Annual Notification to Students of their rights under FERPA

Colby-Sawyer College is required to notify students annually of their rights with respect to the treatment of their education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). In accordance with FERPA students are notified of the following rights.

1. **The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the Colby-Sawyer College receives a request for access.** Students should submit to the registrar a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the registrar, the registrar shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. **The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes is inaccurate.** Students may ask the college to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the college official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the college decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the college will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. **The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.** One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the college in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the college has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

4. **The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by college to comply with the requirements of FERPA.** The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U. S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Directory Information Public Notice

Colby-Sawyer College, at its discretion, may provide directory information in accordance with the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. Directory information is defined as information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

**Designated directory information at Colby-Sawyer College includes the following:** student’s name, college address, college telephone number, college e-mail address, major field of study, enrollment status, grade level, date of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance, degrees, honors and awards received, and most recent education agency or institution attended.

Students may request to withhold directory information by notifying the registrar in writing. Note that withholding requests are binding for all information to all parties other than for educational purposes. Students should consider all aspects of a directory hold prior to filing such a request. The initial request may be filed at any time. Requests for non-disclosure will be honored by the college for no more than one academic year. Re-authorization to withhold directory information must be filed annually in the registrar’s office within the first two weeks of the fall semester. Please note, however, that if a student, at his or her last opportunity as a student, requested that directory information not be disclosed, the college will continue to honor that request until informed to the contrary. Colby-Sawyer College assumes no liability as a result of honoring a student’s instructions that directory information be withheld.