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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*

From the Communications and Marketing team: The fall issue of *Columbia College Today* has arrived! Our cover feature is dedicated to [Core Stories](#) — personal reflections, submitted by alumni as part of the Core

Centennial, about the Core texts, authors, professors and experiences that have been most meaningful and influential in their lives. We also introduce the inspiring and essential work of [Cathleen Price CC'92](#), a human rights attorney with the Equal Justice Initiative. For sports fans, we've compiled [10 great moments in Lions football](#). And be sure to read [Dean Valentini's message](#) about how the pandemic has rewritten the rules of college life. Read more at [http://www.college.columbia.edu/cct/!](http://www.college.columbia.edu/cct/)



And check out the College home page for an [interview with Larry Jackson](#), associate dean of Academic Affairs, Core Curriculum and Undergraduate Programs, about the collective effort he and Core faculty members have made to reframe the curriculum for 2020, the attention being given to issues of racial justice, and how all students can find themselves in the Core community.

Did you know? Check out Columbia's [COVID-19 Resource Site](#) to see the weekly and cumulative surveillance testing results. Stay informed: Adjustments to the [SARS-CoV2 Testing Program](#) are being rolled out and CUHR has released a [List of Resources for Parents](#).

Staff Celebrations and Highlights

Recognizing the College staff community

We are excited to present Staff Celebrations, a new feature in The Friday Five! We invite you to share an accomplishment or milestone moment about yourself, a colleague, or a team or unit at the College! You can submit your information through this [form](#).

Our shout outs start with:

Recognizing [Multicultural Affairs](#), who continue to host important dialogues and education around identity and inclusion in our virtual environment and have shifted their curriculum to include new sessions: Disability Justice and Understanding Antisemitism. Last year, MA staff doubled their offerings and trained 2,315 faculty, staff and students; Fall 2020 sessions are already fully booked as interest continues to grow.

And thank you to the hardworking team in [Financial Aid and Educational Financing](#), who supported thousands of students by making multiple rounds of adjustments to billed costs and rapidly implementing new funding programs and policies. The team's unflagging dedication and flexibility have been tremendously reassuring for students and families facing unprecedented challenges.

Stay Connected

Learn new skills and exchange creative ideas

We're continuing the **Zoom@Noon** series this fall, a time to learn the latest developments and trends within units. We will also be launching **Wednesday Wisdom Brown Bags**, a casual discussion space with colleagues from across the College, on various topics relating to our environment, work and lives as they continue to change during the pandemic. We hope to see you Wednesdays at noon!

Zoom@Noon

Admissions 101: From campus visit to mailing day (October 21): Jessica Marinaccio, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions & Financial Aid, will discuss how our Admissions colleagues recruit and select the future Columbians with whom we all work, as well as Admissions in the time of COVID. Register [here](#).

Financial Aid 101: FAFSA to cap & gown (October 28): Michael Hall, Executive Director of Financial Aid, will help demystify the financial aid process. Learn more about how our Financial Aid colleagues educate and support prospective and current students around financing so that they can best engage in their Columbia experience. Register [here](#).

Wednesday Wisdom Brown Bag

Practicing Optimism for Successful Stress Management (October 14): There is scientific proof that positive thinking can reduce stress levels. Join College colleagues for an open discussion to share ways you use optimism for stress management and ideas you have for coping during the pandemic. Not sure if you're an optimist? Take a quick [self test](#). Register [here](#) to contribute to the discussion.

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