

# The Friday Five



## Take Five Minutes for College Updates

Happy Friday, Columbia College staff! Today we introduce a new “rhythm” into our staff traditions called THE FRIDAY FIVE. Each Friday while we are working beyond College Walk we will deliver a weekly staff communication. Take five minutes to catch up on College news and see what opportunities there are to interact with other staff members and teams.

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## Happening Around the College

*Here you'll find program updates from teams and departments and news about on-campus developments.*

### Virtual Class Day and other year-end student celebrations

- The Columbia College Virtual Class Day ceremony on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 am will celebrate the accomplishments of all bachelor's degree candidates of Columbia College. There will be pre-recorded remarks from Dean Valentini, James Ritchie (President of the Class of 2020), The Hon. Rolando Acosta CC'79, LAW'82 (Keynote Speaker) and Lisa Hollibaugh. Students' names, along with their major, awards won, photo, and personal message will be displayed, along with their name read aloud. The ceremony link will be shared in Friday Five on May 15. If you'd like to share a message of congratulations to the graduating class, post with the hashtag

#CC20STILLROARS. We will display your posts on the virtual graduation website.

- We are planning to recognize students who have won academic awards and will have online options for the Honors Ceremony and Phi Beta Kappa Ceremony.
- Multicultural Affairs will continue the tradition of multicultural celebrations (MA Cord Ceremony, Lavender Grad, Asian Grad, FLI Grad, Black Grad, Native Grad, Latinx Grad) to honor the graduating class and recipients of the Multicultural Affairs graduation cords. During Commencement Week, a website will be launched featuring senior speakers, keynote addresses, much-loved "Family Appreciations" and other special components unique to these ceremonies.
- Be on the lookout for a new website announcing the Leadership Excellence Awards recipients. While we were not able to recognize these leaders in an in-person ceremony, we encourage you to reach out to them to offer your congratulations.

## **Updates about this summer's student programs**

- At this time the University is open for essential personnel only, and many services are reduced or suspended. All Summer 2020 courses will be offered online and campus activities and operations will continue on a reduced scale until further notice. Campus facilities — including libraries, fitness centers, Lerner Hall, and common area lounges — will remain closed.
- Summer Housing will not be offered except for limited exceptions. All 327 students who are currently still residing on campus were informed about the status of summer housing and have the opportunity to ask for an exception to remain on-campus if necessary given their personal circumstances. Exceptions will be considered for those students who fall into one of these situations: permanent residence in a country with travel ban; issues with travel to permanent residence; housing insecurity or other safety concerns. Students can complete this form to seek an exception.
- Dining Services (halls and retail locations) will close as of Friday, May 15, and not be open this summer.
- Summer funding for internships, research, fellowships and service learning opportunities will still be available to support students, however, the parameters may be different. We will focus on supporting students with virtual opportunities since in person may not be possible. Some funding programs will offer extended deadlines for applications.
- Academic Success Programs (ASP) will have a Virtual Summer Bridge program with online courses, programs and advising for incoming ASP students.
- Double Discovery Center's Summer Academy will be held online with virtual courses, programs and services for roughly 100 local high school students.

**[Staff Resources website](#)**

From technology tips to guidance on how to effectively work remotely, the new [staff resources site](#) has been especially developed to provide helpful information during this time.

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## Stay Connected

*Learn new skills and exchange creative ideas for managing our new realities.*

### Introducing Zoom@Noon!

This is a time for College staff to connect and learn more from each other by engaging in discussions with colleagues across units. We will invite College functional experts and University partners to join and facilitate conversations around themed topics.

First up for our Zoom@Noon:

**Remote Well-Being: Healthy Habits and Spaces** -- Tuesday, May 5 (approx. 45min)

Facilitators: Daniela Elazari, Director of Well-Being, Office of Work/Life and Kevin Myers, MS, AEP, ATC, Campus Ergonomist, CUHR

Most of us have moved to a remote workspace during the COVID-19 pandemic. Adjusting to this new reality has meant finding new ways to structure our days, engineering our own home offices, learning ways to move and nourish ourselves, and so much more. Join us for this webinar as we discuss best practices to help you maintain your well-being.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

### The Shared Interest Groups are back!

This week from the Sports/Exercise/Recreation Group:

**Virtual Group Fitness Class with Colleagues** -- Wednesday, May 6, at noon  
Host: Simone Medley, Undergraduate Student Life

Since it can be difficult to workout and get moving when working from home, we hope to put together a series of group workouts to keep each other moving and motivated! We will be kicking it off with a virtual group fitness class via Zoom on Wednesday, May 6 at noon. We will select the first class based on the most popular submission and from there will offer a variety of different classes moving forward. We encourage you to fill out the form even if the May 6 class does not work for you,

but you want to be notified of future classes. Please fill out [this form](#) to let us know if you are interested. Email Simone directly with any specific questions [sm4684@columbia.edu](mailto:sm4684@columbia.edu).

### **Sports Trivia Virtual Happy Hour!**

Host: Brett Fuller, Enrollment Group

Join us for a sports trivia happy hour! Whether you're a casual fan or an avid sports follower, this trivia will be accessible and fun for anyone who wants to participate! We will most likely use Zoom as the hosting platform. Let us know your availability and interest here: [Sports Trivia Interest Form](#)

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## Friday Fun



To kick this off, we want to hear from the College community!

Share your favorite new aspect of working from home with a pic or a few words, whether you're working alongside loved ones or roommates, have a pet sitting on your desk, or have decorated a new "office" space. Send your submission to our [webform](#) by Tuesday, May 5; we'll highlight them in next week's Friday Five!

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