This is Colgate.
The campus rises steeply, creating a sense that this place is always ascending. And so it has climbed for 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.
MADELINE ROY ’22
Hometown: Houston, Texas
Anticipated major: Biology
Activities: Woodworking, COVE, Sustainability intern at Frank, Dart Colegrove v 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

TOMMY HALKYARD ’20
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Major: Music
Minor: Computer science
Activities: D-1 Football, WRCU, Colgate University Orchestra, Delta Upsilon, VizLab, The Mat, DJ Club, IT Center

KATE BUNDY ’20
Hometown: Westport, Connecticut
Major: History
Minor: Spanish
Activities: Co-president of the Student Government Association, Co-leader of the Colgate Planned Parenthood Generation Action, Lampert Institute for Civic and Global Affairs Fellow 2018

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 admissions, First responder for Department of Recreation

PATRICK NEEDHAM ’20
Hometown: Vermilion, Ohio
Major: Biochemistry
Activities: Hammer thrower on the D1 track and field team

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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 is expressly designed to help people connect, from its courses to its residential commons. 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.
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.

2000+
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.

220
Clubs, intramural 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 options.

→ Caliber of visiting speakers, scholars, and artists.
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.

Art and art history and Russian and Eurasian studies professor Carolyn Guile teaches students early modern European art and architecture.

Physics and astronomy professor Enrique Galvez was named an Optical Society Fellow for his outstanding research, development of educational optics laboratories, and involving undergraduates in research.

Renowned author Jonathan Franzen speaks to students in the Living Writers course. Discussion and a Q&A covered topics ranging from Franzen’s personal life to his book *Freedom: A Novel*, which students read prior to the visit.
Classes taught by faculty who are leaders in their field: 100%

Student-to-faculty ratio: 9:1

Zero teaching assistants

Retention rate (students returning as sophomores): 94%

**SCHOLARS PROGRAMS**

Colgate offers three 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

**Benton Scholars**
Students who are unconventional thinkers, passionate leaders, and have demonstrated strong concern for their communities

**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 ways 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.
**THE CORE REQUIREMENTS**

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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.

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

Professor Rebecca Ammerman discusses aspects of early Greek life including art, architecture, and culture.

Students perform experiments in an intro biology class in Olin Hall.
Core

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.
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 '20 majors in anthropology |
| Yingsi Qin '20 majors in physics |
| Leo Ascenzi '20 majors in computer science |
| Cindy Vo '20 majors in psychological science |
| Minjoo Kim '20 majors in psychological science |
| Rosie Coyle '20 majors in computer science and theater, and is a DJ at WRCU |
| Elaine Wang '21 majors in astronomy/physics |
| Judith Saurer is a German intern |
| Jabari Ajao '18 majored in Africana & Latin American studies |
| Steven DeVellis '20 majors in international relations |
| Abraham Rodriguez '20 majors in psychological science |
| Srečko Ćurković '20 majors in physics, and is a Residential Life community leader |

The Colgate University theater department presents R & J & Z, a new zombie-inspired play in verse written by Melody Bates.
Eddie Watkins, associate professor of biology
Courses: Plant Physiological Ecology (BIOL 489); Most recently researched the effects of ploidy level on responses to global change in plants

Padma Kaimal, professor of art & art history
Courses: From Emperors to Anime (ARTS 246), Hindu Temple Architecture (ARTS 344); Author of Scattered Goddesses: Travels with the Yoginis

Karen Harpp, professor of geology and peace and conflict studies
Courses: Volcanology (GEO 220), The Advent of the Atomic Bomb (Core 138); included in Princeton Review’s The Best 300 Professors

Peter Balakian, professor of English
Courses: Confession and Rebellion: American Literature in the 1950s (ENGL 422); His book of poems, Ozone Journal, won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for poetry
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

$820,000
in approximate funding designated in 2018 for students participating in summer research

PHYSICS / ASTRONOMY
Fundamental physics behind quantum ghost imaging
Jin Huh ’19

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Humanitarian intervention in failed and fragile post-Cold War states
Linh Le ’19

ART HISTORY
Documenting Colgate’s architectural legacy
Ally Shahidi ’19

MATHEMATICS / ECONOMICS
Survey of gaps and overlaps in Adirondack philanthropy
Kayla Logar ’20, Upstate Institute’s Adirondack Fellow

POLYSCIENCES
Agricultural selection for redder, juicier tomatoes
Christine Horn ’19, Beckman Scholar

ART HISTORY
Documenting Colgate’s architectural legacy
Ally Shahidi ’19

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
Combating infectious and chronic diseases from HIV to cancer to Alzheimer’s
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Study Group

MATHEMATICS / ECONOMICS
Survey of gaps and overlaps in Adirondack philanthropy
Kayla Logar ’20, Upstate Institute’s Adirondack Fellow

NEUROSCIENCE
Understanding how the brain is affected by high blood pressure
Chris Higham ’18

83%
of students participate in academic research before graduating from Colgate

ANTHROPOLOGY / PSYCHOLOGY
Motivations behind violence in the lives of combat sports competitors
Seth Grimes ’19

HISTORY / GLOBAL AFFAIRS
Reeducation camps in postwar Vietnam and the lines of internment
Anna Pluff ’20, Lampert fellow

NATURAL SCIENCES
Agricultural selection for redder, juicier tomatoes
Christine Horn ’19, Beckman Scholar

83%
of students participate in academic research before graduating from Colgate
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.

With no teaching assistants at Colgate, undergrads 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.

TOP EMPLOYERS OF COLGATE GRADS

AlphaSights
Bank of America
Merrill Lynch
Barclays
Colgate University
Ernst & Young
Guidepoint
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
National Institutes of Health
NBC Universal
Peace Corps
UBS
Vettery

97%
Class of 2018 who secured jobs, grad school admission, fellowships, military service, or volunteer work within 9 months of graduation

125
Formal recruiting partners, including Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Goldman Sachs, Google, Major League Baseball, Mass General Hospital, Peace Corps, and Revlon
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 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.

JOHN BENNETT ’19
Studied the synthesis of various new drugs to better treat asthma, liver diseases, and cancers in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Lab at the National Institutes of Health.

EMMA DUGE ’20
Led a new experiment on tick survivorship and how it is influenced by global warming at the The Young Lab at the University of California, Santa Barbara, a lab focusing on community ecology and conservation biology.

THEODORE ASHER ’20
Assisted producers in the digital media hub by clipping live broadcasts and reporting on social engagement data during FOX’s Sports’ coverage of the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

LAUREN POYSNER ’21
Played an active role in the publicity process for published books and gained editorial knowledge through her work as an intern in Penguin Random House’s public relations department.

$575,000
Approximate funding designated for students to pursue unpaid or underpaid summer experiences.
#1
Ranked nationally in number of undergraduates participating in semester-length, off-campus study among baccalaureate institutions

64%
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.

Gillian Schutt ’20 participates in cognitive and behavioral research of marine mammals on the Florida Keys Extended Study trip.
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

Environment, health, and community in rural Uganda

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

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

Environmental problems and environmental activism in Kunming and Beijing, China

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

MORE THAN 70 COUNTRIES VISITED

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

MORE THAN
70 COUNTRIES
VISITED
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.

National security in New York City, U.S.

Archaeological sites in Mexico

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

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
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.
92% 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 percent of students belong to one of the five fraternities and three sororities.
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.
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.
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.

Alumni

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

Science and Tech
Spencer Charles ’11, product operations manager at Google Inc.
Jason Rand ’07, global travel brand partnerships at Pinterest
Clarissa Shah ’10, commercial counsel at LinkedIn
Debra Locastro ’05, chief of staff to the CIO at Google Inc.

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
Business and Entrepreneurship

Silvia Alvarez ’96, SVP, director of corporate communications at First Horizon National Corporation

Samantha Radocchia ’11, co-founder of Chronically 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

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.

Business and Publishing

Kristin Koch ’05, executive director of Seventeen Magazine

Bob Woodruff ’83, Correspondent at ABC News


Gloria Borger ’74, American journalist and columnist; chief political analyst at CNN

Stephen Burke ’80, executive vice president of Comcast; president and CEO of NBCUniversal

Matt Renner ’01, VP of production at National Geographic, Free Solo

Arts

Jennifer E. Smith ’03, published YA author with Random House

Christopher Koelsch ’93, president and CEO of LA Opera

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

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

35K
Number of Colgate alumni globally

PRO NETWORKS
Common Good Network
Consulting Network
Digital Business and Technology Network
Entrepreneur Network
Finance and Banking Network
Health and Wellness Network
Lawyers Association
Marketing, Media & Communications Network
Real Estate Council
STEM Network

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.

100%
Percentage of funding from alumni and parents in the construction of the new $16.4 million Benton Hall
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 sorts 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.
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)
Ice Hockey (W)
Indoor Rock Climbing (M/W)
Lacrosse (M)
Lacrosse (W)
Nordic Skiing (M/W)
Rugby (M)
Rugby (W)
Sailing (M/W)
Ski Racing (M)
Ski Racing (W)
Soccer (M)
Soccer (W)
Spikeball (M/W)
Squash (M)
Squash (W)
Swimming (M/W)
Tennis (M/W)
Ultimate Frisbee (M)
Ultimate Frisbee (W)
Volleyball (M)
Volleyball (W)
Water Polo (M)
Water Polo (W)

648
Students participate in intramural sports

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

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.

From top: The Colgate community participates in artist Nick Cave’s RATTLE; students perform during Dancefest at Memorial Chapel; performance of Paul Catanese’s opera Century of Progress/Sleep.
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.
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Kappa Kappa Gamma
Panhellenic Council
Phi Delta Theta
Phi Kappa Tau
Theta Chi

**Philanthropy and Community Service**
American Heart Assn.
BRITE - Sherburne-Earlville Tutors
Camp Campbell Outdoor Science School
Challah For Hunger Circle K
Colgate Buddies
Colgate Caretakers
Colgate Hunger Outreach Project
Do Random Acts of Kindness engAGE
Friends and Mentors
Friends First
Friends of Hamilton Manor
Global Brigades
Global Medical Brigade
Habitat for Humanity
Hamilton Central School Elementary Tutors
Hamilton Central School Secondary Tutors
Hamilton Fire Fighters
Hamilton Outdoor Group
HeadStart
Hunger and Homeless Outreach
Let's Get Ready
Liberty Kids
Love Your Melon
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
Pathfinder Village
Pet Pals
Progress Period
Real Food Project
Rotaract
SAT Prep
Sidekicks
Southern Madison County Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Stockbridge Grads
Stockbridge Tutors
The Locus Initiative
The Network
Utica Refugee Tutors

**Politics**
Amnesty International at Colgate
Colgate Political Caucus
Colgate Vote Project
College Democrats
College Republicans
Debate Society
Democracy Matters
Model United Nations

**Professional Development**
Colgate Accounting Club
Colgate Actuarial Society
Colgate Coders
Colgate Consulting Club
Colgate Finance Club
Colgate Marketing Club

**Publications and Media**
Colgate Maroon News
Colgate Political Review
Colgate Portfolio
Colgate Salmagundi
Her Campus Colgate
Monthly Rag
WRCU

**Sports and Recreation**
Anglers Society
Archery Club

**Student Government**
2020 Class Council
2021 Class Council
2022 Class Council
2023 Class Council
Colgate Activities Board
Konosioni Senior Honor Society
Table Talk

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

**Wellness**
Active Minds
Baking Club
Colgate Cooks
Planned Parenthood Generation Action Chapter
Project Beauty
Public Health Initiative Spoon University
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 currently make up 17 of the 38 active members of the Hamilton Fire Department, helping to serve and protect the local community by responding to real-life emergencies.

Colgate students volunteer at Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center during the MLK Day of Service.
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.

Volunteers work at the Colgate Community Garden, located on Route 12B in Hamilton, N.Y.
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 4,200 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.
WHERE COLGATE IS

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One of the top collegiate golf courses in America

Miles and miles of hiking trails

Local farm brewery

Alumni-owned bakery

Bustling farmers' market

Independent movie theater

University bookstore

Performing arts center

Late night pizza

Historic inn and eatery

Cold brew at artisan coffee roasters

Historic candy shop

Ice cream made by local dairy farmers
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

At 200 years, 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. That vision is happening. It is built on 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.
Facts

1819
Year of founding

$913 million
Endowment (estimated)

575
Acreage of campus

56
Number of majors

STUDENT BODY

2,994
Undergraduate students and eight graduate students

1,654 female students
1,340 male students

15%
International students (including dual citizens)

79
Countries where Colgate students come from

77%
From outside New York

22%
Domestic students of color

9%
First-generation college students

FACULTY

332
Faculty

96%
Faculty with PhD or highest degree in their field

23%
Faculty of color

CLASS OF 2023 PROFILE

9,951
Applications from 50 states, D.C., and 132 countries

941
Early Decision applications (440 enrolled)

2,244
Accepted (23%)

790
Enrolled

55/45%
Female/Male

10%
International (27 countries represented; dual citizens represent an additional 18 countries)

22%
Domestic students of color

Admitted Students’ Average Test Scores and GPA

SAT Middle 50%
1410–1520 Combined

ACT Middle 50%
31–34

Average GPA
3.82/4.0
ALUMNI

89% Graduate rate, among the highest in the nation

97% One year after graduation, the class of 2018 reports being employed, in graduate school, or on a fellowship

Most Popular Career Fields (Class of 2018)
- Business/Management
- Communications/Media
- Consulting
- Education
- Financial Services
- Government
- Health/Medicine
- Law/Legal Services
- Nonprofit/Social Change
- Sciences
- Sports and Recreation
- Technology/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 2019–20
- Full-year tuition: $57,695
- Student Activities fee: $350
- Room: $7,020
- Meals: $7,520
- Total: $72,585

Est. Personal Expenses/Books: $2,415

Average four-year debt incurred by a Colgate student is $15,305

Average financial aid package for the Class of 2023 is $52,804

The story continues...

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Application Deadlines

Nov. 15:
- Early Decision I

Jan. 15:
- Regular Decision; Early Decision II

Colgate uses the Common Application and the Coalition Application. Use the links provided on our website, colgate.edu.