

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*

Class Day and Commencement are less than three weeks away, and many College units are focused on supporting and celebrating the Class of 2021 as they cross over from College Walk to life beyond Columbia. Earlier this week, Dean Valentini announced to the senior class the new remote and limited in-person experiences the College is offering to honor and celebrate them. As you connect with seniors,

be sure to mention these experiences, which include virtual senior toasts, the opportunity for eligible on-campus or local students to walk across a modified graduation stage, celebration dinners with Columbia College alumni and Class Day watch gatherings. And since Class Day celebrates many stories and journeys, there are numerous opportunities for seniors to include their own voices, in order to show what makes their class truly one of a kind (#CC21ofakind). Please direct students to the [CC Senior Class Events web page](#) for more information and continued updates, guidelines, and sign-up eligibility.

Are you curious about what our students do after graduation? The Center for Career Education administers the **Beyond Columbia Survey** for each graduating class, an annual survey that aggregates post-graduation outcomes for Columbia undergraduates. The survey collects data on who is working, job searching, attending graduate school, taking time off, volunteering, serving in the military, etc. It's also an important way to remind seniors that we are still here to support them in a variety of ways post-graduation. Check out the results from last year's [Beyond Columbia Survey](#).

To have the most robust data possible, CCE is enlisting our campus partners to help us build awareness of the Beyond Columbia Survey. Share the survey link (<https://bit.ly/2021bcs>) with your graduating seniors and encourage them to fill it out.

Student and Family Support recently hosted a webinar, [Supporting Your Students](#), with staff from Counseling and Psychological Services, Columbia Health and Medical Services. If you missed it, the webinar shared some great ways to consider mental health over this past year and strategies you can use as you help and support students and families in your unit.

Did you know? You can make changes to your 2021 Flexible Spending Account (FSA) elections during a special enrollment period from April 1–15, 2021. Learn more about the new rules, information sessions, and what changes you can make [here](#).

Staff Celebrations and Highlights

Recognizing the College staff community

The Morningside Five! Get to know...

Killian Young

**Communications Officer, Dean's Office
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Columbia College alum you would most like to have dinner with?

Ezra Koenig CC'06, from Vampire Weekend.

Before I was at Columbia, I was...

The Social Media Manager for a music news website called Consequence of Sound.

What is the last TV show you binge-watched?

I recently finished all of Barry on HBO and am working my way through Ted Lasso on Apple TV..

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

I enjoyed Trevor Noah's autobiography, *Born a Crime*.

Favorite lunch spot/order on/near campus?

Junzi Kitchen's sesame chicken noodle bowl or HamDel's "The Betsy" (chicken cutlet, avocado, cheddar, oil+vinegar).



Michelangelo Misseri

Assistant Director, Student Engagement, USL

What has been a defining Columbia moment for you?

Working with students in the Amazon rainforest on a sustainable service project for a community in need.

If I wasn't an Assistant Director of Student Engagement, I would be...

...eating my way around the world, stopping at the best book spots.

What's the first job you ever had?

I scooped Italian ice outside of my uncle's bakery in Brooklyn!

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

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig, I can't stop reflecting on my life and the decisions I've made because of it.

Describe your perfect day.

Fall weather, brunch with friends, time at a bookstore and shoe store, a show to end the night. I miss all these things right now so much!

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