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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*

Upcoming from the [Holder Initiative](#):
American Voter Project – 2020 Election Debrief

With the impact of the pandemic, voters' uncertainty around mail-in ballots, and anticipated litigation delaying the announcement of the results, this election is like none before. Join the latest installment of the American Voter Project on Thursday, November 5, that will feature in-depth post-election analysis with Eric H. Holder Jr. CC'73, LAW'76, 82nd Attorney General of the United States; Neal Katyal, Former Acting Solicitor General of the United States; and Donna Brazile, Former Interim Chair of the Democratic National Committee. Learn more and register [here](#).

Recent past events:

For the twelfth installment of the American Voter Project series, the Holder Initiative hosted a spirited discussion panel on October 8 about the upcoming election, featuring Holder, Vanita Gupta (The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights), Eugene Robinson (The Washington Post), and Nate Silver (FiveThirtyEight). Watch the video [here](#).

On October 3, the Holder Initiative hosted a TED Talk-styled showcase about racial justice in the United States, featuring Columbia alumni, students, faculty, and friends. Watch the "Racial Justice Lightning Talks" video [here](#).

Undergraduate Research and Fellowships successfully held the first annual Research Week from October 19–23, to promote, celebrate and demystify undergraduate research on campus. Undergraduate students were invited to participate in workshops to explore research opportunities on and off campus; interested students received advice on how to start their journey as undergraduate researchers, and advanced students explored possibilities for pursuing research in a post-graduate context. Students also had a chance to connect with graduate students and alumni across the disciplines, to hear how they became interested in their field and how that pursuit has changed them.

The week culminated with the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, which took place during Family Days 2020. Over 130 students presented their work virtually through poster and video presentations; we were inspired to see the resourcefulness of our students who, despite the many challenges facing them during the pandemic, participated in innovative remote research over the summer, and presented their findings. Abstracts from the Symposium will be posted [here](#) shortly.

Did you know?

Try the new **Lion Safe App**, which provides Public Safety's campus resources at the touch of a button. There's a Friend Walk feature, an alert of your location in real-time for help, and other quick, useful links.

Annual Benefits Open Enrollment starts Monday, November 2! Find all of the info [here](#). *Enrollment closes November 20!*

The COVID-19 Resource Guide is regularly updated, including a new [chart](#) for

recognizing symptoms of COVID-19, the flu or the common cold. Additionally, each school has designated a **COVID-19 Safety Coordinator** to act as a local point of contact for related issues. Contact the College safety coordinator, [Cindy Kong](#), with any specific questions or concerns.

Looking for ways to show your College spirit? Try one of these [Columbia College Zoom virtual backgrounds](#).

Staff Celebrations and Highlights

Recognizing the College staff community

Let's celebrate!

Jana Fritz, Anna Collevocchio, Annie Sirju and Alexis Boncy launched a new editorial series on the CC website entitled "[Columbia College Chronicles](#)," which features students, wherever they are, sharing how they are doing during this unusual time of remote learning. The series is part of a larger effort to revamp the editorial approach for the College website.

Shout out to Theresa Delgado and Yvette Zapata! They have been relentless and creative in pursuing everything the College needed for a safe reopening this fall. We can thank them for the hand sanitizer dispensers, plexiglass shields, safety signage, impossible-to-find Clorox wipes and Lysol disinfectant spray, and more!

Have an accomplishment or milestone moment about yourself, a colleague, or a team/unit at the College to share? Submit today using this [form!](#)

The Morningside Five! Get to know...



Hanna Chipman

Development Assistant
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Relations

Favorite lunch spot or order-in near campus?

Junzi Kitchen and a huge bag of chips from Milano.

Planes, trains, automobiles! I usually get to campus by:

Subway, however I have been biking a lot more — new transportation mode!

What did you major in during undergrad?

Double majored in sociology and women & gender studies with a focus on race, ethnicity and identity.

Before I was at Columbia, I was:

Working at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

Favorite new skill you have picked up during quarantine?

Not necessarily a new skill, but I began needle felting again. I've created mini animals (elephants, dogs, pigs) and making mini food (french fries, watermelon, sushi).



Tom Luchsinger

Coordinator, Recent Alumni and Student Philanthropy
Columbia College Development and Alumni Relations

I love Pantone 292 (Y or N?)

YES! It's the same color as the sky on a crisp sunny fall day. How could you not!?

What was the first job you ever had?

I was a swimmer with the USA National Team after college. I retired from athletics in 2015. I saw a lot of the world and met some amazing people.

Zoom, Google Meet, or Phone Call?

Google Meet! It's so easy, just click the button in the calendar invite and you've got a video line. I've been told it's very Y2K of me.

Describe your perfect day:

April 25th, because it's not too hot, not too cold. All you need is a light jacket. In all seriousness, any day at the beach is a day well spent.

What fashion trend do you most regret?

Bowl cuts and oversized clothes. Anyone born in the '90s will understand

Stay Connected

Learn new skills and exchange creative ideas

Register [here](#) for these **Zoom@Noon** sessions.

“The 2020 Election: What Happened and What's Next?”

Tuesday, November 10

With fresh insight from the [American Voter Project: 2020 Election Debrief](#) panel, Bernard E. Harcourt, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law, Professor of Political Science and Executive Director of the Holder Initiative, will provide post-election analysis with College staff and share his thoughts on how we might navigate our nation's political landscape.

“Baldwin's Children: The Core Curriculum in Dangerous Times”

Wednesday, November 18

Larry Jackson will lead a discussion on passages from two Core texts, Augustine's *Confessions*, and James Baldwin's "A Talk to Teachers," and explore questions that will help us reflect on our lives and confront the problems of our world. (No prior knowledge of the texts is needed.)

Community Pop-ups

Get together with College staff for some virtual fun!

Family Feud: College Edition! Come play on Thursday, November 5. [Register](#) now.

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