Colgate Athletics Community Day! Show your support for our Colgate Women’s Soccer team as they compete against La Salle University. There will be opportunities to enjoy the club and recreation sports fair, free t-shirts, food trucks, ice cream, inflatables, and post game fireworks. The Club and Recreation Sports Fair will start at 6:30 p.m., and kickoff for the game is at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.  Women’s Soccer vs. La Salle  
Beyer-Small ’76 Field

Friday, August 31

1:30 p.m.  Jummah (Friday prayer)  
Judd Chapel, Colgate Memorial Chapel
Please join the Muslim Student Association for afternoon Jummah prayer.

5 p.m.  Shabbat  
Saperstein Jewish Center
All are invited to join the Colgate Jewish Union/Hillel for a vibrant Shabbat service followed by a delicious dinner.

7 p.m.  Women’s Volleyball vs. Northwestern  
Cotterell Court

8 p.m.  Welcome Back A Cappella Concert  
Colgate Memorial Chapel
Take part in a Colgate tradition and listen to our premier a cappella groups perform.

Saturday, September 1

10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  Football Tailgate  
Football Practice Field — Behind Andy Kerr Stadium
Join our Student Government Association and your Residential Commons to show your Colgate pride for the kickoff of football season.

11 a.m.  Women’s Volleyball vs. Princeton  
Cotterell Court

1 p.m.  Football vs. Holy Cross  
Andy Kerr Stadium

7 p.m.  Women’s Volleyball vs. Princeton  
Cotterell Court

8:30 p.m.  The Colgate Activities Board and Colgate Stand-Up Present: Melissa Villasenor  
The Edge, Bryan Complex
Saturday Night Live cast member Melissa Villasenor comes to Colgate! Admission is free, but seating is limited, so make sure to show up early.

Sunday, September 2

2 p.m.  Bubble Soccer  
Whitnall Field
Have some fun in the sun as we play soccer with a twist. Suit up into one of our inflatable bubbles and prove yourself on the field. Make new friends and share some laughs.

6:30 p.m.  University Church Services  
Colgate Memorial Chapel
Please join University Church in a service of worship, sacrament, service, prayer, and intellectual engagement within a diverse Christian community. Dinner to follow.

7 p.m.  Hindu Student Association Meditation  
Garden Level Lounge, Colgate Memorial Chapel
All are invited to join the Hindu Student Association for meditation.
9 p.m.  Catholic Mass
Colgate Memorial Chapel
Please join the Newman Community for Mass. Dinner to follow.

Monday, September 3

5 p.m.  Women’s Soccer vs. Yale
Beyer-Small ’76 Field

7 p.m.  “Meet Your Maker” Ice Cream Social
Academic Quad
The Office of the Chaplains invites you to meet the chaplains and the student leaders who make spiritual and religious life happen on campus. The official ice cream of the Office of the Chaplains, Dark Chocolate Night of the Soul, will be available. All are welcome.

Tuesday, September 4

11 a.m.  CAB and ALANA Welcome Back
O’Connor Campus Center
The Colgate Activities Board and ALANA Cultural Center will be giving away gifts and taking suggestions for events that you want to see this semester.

Noon  Colgate Buddhist Community Meditation
Judd Chapel, Colgate Memorial Chapel
All are invited to join the Colgate Buddhist Community for a student-led meditation.

Wednesday, September 5

4:30–6:30 p.m.  Involvement Fair
Academic Quad
One of the best things about life at Colgate is that there are so many ways to be involved! Come learn more about Colgate’s 175+ student organizations. Whether it’s beekeeping, dance, or debate, there’s something for everyone.

Thursday, September 6

4:30–6:00 p.m.  International Student Welcome Reception
Atrium, Ho Science Center
Come join our international student community as we start a new academic year.

8 p.m.  Pub Trivia
Donovan’s Pub
A weekly tradition, journey down to Donovan’s Pub and show off your trivia knowledge. Bring some friends and start a team, or show up and join an already existing one. Winners will receive ‘Gate Cash prizes. The competition will be occurring every Thursday while classes are in session.

11:30 a.m.  The Max. A Shacknai Center for Outreach, Volunteerism and Education (COVE) Open House
109 Lathrop Hall
We encourage you to drop in and learn about local volunteer opportunities. Lunch will be provided.

Friday, September 7

12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.  Afternoon of Service
Donovan’s Pub
In honor of 9/11, the Max A. Shacknai COVE is sponsoring a campus-wide Afternoon of Community Service. The Afternoon of Service will begin at 12:15 p.m. in front of Donovan’s Pub. There will be a second starting time at 1:15 p.m. for those students who have a class conflict at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

1:30 p.m.  Jummah (Friday prayer)
Judd Chapel, Colgate Memorial Chapel
Please join the Muslim Student Association for afternoon Jummah prayer.
8 p.m.  *'Gate Night County Fair Jamboree*  
*Academic Quad*  
Yee haw! Put on your favorite plaid shirt and comfy jeans for our late-night Country Jamboree. We’ll be square dancing with a live band and caller who will lead you through all of the “do-si-dos” and partner swings. And, of course, no hoedown would be complete without a BBQ banquet and a live animal petting zoo. (Sponsored by ‘Gate Night, Colgate Christian Fellowship, and Crafter’s Club)

**Saturday, September 8**

8 p.m.  *The Palace After Dark: An Evening With Mike Powell*  
*Palace Theater*  
Join Mike Powell, a singer and songwriter who is a Central New York native as we kick off the “Palace after Dark” series. Admission for Colgate Students is free. Hosted by Colgate Stand-Up.

**Syracuse Mall Trips**  
The first of the Saturday bus trips to Destiny USA in Syracuse, NY. Trips to Syracuse depart at noon and 3 p.m. Return trips to campus leave Syracuse at 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 9**

1 p.m.  *Women’s Soccer vs. Syracuse University*  
*Beyer-Small ’76 Field*  

6 p.m.  *Erev Rosh Hashanah Services*  
*James C. Colgate Hall, Hall of Presidents*  
All are invited to join the Colgate Jewish Union/Hillel in ushering in the Jewish New Year. Dinner to follow.

**Monday, September 10**

10 a.m.  *Rosh Hashanah Morning Services*  
*Saperstein Jewish Center*  
Please join the Colgate Jewish Union/Hillel for morning services.

**Tuesday, September 11**

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*Saperstein Jewish Center*  
Please join the Colgate Jewish Union/Hillel for morning services.

5 p.m.  *Goat Yoga*  
*Curtis-Drake Circle*  
Do you love yoga? How about goats? If the answer is yes to one or both, then we have good news for you. Join the Colgate Activities Board and the goats of Mini-Ark farm on the Curtis-Drake Lawn at 5 p.m. Feel free to bring your own yoga mat.

**Wednesday, September 12**

8 p.m.  *Colgate Stand-Up Open Mic*  
*Donovan’s Pub*  
Join us for the first of Colgate Stand-Up’s open-mic nights, all are welcome to come and check out their fellow Colgate students as they showcase their original material. Enjoy an evening of mozzarella sticks, wings, and Colgate comedy.

**Thursday, September 13**

4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  *ALANAPalooza*  
*ALANA Cultural Center*  
Come join us for a Colgate tradition that unites the Colgate and Hamilton community. There will be free food, ice cream, rainbow cake, dancing, and an opportunity to connect in a low-key and fun environment.
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