

# 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](#).

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## What's Happening

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

### Congratulations to Columbia College Staff Graduates

Let us know if you graduated this spring, and we'll recognize you in an upcoming Friday Five. [Send a note](#) with the details — and feel free to include a picture!

## Updates from Undergraduate Global Engagement

### Introducing the Global Columbia Collaboratory

The current pandemic has inspired the Center for Undergraduate Global Engagement to think about how to connect our students to global experiences beyond traditional study abroad. We've been working on the [Global Columbia Collaboratory \(GCC\)](#) in conjunction with the Columbia Global Centers and Columbia World Projects. GCC will help students learn more about global challenges, enhance their global competencies by connecting and cooperating across a global network and empower them to make a difference in the world as global citizens.

The pilot program for summer 2020 will focus on the COVID-19 pandemic through the lens of three themes. Students will:

- Participate in regularly scheduled theme-based global seminars with faculty and experts drawn from Columbia's global networks;
- Exchange perspectives and engage together in creative reflection on the global challenges;
- Engage in collaboration and ideation on projects that impact today's society. Selected projects will receive funding to realize their plans and make a difference in the world.

All undergraduates are eligible to apply to the summer pilot by June 8, 2020. To ensure that all students are able to fully participate in the Global Columbia Collaboratory, participants will be provided with a resource stipend.

Please help us in encouraging our undergraduates to apply for this new and exciting program. There is an information session scheduled for June 2 and applications are due on June 8.

### Fall 2020 Study Abroad

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on worldwide travel and global health risks, the Center for Undergraduate Global Engagement (UGE) is suspending undergraduate student participation in study abroad programs for fall 2020. This suspension includes Columbia students' travel to study abroad programs directly operated by Columbia ([Columbia-led](#)) and those run by partner institutions and organizations ([Columbia-approved](#)).

Students can continue to [connect with an adviser](#) or stop by for virtual "First Steps" walk-ins over the summer to learn more about future study abroad experiences.

### Leadership and Excellence Awards

Each year Columbia College and Columbia Engineering students are recognized

for their contributions to campus life. Take a few moments to see all of this year's [award recipients](#).

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## Stay Connected

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

### Zoom@Noon

#### **“Design Your Mindset” Reminder! on June 4, 2:00-3:30 pm**

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 using design-thinking concepts. We will run through a few interactive creative exercises that you can take with you beyond the session.

Register here: <https://events.columbia.edu/go/designyourmindset>

### Shared Interest Groups

#### **Book Club for June/July**

Join us for a discussion of Brené Brown's *Dare to Lead*.

“Brené Brown has taught us what it means to dare greatly, rise strong, and brave the wilderness. Now, based on new research conducted with leaders, change makers, and culture shifters, she's showing us how to put those ideas into practice so we can step up and lead.”

This is an opportunity to analyze your leadership style and improve your leadership skills. Please join us for an informal conversation about the concepts and tools presented in the book.

Complete [this form](#) to join the book club or get more information; please complete the form by June 5.

#### **Trivia Lunch on June 9, 12-1 p.m.**

Join coworkers for a Zoom Trivia Lunch, hosted by Nicole Statuti. Please sign up by sending an email to [ccprofessionaldevelopment@columbia.edu](mailto:ccprofessionaldevelopment@columbia.edu).

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## Friday Fun

A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?



(Check out the [staff resources page](#) for the answer!)

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