### Message from the Vice President for Student Development &

#### **Dean of Students**

November 2018

Dear Parents and Families,

Many of you were here on campus as we celebrated Homecoming – the weather did not dampen the spirit and excitement on campus. I want to share with you the dates for 2019 Homecoming which are earlier next year, October 4 - 6, 2019.

It's hard to believe that the Thanksgiving Holiday will be here soon. It continues to be a busy semester and we have just completed the mid-term exam period and spring registration will soon begin. Below is some important information that I want to share with you. Best wishes to you and your family for a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,

Robin Burroughs Davis, JD

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## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE HARRINGTON CENTER FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

If your student is thinking about doing an internship this coming winter/spring, please make sure they set up an appointment with the Harrington Center to review the requirements and deadlines (which began on 11/1). For an appointment, your student should email <u>Courtney.McDermott@colby-sawyer.edu</u> or call 603-526-3766.

Jennifer Tockman, director of Career Development and BOLD Women's Leadership Network

#### IMPORTANT NEWS FROM RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

- Thanksgiving Break housing information http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/resed/Thanksgiving-Break-Housing.pdf
- Semester closing information: http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/resed/Opening-Closing-Vacation-Information.pdf
- January opening information: http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/resed/Early-Arrival-Spring.pdf

I have provided the link to the 2018-19 Opening and Closing, Vacation Housing and Meals schedule. Please pay careful attention as some information is new this year. For a complete listing: Openings and Closings

Mary McLaughlin, director

#### IMPORTANT DATES FROM REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

#### IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING REGISTRATION:

Class levels are determined by total graded credits:

Senior: 87 credits and up, Junior: 54-86 credits, Sophomore: 24-53 credits, First Year: 0-23 credits

#### Registration for Spring begins in November. >

- -Graduate students may register beginning Nov 5th at 7am
- -Current seniors may register beginning Nov 5th at 7am
- -Current juniors may register beginning Nov 6th at 7am
- -Current sophomores may register beginning Nov 7th at 7am
- -Current first year students may register beginning Nov 8th at 7am
- -Non-degree students may register beginning Nov 20th at 7am

#### November 9th Deadline to Withdraw from a Course

If a student discovers he or she will not be able to pass a course, the best thing for his or her GPA might be to Withdraw from the course before November 9th. Encourage your student to meet with professors to discuss progress in courses of concern. Encourage your student to meet with his or her advisor to make informed decisions.

For a complete listing: <a href="http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/academics/Academic-Calendar-2018-19.pdf">http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/academics/Academic-Calendar-2018-19.pdf</a>
Diane Driscoll, registrar

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND RETENTION

Hello families,

Students seem a bit more settled in college life and are preparing for midterms. As usual, they will benefit from your encouragement from home. The top things you can do to support your student's success this month are:

- 1. Remind students to check their Colby-Sawyer email and moodle course sites daily so they don't miss important communication from the college.
- 2. Some students are struggling, but are reluctant to use the resources we have on campus. Encourage your students to reach out to their professors, advisors, RAs, Peer Mentors, Baird Health Center, and the Student Learning Collaborative.
- 3. Growing a network on campus takes time. Remind them to branch out and keep meeting new people. And if they haven't found their group yet, reassure them that this can take time. The more events they attend, the more great people they will meet.
- 4. Midterm grades will be available on PowerCampus self-service by the beginning of November. All first year students, and any students earning less than a C, can see their grades as well as comments from their professor about their progress.
- 5. Assure them that making mistakes is part of college, and that the strongest students are the ones who get back up and keep trying!

Thanks for your support,

Erica Webb, director

For more information: https://colby-sawyer.edu/student-success

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