This is Colgate.
The campus rises steeply, creating a sense that this place is always ascending. And so it has climbed for over 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.
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.
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Hometown: Houston, Texas
Major: Biology
Activities: Woodworking, COVE, Sustainability intern at Frank, Dart Colegrove Council member

RACHEL BROWN ’22
Hometown: Marshall, Virginia
Major: Molecular biology
Minor: Women’s studies
Activities: Women’s club soccer, Irish dance club, Tour guide

OWUSU ANSAH ’23
Hometown: Accra, Ghana
Major: Undeclared
Activities: Community Leader, Lab assistant Olin Bird Colony, Theater production assistant, President of African Student Union, Model AU, Intramural soccer

GRANT RUBACK ’21
Hometown: Hatfield, Pennsylvania
Major: Molecular biology
Activities: SOMAC Ambulance, Research in the biology department, Club curling team, Tour guide and greeter in admission, First responder for Department of Recreation

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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. It fits.
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 200 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.
BIG-SCHOOL BENEFITS

25
NCAA Division I Athletics teams. The men’s basketball team played in the NCAA tournament in 2019

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

18,000
internships and jobs posted by career services

→ Strong, loyal, passionate network of alumni

→ Distinguished faculty

→ Expansion of physical spaces on campus: Benton Hall, Jane Pinchin Hall, Burke Hall

200
Clubs, organizations, and club sport options, plus the option for students to start their own

→ Study-abroad options: 100 approved programs, 18 Colgate study groups, five extended-study option

→ 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, 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.
100% Classes taught by faculty who are leaders in their fields

9:1 Student-to-faculty ratio

Zero Classes taught by teaching assistants

95% Retention rate (students returning as sophomores)

**SCHOLARS PROGRAMS**
Colgate offers Scholars Programs for first-year students based on qualities demonstrated in their admissions 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 discusses the in which the environment sustainability initiatives affect emotion in GEOG 306: The Geography of Happiness.

Art and art history professor Lynette Stephenson explores creative visual modes of expression in her studio art class.
Professor Rebecca Ammerman discusses aspects of early Greek life including art, architecture, and culture.

Associate Professor Kezia Page and her students trace the sociocultural history of the Caribbean using literature, film, and music.

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**THE CORE REQUIREMENTS**

**Sample courses offerings:**
- Religion and Jewish Studies (CORE 151)
- Classics (CORE 151)
- English (CORE 152)
- Philosophy (CORE 152)
- Art and Art History (CORE 152)
- Sociology (CORE 152)
- The Story of Colorants (CORE 152)
- Intro to Statistics (CORE 143S)
- Language & Cognition (CORE 152)
- Japan (CORE 167C)
- The Middle East (CORE 183C)

**CREDITS**

Five of the 32 credits needed for graduation are part of the core. Courses can be completed in any order.

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**LEGACIES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**

Explore ancient texts that articulate perennial issues: the nature of the human and the divine; virtue and the good life; truth, justice, and beauty; the difference between subjective opinion and objective knowledge.

**CHALLENGES OF MODERNITY**

Think about how our world has been shaped by long-standing debates over gender, psychology, identity, imperialism, morality, race, science, urbanization, and violence.

**SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD**

Examine how science illuminates our understanding of issues in the world around us.

**COMMUNITIES AND IDENTITIES**

Introduce yourself to processes and factors that fashion communities and identities around the globe.
Colgate’s 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 need to deal with 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, and 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.

A GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT SELECTION

Investigate the conditions and consequences of intercultural and global interactions from a variety of intellectual and methodological approaches so as to confront responsibly the challenges of the 21st century.
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

† Minor only
Kylie Benway, anthropology
Rosie Coyle, computer science and theater
Minjoo Kim, psychological science
Elaine Wang, astronomy/physics
Judith Saurer, German intern
Chien-hsueh Huang, computer science
Leo Ascenzi, computer science
Steven DeVellis, international relations
Yingsi Qin, physics
Jabari Ajao, Africana & Latin American studies
Kaitlyn Rodriguez, molecular biology
Cheyenne Rosado, theater
Cindy Vo, psychological science
Kaitlyn Rodriguez, molecular biology
Jabari Ajao, Africana & Latin American studies
Abraham Rodriguez, psychological science
Srećko Ćurković, physics

The Colgate University theater department presents R & J & Z, a new zombie-inspired play in verse written by Melody Bates.
Enrique “Kiko” Galvez, professor of physics and astronomy
Courses: Physical Optics (PHYS 304), Electronics (PHYS 336); Kiko mentored Faith Williams ’19, who later received a national award for her research on diagnosing Alzheimer’s disease.

Karen Harpp, professor of geology and peace and conflict studies
Courses: Volcanology (GEO 220), The Advent of the Atomic Bomb (CORE 138); Karen led a team of students, staff, and faculty in an interdisciplinary academic experience of the Galapagos Islands.

Peter Balakian, professor of English
Courses: Confession and Rebellions: American Literature in the 1950s (ENGL 422); 2016 Pulitzer Prize for poetry; in 2019, Peter won the Jerome Balmuth Award for Teaching and Student Engagement.

April Sweeney, associate professor of theater
Courses: Drama and the Greeks! (THEA 220), Performance I (THEA 259); April and the Dept. of Theater presented the COVID Diaries, a virtual festival of new works related to Colgate community members’ time spent in quarantine.
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.

Alicia Simmons, associate professor of sociology and Africana & Latin American studies
Courses: Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 101), Media and Politics (SOCI 375); two students assisted Alicia with her research focused on the intersection of media, race, and politics last summer

Eddie Watkins, associate professor of biology
Courses: Plant Physiological Ecology (BIOL 489); Eddie and former student (now colleague) Weston Testo ’12 have collaborated on research projects for 10 years, publishing seven papers together

Padma Kaimal, professor of art & art history
Courses: From Emperors to Anime (ARTS 246), Hindu Temple Architecture (ARTS 344); Padma took students in her ARTS 244, Temples, Caves, and Stupas class to western India
$2.1+ million
in approximate funding designated for students participating in summer research in the last three years
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 get doctorate-level opportunities without competing 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 get 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.
With support from Colgate’s Thought Into Action Incubator, entrepreneur Uyi Omorogbe ’19 created African-inspired clothing company NaSo. Profits from sales fund renovations and supplies for Nigerian schools.

Students in the lobby of Benton Hall, the home of the Center for Career Services, the Office of National Fellowships and Scholarships, and the Thought Into Action entrepreneurship program’s administrative office

LAURYN POYSNER ’21
Observed and helped aid juvenile clients through her work as a legal intern at the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, a nonprofit legal organization in Evanston, Ill.

JARED COLLINS ’21
Assisted the wetland specialist at Memorial Park Conservancy in Houston, Texas, in the areas of environmental engineering and park design while conducting independent research.

BELLA CROW ’21
Developed art skills and style along with portfolio pieces in an intensive arts program at the Mount Gretna School of Art in preparation for graduate school.

R WYNTER SCHNELL ’22
Researched the intersection of user experience, marketing, product design, and management at UX Bureau to improve the company’s image as a consultancy for other companies.

AKSHARA RAMASESHAN ’22
Assisted in a number of capacities while an intern at Mediators Beyond Borders International, including research to finalize the 2020 Economic and Social Council and piloting a new youth action group.

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$1.6+M
Approximate funding designated for students to pursue unpaid or underpaid summer experiences in the last three years
#1
Ranked nationally in number of undergraduates participating in semester-length, off-campus study among baccalaureate institutions

63%
Percentage of Colgate 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.

The National University Singapore Study Group explores diverse and dynamic Southeast Asia, including a week-long trip to Bali.

Students visit Chethams Library in Manchester, England, as part of their course Technology, Science & Culture in the History of Manchester.
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 also 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 Florida Keys Extended Study trip immerses students in cognitive and behavioral research of marine mammals.
Interdisciplinary exploration of environmental studies in Wollongong, Australia

Economic principles and analysis through the study of Britain’s economic problems and policy responses in London, England

French language and culture through extended residence and study in Dijon, France

Spanish language and culture in Madrid, Spain, at Universidad San Pablo CEU

Environment, health, and community in rural Uganda

Individual identity and material culture of the ancient city of Athens, Greece

Environmental problems and environmental activism in Kunming and Beijing, China

Internship at an international governmental or nongovernmental organization in Geneva, Switzerland

Interdisciplinary exploration of environmental studies in Wollongong, Australia

MORE THAN 70 COUNTRIES VISITED

Africa:
Cameroon
Ghana
Jordan
Kenya
Madagascar
Morocco
Rwanda

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
Intensive language study and exploration of Japanese society and culture in Kyoto, Japan

Constitutional procedures and government operations of political parties, congress, public administration, and the legislation in Washington, DC., U.S.

Archaeological sites in Mexico

Intensive research at the National Institutes of Health laboratory in Maryland, U.S.

National security in New York City, U.S.

Dolphin Research Center in the Florida Keys, U.S.

History, culture, and life in Havana, Cuba

The legacies of Carrolup in Western Australia

Middle East:
- Egypt
- Israel

Asia:
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- 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
- Puerto Rico
- Panama

Caribbean:
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Grenada
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- U.S. Virgin Islands

South America:
- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Ecuador
- Peru
Colgate students participate in a “tree climbing for break” class in the woods along the Darwin Thinking Path on the former ski hill on Colgate campus. The class was run by Outdoor Education for students who remained on campus during the autumn break.

Colgate's Outdoor Education program travels to Cochise Stronghold, a rock climbing destination in the backcountry of Southern Arizona, for spring break. Staff, guides, and students came together to enjoy the spectacular landscape of rugged canyons and towering granite domes.
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 the backyards of 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 who live in Colgate housing

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

- Faculty Dinner Series
  “How I Became Passionate About Music & Conducting,” with Ryan Endris, assistant professor of music
- Art Fest
  Student art exhibition and sales
- The Colombian Peace Process
  Guest lecture
- Brown Commons event series
  “Seekers, believers, and doubters” brings students together to answer important questions on identity and meaning.
- Mindfulness-Based Stress-Reduction Course
- Halloween Soiree
  Karaoke, mask making, costume contests, trivia, improv, and music
- Apple Picking
- Coffeehouse Music Nights
- Trivia Night

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Part of a long-standing tradition at Colgate, the first chartered fraternity dates back to 1856. About 30% 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, 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.
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.
92%
Investments in support for first-generation students has resulted in 4-year graduation rates of more than 92% in recent years.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR EVERY STUDENT
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.

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

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.

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

Photos: Social activist, human rights advocate, and writer Opal Tometi was the keynote speaker at Colgate’s MLK Celebration in Colgate Memorial Chapel.
Colgate takes on Bucknell in men's basketball for the Patriot League Championship at Cotterell Court on March 13, 2019. Colgate went on to defeat Bucknell 94-80.

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

Earth, Wind, and Fire performs in the Sanford Field House during the Bicentennial Kickoff Weekend.
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 whir of energy. That is Colgate spirit.
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 group of leaders in America. Colgate alums 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.

Academics
Michèle Alexandre ’96, civil rights scholar, dean of Stetson University College of Law, and professor of law
Denniston Reid ’94, chief schools and innovation officer at Excellence Community Schools
Kevin Ross ’94, president of Lynn University
Henry Zymeck ’82, principal of M.S. 245 in NYC; featured in the New York Times

Arts
Joe Berlinger ’83, Academy Award–nominated, and Peabody- and Emmy-winning filmmaker
E. Garrett Bewkes IV ’10, publisher of National Review
Journalist Amanda Terkel ’04, Washington bureau chief at Huffington Post
Julie Cohen ’86, director of RBG, a biopic following the life and achievements of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 2019 Oscars
Chris White ’91, executive producer of PBS’s award-winning documentary series POV and America Reframed on WORLD Channel; winner of multiple Emmy Awards, and executive producer of the Academy Award–nominated film Minding The Gap

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 the Houston Rockets
Kiira Dosdall ’09, plays professionally for Metropolitan Riveters of National Women’s Hockey League
Adonal Foyle ’99, 13-year NBA player and current community ambassador for Golden State Warriors
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

Alumni Career Volunteers
Colgate alumni play an active role in career development and networking opportunities by offering internship programs, job-shadowing, mentorship, and more.
Business and Entrepreneurship
Silvia Alvarez ’96, SVP, director of corporate communications at First Horizon National Corporation

Jenna Kramer ’10, associate policy researcher, RAND Corp ✔

Samantha Radocchia ’11, co-founder of Chronicled Inc.; Forbes 30 under 30 ✔

Tim Spence ’01, Digital Banker of the Year (American Banker), EVP, head of consumer banking, payments, and strategy at Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio

John Sendach ’98, executive director, North Shore University Hospital ✔

Carmine Di Sibio ’85, elected global chairman and CEO of Ernst & Young Global Ltd. ✔

Nick Kokonas ’90, founder and owner of Alinea, Next, The Aviary, and Roister; founder and CEO of Tock, Inc. ✔

Media and Publishing
Jennifer Levene Bruno ’94, chief revenue officer, Hearst Magazine ✔

Kristin Koch ’05, executive director of Seventeen Magazine

Bob Woodruff ’83, correspondent at ABC News


 Politics and Advocacy
Amy Dudley ’06, chief spokesperson at Chan Zuckerberg Initiative ✔

Maggie Dunne ’13, founder and CEO of Lakota Children’s Enrichment; Forbes 30 under 30

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

Evan Kramer ’09, director of Research, Analysis, and Reporting at DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education ✔

David Kusnetz ’09, Litigation Associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP ✔

Nicol Turner Lee ’90, senior fellow - Governance Studies, Center for Technology Innovation at the Brookings Institution ✔

Rob Sobelman ’08, Assistant U.S. Attorney ✔

Science and Tech
Spencer Charles ’11, product operations manager at Google Inc.

Matthew Culbreth ’09, design director at Peloton ✔

Jason Rand ’07, global travel brand partnerships at Pinterest ✔

Clarissa Shah ’10, commercial counsel at LinkedIn ✔

Kim Sass ’12, Architectural Job Captain, HLW ✔

Debra Locastro ’05, chief of staff to the CIO at Google Inc. ✔

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.

MOSAIC
Colgate’s Mosaic connects multicultural alumni with current Colgate students, providing them with an opportunity to learn from alumni especially in career development and networking.
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 for all levels.

The winningest class in program history, last year’s women’s ice hockey team tallied 101 victories, and the program’s first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

The Raiders take on Lafayette in football during the Bicentennial Kickoff Weekend, September 22, 2018.

20%
Percentage of students who participate in intercollegiate athletics

NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETIC 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)
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)
- Nordic Skiing (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)

648 Students participate in intramural sports

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**
- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Inner Tube Water Polo
- Racquetball
- Soccer (Indoor, Outdoor)
- Softball
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball (Indoor, Outdoor 3 vs. 3)

From top: Colgate takes on Bucknell in women's field hockey; Colgate guard Jordan Burns takes a 3-point shot during a game against the University of Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament; Colgate students and faculty members play cricket in the Sanford Field House; men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams compete in Lineberry Natatorium.
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.
Top: A full-length play written and directed by Dani Solomon, Soup is a tragicomedy about embracing vulnerability through the act of asking a question. Above left: Lynette Stephenson teaches a painting class in the Ryan studios. Above right: Colgate University Chamber Players rehearse in James C. Colgate Hall.
Academic and Languages
Colgate Book Society
Colgate Physics Club
Engineering Club
History Club
Impulse STEM
Inclusivity
Mathematics Club
Midnight Philosophy
Pen Pals
Philosophy Club
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 Behind the Beat
Broad Street Records
Chinese Dance
Clay Club
Colgate Ballet Company
Colgate Ballroom Dancers
Colgate Dance Initiative
Colgate Dance Team
Colgate Discords
Colgate Fashion Club
Colgate Painting and Drawing Club
Colgate Raider Pep Band
Colgate Resolutions
Colgate Tap Troupe
Cosplay Photography Club
Crafters Club
DDT
FUSE Dance Company
Groove Dance Troupe
Habibi Beats
Irish Dance
K-Pop Dance Group
Kuumba Dance Troupe
Latin American Dance Mantiphondrakes
Masque and Triangle
MELANATED
Photography Club
Shock Dance Group
Student Committee on Fashion and Creative Arts
Swinging ’Gates
Symphonic Band
The Colgate 13
Wolfpack
Wood Turning Club

Culture
African Student Union
Black Student Union
Blue Diamond Society Brothers
Caribbean Student Association
Cheese and Culture Club
Chinese Interest Assn.
Colgate International Community
Colgate Open Discussion Club
Colgate Vietnam Assn.
French Club
German Club
Hong Kong Student Association
Italian Club
Japan Club
Korean Culture Assn.
LAMBDA
Latin American Student Organization
Minority Association for Premedical Students
Model Arab League
MOSAICS
Native American Student Allies
Organization of the Asian Sisters in Solidarity
Russian Club
Sisters of the Round Table
South Asian Culture Club
Spanish Club
Tea Club

Entertainment
Charred Goosebeak Chess Club
Colgate Anime Society
Colgate in Entertainment
Colgate Film Society
Colgate Poker Club
Colgate Quiz Bowl
Colgate Smash Club
Colgate Stand Up
Internet Gamers
Student Committee on Providing Entertainment

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.
BRITE - Sherburne- Earlville Tutors
Broad Street Association
Challah For Hunger
Circle K
Colgate Buddies
Colgate Caretakers
Colgate Hunger Outreach Project
Do Random Acts of Kindness
engAGE
ESL Tutors
Friends First
Friends of Hamilton Manor
Habitat for Humanity

Hamilton Central School
Hamilton Central School Elementary Tutors
Hamilton Central School Secondary Tutors
Hamilton Fire Fighters
Hamilton Outdoor Group
Liberty Kids
Love Your Melon
M+Ms
Madison Craft Club
Madison EMS
Madison Mentors
Madison Tutors
Morrissville-Eaton Elementary Tutors
Morrissville-Eaton Secondary Tutors
North Broad Street Grads
North Broad Street Tutors
Ophelia’s Girls
Pet Pals
Progress Period
Rotaract
SAT Prep
Sidekicks
Southern Madison County Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Stockbridge Juniors
Stockbridge Tutors
The Network
Utica Refugee Tutors
We Are Enough

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

**Professional Development**
Colgate Actuarial Society
Colgate Coders
Colgate Consulting Club
Colgate Finance Club
Colgate Investment Group
Colgate Real Estate Club
Colgate Women in Business
Mock Trial Team
Pre-Law Society
Pre-Vet Society
TAMID

**Sports and Recreation**
Anglers Society
Beekeeping Club
Colgate Esports Club
Colgate Golazos
Hiking Club
Ski & Snowboard Club

**Student Government**
2021 Class Council
2022 Class Council
2023 Class Council
2024 Class Council
Colgate Activities Board
Konosioni Senior Honor Society

**Sustainability**
Green Earth Gang
Green Thumbs
Students for Environmental Action

**Wellness**
Active Minds
Baking Club
Colgate Cooks
Dumpling Club
Planned Parenthood Generation Action
Chapter
Public Health Initiative

**Publications and Media**
Colgate Maroon News
Colgate Political Review
Colgate Portfolio
Monthly Rag
WRCU
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.
Students volunteer at Hamilton Community Bikes, an organization founded by Chuck Fox ’70 that repairs bikes for those in need during a campuswide Afternoon of Community Service.
Chapter 5
Where Colgate Is
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 4,400 people, where most 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.
One of the top collegiate golf courses in America

Bustling farmers’ market

Historic inn and eatery

Cold brew at artisan coffee roasters

University bookstore

Independent movie theater

Performing arts center

Local farm brewery

Alumni-owned bakery

Late night pizza

Ice cream made by local dairy farmers

Miles and miles of hiking trails

Historic candy shop

Miles and miles of hiking trails
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.
Students prepare a test subject for a brain scan in the neuroscience laboratory in Olin Hall.

**THE THIRD-CENTURY PLAN**

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

*First-Initiative Highlights*

**Eliminating student loans for families with incomes below $125K**

The No-Loan Initiative expands the amount of financial support available to students and lessens the burden of student debt.

**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 class unity.

**Launching The Robert Hung Ngai Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative (MBB)**

Through the cross-disciplinary MBB, 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 must carefully steward 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.

President Brian W. Casey with Emrys and students on campus
### Facts

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### Student Body

- **3,002** Undergraduate students and 12 graduate students
- **16%** International students (including dual citizens)
- **77%** Countries represented on campus
- **1,628** female students
- **1,374** male students

### Faculty

- **337** Faculty
- **96%** Faculty with PhD or highest degree in their field
- **77%** From outside New York
- **23%** Domestic students of color
- **10%** First-generation college students
- **22%** Faculty of color

### Class of 2024 Profile

- **8,582** Applications from 49 states, D.C., and 129 countries
- **1,075** Early Decision applications (470 enrolled)
- **2,345** Accepted (27%)
- **802** Enrolled
- **53/47%** Female/Male
- **18%** International (22 countries represented; dual citizens represent an additional 30 countries)
- **25%** Domestic students of color
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.

Popular career fields for recent graduates
- Business/management
- Communications and media
- Consulting
- Education
- Financial
- Government
- Health and medicine
- Law and legal services
- Nonprofit and social change
- Sciences
- Sports and recreation
- Technology and computing

FINANCIAL AID

100%
Colgate fully meets the demonstrated need of all admitted students

Zero
loans for families with income up to $125K

Cost of Attendance 2020–21
- Full-year tuition: $59,655
- Student Activities fee: $360
- Room: $7,260
- Meals: $7,775
- Total: $75,050
- Est. Personal Expenses/Books: $2,530

Average four-year debt incurred by a Colgate student is $14,992

Average financial aid package for the Class of 2024 is $57,260

The story continues...

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Application Deadlines
- Nov. 15: Early Decision I
- Jan. 15: Regular Decision; Early Decision II

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