

The Friday Five



Take Five Minutes for College Updates

We're continuing to bring you College news and opportunities to interact with other staff members and teams. Previous communications can be found on the [staff resources page](#).

What's Happening

*Get program updates from teams and units
and news about on-campus developments*

Giving Day: This [Giving Day](#), the College is looking to take the top spot for the ninth year in a row! College alumni, parents and friends can show their support by making a gift in support of various causes such as financial aid, the Core, student life and internships. Donors can also make targeted financial aid gifts in support of the College's affinity scholarships: Black Alumni Council Scholarship, Columbia College Pride Scholarship (LGBTQIA+), Columbia College Women Scholarship,

Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University Scholarship and the Young Alumni Scholarship.

Follow the action on Wednesday, October 28 to see where the College stands on the leaderboard and how we are performing in the hourly and day-long challenges!

Family Days: Each year, Columbia College and Columbia Engineering welcome parents and families to Morningside Heights for [Family Days](#), a campus-wide celebration of our academic, co-curricular, athletic, performing arts and residential communities. Student & Family Support is using new technology to offer a fully virtual event on October 22 - 25, allowing guests from around the world the chance to participate in fascinating lectures, discussions and student panels.

Additionally, we will be hosting a class-based virtual social event each day for families with hopes of building and strengthening the family bonds to Columbia, especially for those who have not been able to visit campus. Please join us to show your Columbia pride and make our guests feel welcome! We invite all College staff to [register](#) and join us.

Homecoming: Alumni are Roaring From Home for [Columbia Homecoming 2020!](#) Through the CCAA, College alums returned to the classroom on October 14 for a discussion with Professor Ken Jackson and Jodi Kantor CC'96 on the future of the city of New York. Lions will continue to show their spirit by participating in #ColumbiaProud day on social media, enjoy Athletics' football takeover events [and more](#) through October 23.

Staff, show *your* spirit by posting a photo with #ColumbiaProud on or before October 22, and you'll be featured on the CCAA social channels!

Did you know? Say goodbye to the paper TBERs, Columbia launches a new travel and expense management system on Monday, October 19! Look out for the launch email.

Indigenous Peoples' Day: On October 12, Multicultural Affairs and Native American Council hosted the inaugural Ella Cara Deloria lecture — named after the prominent Yankton Sioux scholar and TC 1915 alumna — helping to launch the first Indigenous Peoples' Day at Columbia University. Philip Deloria, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History at Harvard University and great nephew of Ella, joined the event to accept the naming honor on behalf of the Deloria family.

Admissions recruitment: All of the Enrollment Group is working hard to attract the best and brightest to Columbia, even in these difficult and challenging times! The admissions staff is not traveling this fall, but we have replaced our outreach with virtual travel. Over the next few months, admissions officers are conducting more than 300 virtual high school visits, dozens of community-based organization virtual visits and more than 50 virtual college fairs. We have partnered with several

universities to offer 25 joint virtual information sessions, averaging 1,000 students per session. We are also hosting virtual sessions for students abroad and have engaged with more than 4,000 attendees in a variety of countries and time zones.

As we are not hosting visitors on campus this fall, we are offering a wide range of [virtual campus visit events](#) and are also hosting specialized programming such as our College Access Day, through which we were able to engage with more than 2,300 students.

Staff Celebrations and Highlights

Recognizing the College staff community

Welcome to The Morningside Five! We are inviting staff members to answer five questions that will help us get to know them a bit better. We are kicking things off with **Aaron Calheiros** and **Sarah Montgomery!**



Aaron Calheiros

Development Assistant

Columbia College Development and Alumni Relations

How do you practice Beginner's Mind?

I take a minute to think through what I believe I know about a given subject; I then

assume I'm wrong.

What Columbia College alum would you most like to have dinner with?

Either John Jay, or Alexander Hamilton. I would love to finally settle political disagreements so Facebook can go back to being for funny cat videos.

What's the first job you ever had?

When I was 13 years old my family moved to Maceió, Brazil. The next year I started working as a stock clerk for a sports equipment store.

What's one thing you can't live without?

Best presents I get (2-3 times a year) are different hot sauces. Hot sauce/spicy foods are the best!

What is the last TV show you binge-watched?

Watching *Blacklist* now; watched *Charmed*, *Cobra Kai*, *The Good Place* and *The Simpsons*.

Sarah Montgomery

Associate Director, Experiential Education
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How do you practice Beginner's Mind?

I try to be a beginner often by taking on new hobbies! My newest hobby is making [Zines](#), but I started learning cello three years ago and really sat with being a complete beginner again!

What's the first job you ever had?

Lifeguard! Worked at the same community pool through high school and college. I worked my way up the chain of command and became a manager and a certified lifeguard training through the American Red Cross.

Before I was at Columbia I was...

An Assistant Director of Experiential Education at the University of Kentucky

Favorite new skill you have picked up in quarantine?

I jumped on the Sourdough bandwagon and have perfected a sourdough loaf! This is my [favorite recipe](#).

What is the last TV show you binge-watched?

Get Organized with the Home Edit on Netflix!

Stay Connected

Learn new skills and exchange creative ideas

Zoom@Noon

Admissions 101: From campus visit to mailing day (October 21): See the [Staff Resources page](#) for more info and registration.

Financial Aid 101: FAFSA to cap & gown (October 28 - revised date!): See the [Staff Resources page](#) for more info and registration.

Community Pop-ups

Get together with College staff for some virtual fun!

Must-See TV Happy Hour

Tuesday, October 20, 5:00-6:00pm

What is your favorite TV show of all time and why? Join us for an informal opportunity to chat about your favorite shows and tell us what you've been watching during the pandemic. Register [here](#).

Family Feud: College Edition!

Thursday, November 5, 5:00 p.m-6:30pm

We asked 100 people...Name a word from the fight song "Roar, Lion, Roar!" Join us for a virtual version of the classic game show, Family Feud (College Edition)! Winning team gets bragging rights until at least the end of 2020! Register [here](#).

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