

The Friday Five



Take Five Minutes for College Updates

Happy Friday, Columbia College staff! Each Friday while we are working beyond College Walk we will deliver a weekly staff communication. Catch up on College news and see what opportunities there are to interact with other staff members and teams. Previous communications can be found on the [staff resources page](#).

What's Happening

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

Development and Alumni Relations Quick Hits

Even in the face of extreme upheaval, alumni, parents and friends of Columbia College have overwhelmingly expressed their desire to stay connected to the College and its students. The Development and Alumni Relations team, now unified as one organizational unit, is finding new ways to achieve their goals in a socially-distanced world — something we would have struggled to imagine before! Here are a few highlights of the ongoing work:

Core to Commencement Campaign: The “C2C” campaign is nearing \$540 million raised toward its overall goal of \$750 million. This total includes more than \$206 million raised in support of financial aid and endowed scholarships, as well as funding for 22 professorships. Every dollar raised for the College, including those raised through the Columbia College Fund and the Dean’s Student Assistance Fund, counts within this campaign.

Reunion: We are now offering a limited slate of special virtual programs while postponing keynote in-person events.

Columbia College Fund: We continue to seek philanthropic investment in the Columbia College Fund to support the student-facing work of the College, including our commitments to financial aid and the continued vibrancy of the Core Curriculum.

The Dean’s Student Assistance Fund: Alongside the College Fund, we have brought forward an opportunity for stakeholders to support students with specific COVID-related needs and/or expenses related to the remote learning environment.

Virtual Alumni Relations: We are creating innovative virtual programming for the broader alumni community, featuring [talented alumni](#) and administrative leaders. We’re also finding special ways to thank donors with gifts like downloadable activity pages. Please [click here](#) and enjoy!

The Student/Alumni Journey: Virtual points of connection offered through the [Odyssey Mentoring Program](#), among others, have been successful and will continue throughout the summer.

Columbia College Alumni Association: The CCAA remains a vibrant and active organization, committed to playing a key role in the virtual graduation celebration and welcoming the Class of 2020 into the alumni community.

Columbia College Class Day

Tune in to the [virtual Class Day](#) ceremony on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. EDT to celebrate students’ successful completion of their academic programs; you can also post on Twitter or Instagram during the ceremony using our hashtags, **#CC20STILLROARS** and **#MYCCJOURNEY**. Columbia University’s 266th Commencement ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 20, at 11:00 a.m. EDT via [GradZone](#).

Staff Survey

Columbia College staff — let us know what you’re thinking! We’d like to hear about your remote working experience thus far so that we can better support you. [Click here](#) to complete a short survey; the link will stay open until Thursday, May 21.

Academic Year 2020-21

President Bollinger's email to the Columbia community yesterday announced that the next academic year for our College undergraduates will comprise three terms — fall 2020, spring 2021 and summer 2021. We await further details from the University to inform the contingency plans that each of the College units are working on for our ongoing operations and return to campus. We will share more details as they become available.

Stay Connected

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

Zoom@Noon takes a pause the week of May 18. Please take time to participate in the virtual graduation activities.

Shared Interest Group

The Food/Cooking Shared Interest Group invites you to a throw down with an Edible Art Challenge!

Food is one thing that many of us turn to for comfort in quarantine. Whether you're baking more, trying new recipes, perfecting your omelet-making skills, or just looking forward to your next meal, food is there for us. Let's highlight the beauty of food in all its colors, textures, shapes and sizes for CC's very own Edible Art Challenge! Take a famous work of art and recreate it using only food items — for a little inspiration, [check out these awesome renditions](#) of famous artworks.

Once you've perfected your masterpiece, please email at least one photo to ccprofessionaldevelopment@columbia.edu. We hope to feature your submissions in a future Friday Five!

Looking Ahead: Design Your Mindset Workshop

The [Columbia Entrepreneurship Design Studio](#) would like to invite Columbia College staff to join us for "Design Your Mindset," a 90-minute reflective session to help us take stock, get unstuck and build our way forward in this challenging time. We will run through a few interactive creative exercises that you can take with you beyond the session.

June 4th 2:00pm-3:30pm

[Register here](#)

Friday Fun

The Core, Punned:



Alumni got creative on social media with new titles for classic works that capture this moment in time.

Check out some Core favorites, re-titled “[In Core-antine.](#)”

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