Summer is winding down at Colby-Sawyer and we are busy preparing for the return of your students. The New Student Trip begins in just two weeks and fall student athletes will come shortly after that. Here is a summer update of the Parent and Family Relations Newsletter. The topics listed below will be covered. Please scroll down to read the full content of each heading.

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**Family Guide**

In the next few days, you should receive a mailing from the Parent and Family Relations Office that includes the 2004-2005 Family Guide. This is a publication that will help you understand Colby-Sawyer’s policies and procedures and know where to go when you desire information. This year we have made some improvements and changes to the guide such as a calendar that highlights important dates and deadlines with space for you to add your own notes; advice to you, as parents, from the class of 2004; data which describes the social atmosphere at Colby-Sawyer; and updated local resource information. We hope you enjoy it.

**A Notice About Parking**

If your student plans to bring a vehicle to campus, please remind him or her that he or she will need to register it with Campus Safety. Please also be aware that parking availability is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

To register the vehicle, have your student visit [www.thepermitstore.com](http://www.thepermitstore.com) and enter Colby-Sawyer College as the parking destination. He or she will be asked to create a new account in the system using his or her e-mail address and a password. The following information is needed to complete a campus parking permit purchase:
Personal information: Name, address, e-mail address, driver’s license and ID number

Vehicle information: Vehicle make, model, year color, and license plate number

Payment: $50.00 and $4.95 for shipping and handling.

After the application is approved, a parking permit will be sent in the mail. For security reasons, once your student receives the parking decal, he or she will need to return to ThePermitStore.com to activate the permit. After the permit is activated, it should be applied to the driver’s side lower corner of the windshield.

**Campus Safety Officers Attend Academy**

Officers from Colby-Sawyer College’s Campus Safety office attended the New Hampshire Safety Academy this summer. Please read the following press release to learn more about the academy and the training the officers received there.

Colby-Sawyer College’s Campus Safety officers played active roles as leaders and participants in the 2004 New Hampshire Campus Safety Academy (NHCSA), held July 17 to 23 at Keene State College. Campus Safety Office Director Pete Berthiaume of Sunapee served as the academy’s co-director for his eighth year, while Assistant Director Joe Stearns of Andover completed his seventh year as an academy instructor and staff member. Campus Safety officers Thomas Blinn of Sunapee, Jim Howlett of Springfield and Tammy Thorpe of Wilmot received instruction as emergency medical technicians (EMT-B) and successfully completed academy training.

Since 1986, NHCSA has provided quality training to officers who serve the needs of a variety of educational institutions. Established under the auspices of the New Hampshire Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, the academy has trained approximately 400 campus safety officers from New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin and Maryland since its inception. The NHCSA seeks to set professional standards in campus safety for higher education and for the officers who serve within college communities.

While at the academy, officers participate in more than 57 hours of classroom and practical instruction in a residential setting. The curriculum includes a diverse variety of subjects, ranging from image management, patrol procedures and officer safety to aspects of law, cultural diversity, bias-related crimes and fire safety. Officers also receive training in investigation techniques, report writing, the identification and effects of drugs, and the management of sexual assault, domestic violence and other aggressive behaviors.

This year 19 colleges and universities participated in the academy, including new participants from Princeton University and the Massachusetts College of Art. “We’re thrilled about the increased interest in the academy,” said Berthiaume. “Our unique
campus safety curriculum and exceptional instructors has directly contributed to our growing success."

All Colby-Sawyer College Campus Safety Officers are required to successfully complete the NHCSA, participate in an 80-hour field-training program and receive medical certification as a first responder (48 hours of training) or EMT-B (110 hours of training) within their first year of employment.

**Family Weekend**

Family Weekend will take place from October 8-10. The schedule of events has been posted online. You can view it at [http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/campus-life/campus_activities/family_wknd.html](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/campus-life/campus_activities/family_wknd.html).

It is not too early to begin thinking about accommodations for Family Weekend. You can view a current list of local lodging options at the New London Chamber of Commerce Web site, [www.newlondonarea.com](http://www.newlondonarea.com).

Please feel free to contact us with questions you may have. We hope to see some of you online for the parent-to-parent chat in a couple of weeks.

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