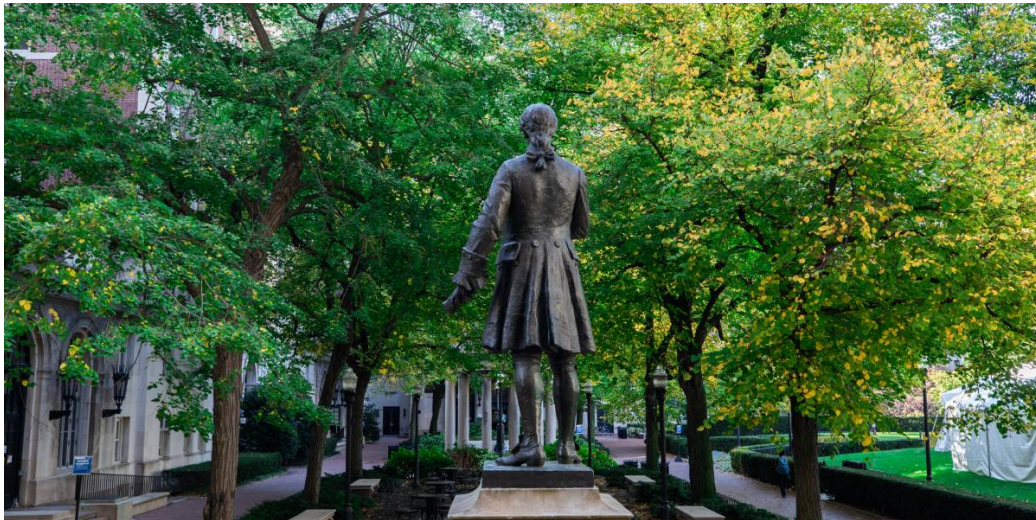


The Friday Five



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*

A new [CC'24 hub](#) was launched on February 15, a central information site for families and students from the Class of 2024 that provides resources, event details and helpful links. The collaboration is an effort to increase communications to the class, provide support and offer unique programming during this exceptional time.

As part of this initiative, a new Residential Life and Community webinar series launched last week; upcoming webinars will discuss summer opportunities, global experiences, the outlook for fall term and more. Student-facing staff should please

encourage students to visit the hub and remind them that we are all here for support and can answer questions they may have.

The decision was announced yesterday that [Class Day for the Columbia College and Columbia Engineering Class of 2021 will be virtual this year](#). While the news is disappointing for students and their families, new approaches to reimagine and extend the celebration of this year's ceremonies are underway. Details for additional virtual receptions and events (and possibly limited in-person offerings) in the days leading up to Class Day are being worked on now. Stay tuned for more information in this space over the next few weeks.

Did you know?

The University has initiated bi-weekly COVID-19 and Vaccine Updates Forums to help the Columbia community stay up-to-date with important information and resources. All presentations are live and are followed by Q&A sessions. Registration is required for each session; if you missed the first one, you can [watch it here](#).

Staff Celebrations and Highlights

Recognizing the College staff community

Please continue to share professional or personal accomplishments or milestones about yourself, a colleague, or a College team/unit for inclusion in future Friday Fives. Submit a shoutout or something you want to celebrate via this [form](#).

The Morningside Five! Get to know...

Kyle E. Krause

**Executive Director of Special Events and Programs
Dean's Office**

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

I walk five minutes to the NJ Transit bus stop near my apartment in Weehawken (last stop on my way in and first stop on my way home....woo hoo!) It drops me off at Port Authority and then, provided the weather is not terrible (rain and/or snow; temperature doesn't bother me), I walk from there to campus (about 74 blocks!). It shockingly only



takes me about an hour and it's great to tune out the world before and after work.

What's the worst job you ever had?

It's a tie! When I lived in Minneapolis, I worked for a parking garage company for one day. Not only was it boring, but a "secret" supervisor came to my lot the day I worked and yelled at me for not doing anything (there is only so much you can do when there are no cars coming in and out of the lot). I also worked at Old Navy in the Mall of America and I am sure most people could guess why that was the worst job ever (feel free to ask me for horror stories).

If you could invite anyone over for dinner right now, who would it be?

My dad. He passed away when I was 5, so I would love to have a chance to sit down with him and chat as an adult (and get his thoughts on how I'm doing).

If I wasn't working on the College Events Team, then I would definitely be...

Running a small bed and breakfast on an island beach somewhere (I detest the cold weather and snow — which is shocking since I am from Wisconsin/Minnesota).

What are your hidden talents?

When I was in college and a few years after I graduated, I moonlighted as a wedding DJ. Midwesterners have very eclectic music preferences. There is actually a bit of an art to DJ-ing. You can't go from Etta James to Jay-Z without some transition songs. It was also very stressful to not have a song lined up when one is coming to an end. Let's just say I wouldn't be upset if I never heard "The Cupid Shuffle," "Sweet Caroline," or "We are Family" anymore in my lifetime.



Molly Coyne

**Senior Assistant Director, Admissions
Enrollment Group**

Faculty, lecture or event that you attended and inspired you in your time working for the College?

I've seen so many wonderful speakers! But I'll keep it close to home – I love the student performance showcases during Days on Campus.

What's the first job you ever had?

Outside of neighborhood babysitting, my first gig was at Rita's Italian Ice. I served cold treats and very occasionally donned the Ice Guy costume. (I'm really more of an ice cream person, though.)

If you could invite anyone over for dinner right now, who would it be?

My mom! We haven't seen each other in person in almost a year.

Favorite new skill you have picked up this year?

I started doing embroidery, and also mixed and poured concrete for the first time.

What is the last book you read that you would recommend to others?

I read *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle over the summer, and still can't stop talking about it.

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