

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 departments
and news about on-campus developments*

Over the past several months, "The Friday Five" has served as a channel to connect College staff while we work remotely. Through skills training, unit updates, cross-department guest speakers, offerings from our special interest groups and photos of the people, pets and places by our side, we have been able to share opportunities, discuss the challenges we face, and learn more about each other as

members of the College community. TFF is taking a short vacation but will be back in a few weeks; you can expect to see some changes and improvements to this communication as we prepare for an unprecedented Fall semester.

Columbia Re-Opening Webinars

Schools and University offices have recently conducted a variety of webinars for students, families, faculty and staff regarding Columbia's response to the pandemic and plans for campus operations this fall.

If you missed the live sessions, please take advantage of the recordings; they include messages from Dean Valentini and senior staff about the College's path forward, as well as information from public health, human resources and facilities leaders about plans to safely reopen the campus. The links and websites below feature additional resources and FAQs that may assist in your work with students, parents and alumni stakeholders.

- [Columbia College Our Path Forward: Student Town Hall Webinar](#)
- [University Life Forum for Students on Returning to Campus](#)
- [Employee Forum on Renewing the Campus](#)

College Staffing for Fall 2020

While you have heard this week from your unit's leaders about the College's staffing plans for fall 2020, more information will be shared in the weeks to come through additional communications.

Virtual Convocation

The Class of 2024's Convocation ceremony will be conducted virtually this year, on Sunday, August 30. We are gathering 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. Please contact the [Events Team](#) if you have any questions about the submission process.

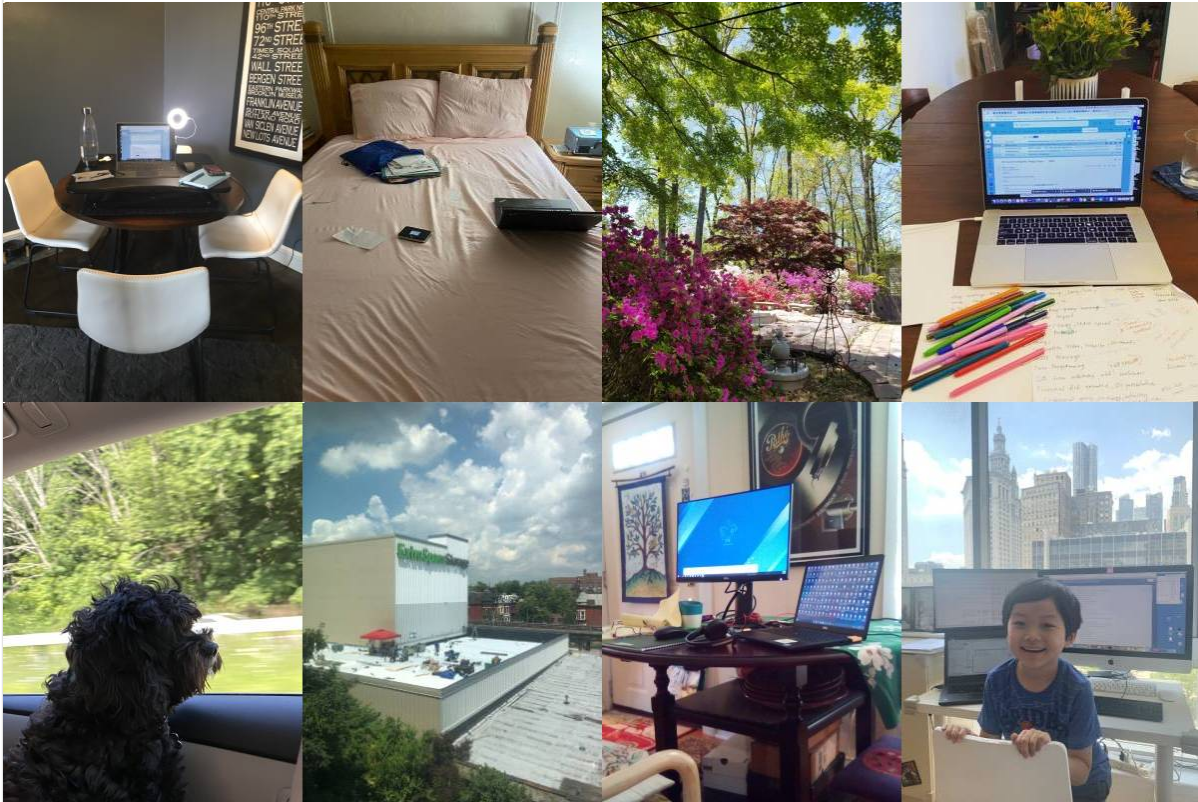
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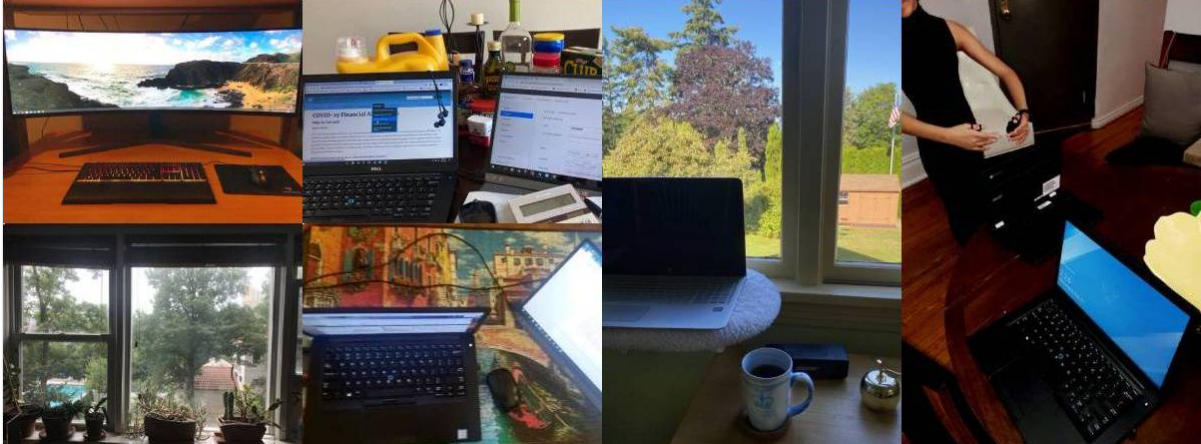
We are looking for ideas for future Zoom at Noon sessions! Please [send suggestions](#) for future topics and/or speakers.

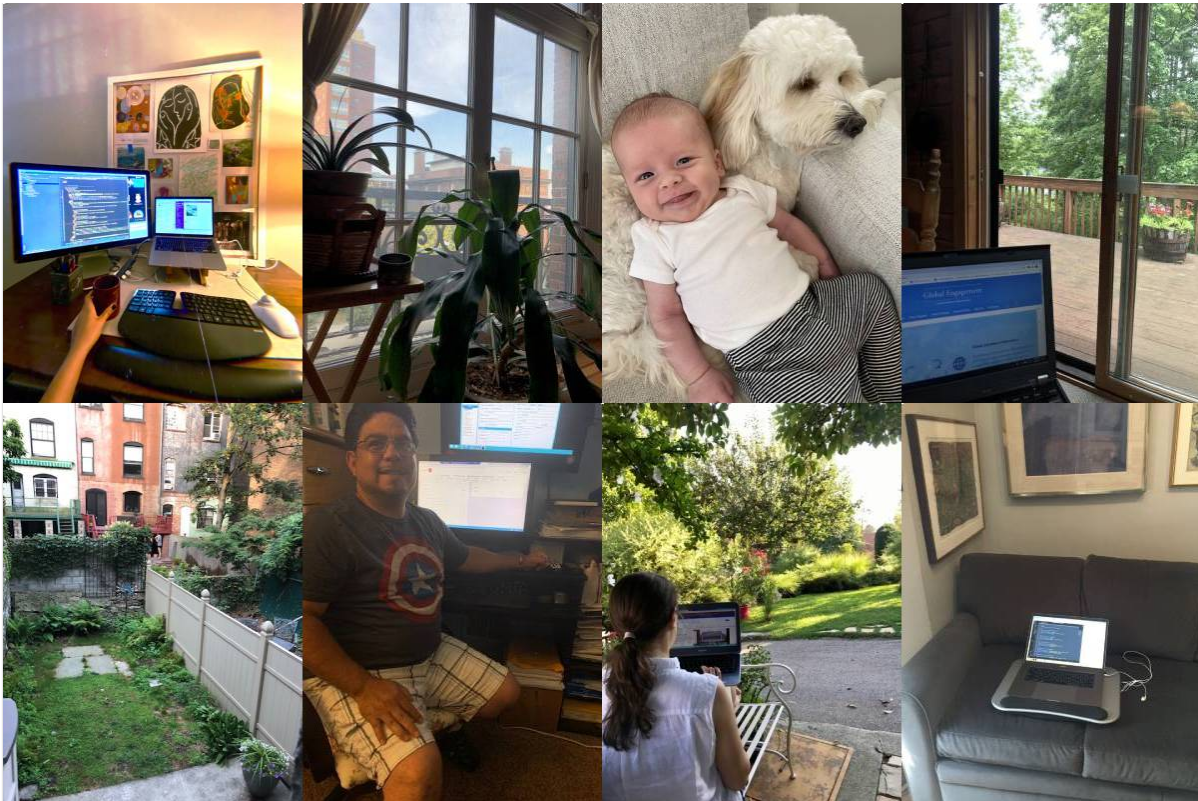
Friday Fun

A pdf of the Columbia College Cookbook can be found on the [staff resources page](#). Thank you for your yummy submissions!

Last week we asked you to share photos of your remote views, and more than 30 of you did! Check out your fellow staff members' shots below.







Top row, left to right:

- My East Village dining room does double duty as my office, but looking forward to the days when it can host dinners again. –Al, Dean’s Office
- Almost Nap Time –Annie, Enrollment Group
- Front yard oasis –Dan, Enrollment Group
- I need the basics to be productive: rainbow colored Le Pens and lots of paper, to track all the to do's and upcoming deadlines. –Bernice, Communications & Marketing

Second row, left to right:

- Blackjack taking a ride to the office –Corey, Alumni Relations & Development
- Construction noises not included –Jamie, Dean’s Office
- Columbia office at my dining table –Michelle, Enrollment Group
- Hello from downtown! Teddy loves getting his turn at mommy’s work station ;) –Grace, Dean’s Office

Third row, left to right:

- KnicksTape –Adan, Enrollment Group
- This kind of work, it never ends, yes it goes on and on my friends! –Alecia, Enrollment Group
- COVID Work Place –Amanda, Enrollment Group
- Watching the birds –Mike, Enrollment Group

Fourth row, left to right:

- Mochi is an extra fluffy rescue and loves to hide tiny wiffle balls all over the house! –Sarah, CCE
- Bryan doesn't own enough books –Bryan, Dean's Office
- Comfy Nook –Jane, Enrollment Group
- Preparing to teach Contemporary Civilization in the fall with the help of my new research assistant –Larry, Academic Affairs

Fifth row, left to right:

- Hoops over Haters –Frank, Enrollment Group
- Stanley Burya is the one of the newest colleagues at UGE. His role is to keep Jill updated on dog-training tips, found in the *NYTimes*. –Jill, UGE
- This is the window next to my desk, looking out from Washington Heights on to the Hudson River and the Palisades. It's nice to work while spotting sailboats from the Inwood Marina and watching afternoon summer storms roll in. –Veronica, Enrollment Group
- My office view frequently includes this face requesting I get out of "his" chair sooner rather than later. –Sasha, Dean's Office

Sixth row, left to right:

- Aloha State of Mind –Ben, Dean's Office
- Remote Life and Remote Wife –Carelle, Enrollment Group
- Enjoying the sight of sunshine on the trees and a fresh cup of coffee. –Steve, Dean's Office
- Remote Life and Flamenco –Chay, Enrollment Group

Seventh row, left to right:

- Welcome to Riverdale! –Megan, Academic Affairs
- EJ's Workspace Playspace –EJ, Enrollment Group

Eighth row, left to right:

- Interests include Elmo, his mommy, and long walks in a stroller. –Dave, Dean's Office
- Here are a few framed posters that adorn my room. (You may have seen these in the back of Zoom calls I've been in.) I've collected these posters at gigs I've photographed or just attended for fun. Pictured (left to right): Gov Ball in NYC (2016), Motion City Soundtrack in Chicago (2016), Tame Impala in NYC (2015), The Black Keys in Montreal (2015) and Arcade Fire in NYC (2014). –Killian, Communications & Marketing

Ninth row, left to right:

- Thoroughly staged but you get the idea –Caitlin, Dean’s Office
- Enjoying the view through my indoor garden –Cindy, Dean’s Office
- Theodore and Carl Bridge enjoying a break between zoom meetings –Pete, CCE
- Rural Vermont has a lot to offer. Trees, lakes, woodland creatures, and miles between you and your neighbor! This office view is one of welcomed serenity and solitude. –Cecily, UGE

Tenth row, left to right:

- Remote in Harlem (garden is a work in progress) –Kathryn, Dean’s Office
- Comfortable work attire. –Jose, Enrollment Group
- Lucky to have a garden view this summer –Hristina, Dean’s Office
- Optimized for mobility –Michele, Dean’s Office

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