

# 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](#).

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## What's Happening

*Get program updates from teams and departments  
and news about on-campus developments*

### Virtual Convocation

As you might expect, the Class of 2024's Convocation ceremony will be conducted virtually this year, on Sunday, August 30. We'd like to gather messages from CC staff welcoming the class and providing words of encouragement and to help them

put names to faces as they start their College journeys.

Interested individuals or units may submit a 10-15 second video (.MOV or .MP4 files) to this [Google form](#) by Friday, August 7 at noon EDT. (If submitting as a unit, only one submission, please.) The form includes some sample ideas for messaging, though we encourage you to personalize.

Please contact the [Events Team](#) if you have any questions about the submission process.

## International@Home

Undergraduate Global Engagement has a new opportunity called [International@Home](#), for CC and SEAS international students who may be interested in an in-person academic experience at institutions in their home countries for the fall of 2020. This opportunity is open to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors; credits earned during the fall program will be transferred to students' records as points toward graduation. Students would work closely with the CSA and UGE on their plans on a case-by-case basis. For more information, visit [International@Home](#) or reach out to [uge@columbia.edu](mailto:uge@columbia.edu).

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## Stay Connected

*Learn new skills and exchange creative ideas*

*Don't next week's upcoming [Zoom@Noon](#) sessions! There's still time to register!*

### Talk with [Holder Jr. Initiative Artist-in-Resident Christopher P. Wolfe](#)

**July 28 at noon**

Join Chris on a journey of written reflection, exploring the question, "What does justice mean to you?" Chris teaches in the Undergraduate Creative Writing Program on campus and at Rikers Island as part of [Columbia University's Justice-In-Education Initiative](#).

Register [here](#).

### Talk with [Dr. Richard Eichler](#), Executive Director of [Columbia Health's Counseling & Psychological Services](#)

**July 30 at noon**

Hear an update from Richard (CC'75, GSAS'87, TC'87) on the team's transition to telemedicine and how students now engage with CPS. Gain insight into themes and trends emerging through their student interactions. This session will give all staff a better understanding of CPS, and it may be especially beneficial in helping student-facing staff better support students' wellbeing.

Register [here](#).

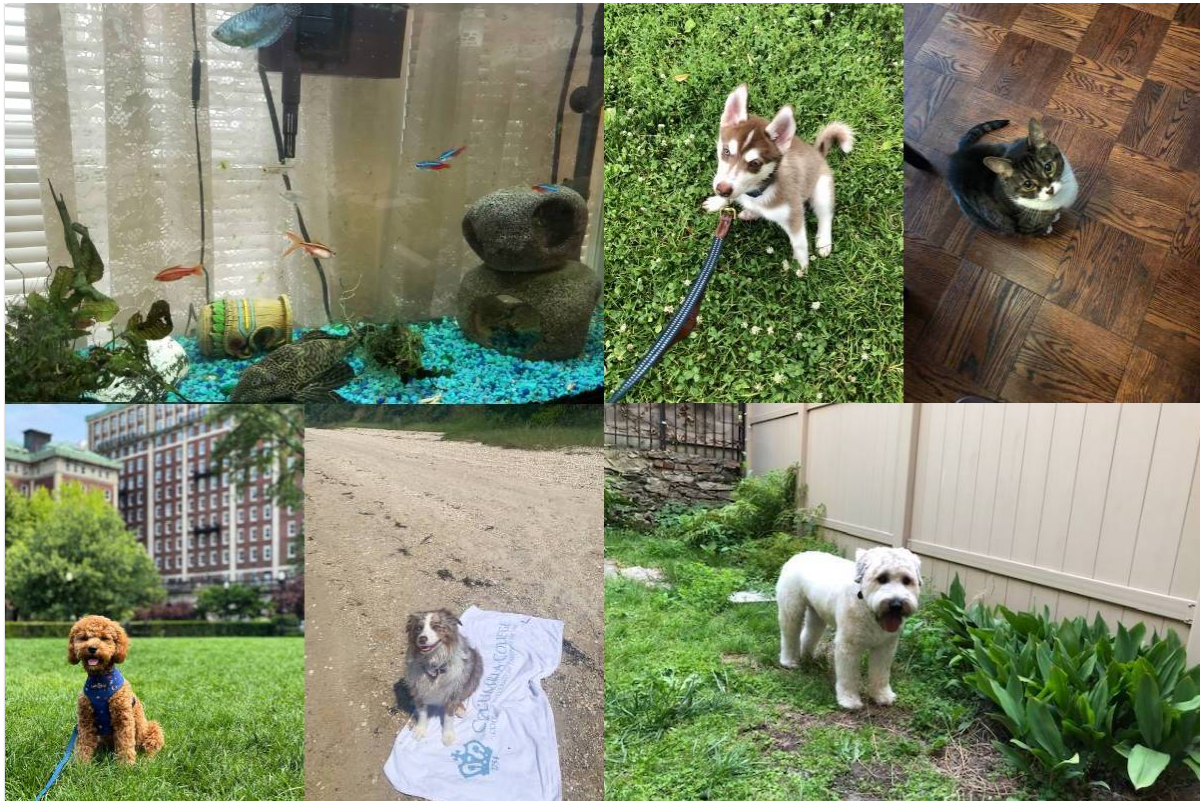
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## Friday Fun

More College pets are in the photo collage below! Next week we'd like to see the views from your remote office windows. Share with our College staff community by sending a [picture and short caption](#) by Wednesday, July 29.

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### Top row, left to right

- Simone Medley: "Meet my pet coworkers, **Barack and Michelle Medley**. They're camera shy but love to play tag when no one is watching."
- Matthew Patashnick: "Meet **Higgs Boson** (or just Higgs, for short). She's a rescue — part chihuahua and part fox terrier. Like her namesake, she is often an unstable particle. Higgs must keep me in eyesight at all times and is loving quarantine as we get to be together all the time!"
- Sue Jordan: "**Ida** on her weekend walk."
- Al Spuler: "Meet **Camden** — still adjusting to her new home after being adopted from a shelter."

### Second row, left to right

- Jiyeon McHugh: "This is **Kingston**, our 60lb bulldog with an orthodontist's dream of an underbite. He loves waiting for food to drop on the floor supplied by my two toddlers and surprise not surprise — sleeping all day."
- Steve Sholdra: "My 3.5lb chihuahua **Maria** enjoying the Pacific NW beaches!"
- Cristen Scully Kromm: "On a morning campus walk with **Rooney and Dempsey**, taking a break from the heat on the gazebo between Hartley and Wallach."
- Joanna May: "**Rosie** doing her part on CU's welcome committee."

### Third row, left to right

- Evan Dunn: "Can you identify the Pleco, Gourami and Neon Tetras?"
- Enrique Lopez: "**Reba** is a 12-week-old, red-and-white Siberian husky living the puppy life on the UWS. She enjoys long walks, lying in the shade, and listening in to ASP Summer Bridge Program meetings on Zoom."
- Lisa Palladino: "**Parker Stanley** speaking to me at my standing desk: 'The doorman called. The Grim Reaper is in the lobby waiting to take me away if I do not get lunch immediately!'"

#### **Fourth row, left to right**

- Haley Carson: "Meet **Milo Sebastian** from John Jay Residence Hall! Milo is 5 & 1/2 months old and is eagerly awaiting for new students to arrive. While Milo is still perfecting social distancing and boundaries, Milo will gladly accept love in the form of ear rubs and peanut butter treats!"
- Jenny Gardner: "**Casey's** been exploring Long Island this summer."
- Kathryn Lewis: "**Quincy** (wheaten terrier) is exploring his new apartment's garden."

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