FAMILY WEEKEND 2011
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Dear Parents, Families, Friends, and Guests,

Welcome to Family Weekend 2011 at Columbia University! We are excited to have you here on our beautiful Morningside Heights campus. A major initiative of Parent and Family Programs and the Division of Student Affairs, Family Weekend is a campus-wide celebration of families and runs concurrent with our Homecoming Weekend. We have a series of welcome, intellectual, informational, and social events planned for you in the hopes that you will experience, if only for a brief weekend, what it means to be a Columbia student.

We also hope that you take advantage of the many fine dining, recreational, performing arts, and cultural happenings that make the city of New York a fantastic place. Perhaps your student can even suggest a few must see destinations!

My colleagues from across the campus community are ready to assist you and your family to ensure a memorable and enjoyable visit. We will be available at each Family Weekend event to answer questions and to help you make the most of your time on campus and in New York City. Please talk with our staff and faculty and learn about ways you can get involved and engage with Parent and Family Programs, both in person and online.

I look forward to sharing this weekend with you and your family. Welcome to campus and welcome to New York!

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# Schedule of Events

## Columbia College and Columbia Engineering

### Family Weekend 2011

#### Friday, October 14

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| 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. | **Check-In**  
*Broadway Lobby, Alfred Lerner Hall (115th Street and Broadway)*  
This is your first stop when you arrive at Columbia to pick up your name tag and program of events. You can schedule an appointment to speak with staff from Financial Aid and learn information that will help you make the most of your visit to campus and New York City. Coffee will be available. |
| 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. | **Columbia Alumni Center Open House**  
*622 West 113th Street (between Broadway and Riverside Drive)*  
All parents and families of current students are welcome to stop by to tour the Center, access the Internet, enjoy refreshments, or find information about campus events. The first floor welcome center includes a lounge, library, seminar room, and courtesy office.  
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| 9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. | **Morningside Heights Tour**  
*Depart from North Lobby, Alfred Lerner Hall (first floor, Lerner ramps)*  
With its great dining options and famous historical landmarks, Morningside Heights offers a rich and diverse landscape to its residents and visitors. This tour explores the history and evolution of the neighborhood and highlights various points of interest from 112th Street to 120th Street. |
| 10:30 a.m.–noon | **Deans’ Welcome Brunch**  
*Roone Arledge Auditorium, Alfred Lerner Hall, first floor*  
Experience a true Columbia University welcome from the deans of Columbia College and Columbia Engineering. |
| 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m. | **Campus Tour**  
*Depart from Alma Mater Statue on Low Plaza (in front of Low Library)*  
Current undergraduate students will lead this information-packed campus tour and provide a student perspective on academic and cocurricular life at Columbia. |
| 12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m. | **Workshop: “Making the Most of the Columbia Residential Experience”**  
*Roone Arledge Cinema, Alfred Lerner Hall, second floor*  
The residence hall experience at Columbia is paramount. Come to a discussion with the staff from Residential Programs and Columbia Housing to learn how you can support your student in making the most of his/her residential experience at Columbia and gather information about housing options for your student after her/his first year at Columbia.  
**Columbia Engineering Lecture: “Electricity for the Bottom Billion”**  
*Room 833, Mudd Building*  
**Vijay Modi,** Professor of Mechanical Engineering  
Explore the issues of energy use for the bottom billion: How much do people spend on energy, for what services, how? What are some of the innovations that might address their lack of electricity? What does it take to scale these solutions? Broadly, what role is engineering playing in development? |
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| 12:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. | **Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid Appointments**  
*Room 618, Alfred Lerner Hall, sixth floor*  
Stop by the Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid and Educational Financing to meet with a financial aid officer. Please schedule your appointment time at the check-in tables in the Broadway lobby from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Walk-ins will be accommodated, if possible. |
| 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. | **Student-Athlete Family Orientation**  
*Lou Gehrig Lounge, Marcellus Hartley Dodge Physical Fitness Center*  
The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education is hosting a discussion entitled “Responsibilities of a Columbia University Student-Athlete.” This is an opportunity for the families of our student-athletes to meet department administrators and coaches. |
| 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. | **Hollywood Tour**  
*Depart from North Lobby, Alfred Lerner Hall (first floor, Lerner ramps)*  
Join a Columbia undergraduate involved with the arts for a special chance to learn more about Hollywood’s legacy at Columbia and in Morningside Heights. Tour stops include the famous Tom’s Diner featured in the television series *Seinfeld* and locations around campus where scenes from the hit movie *Spiderman* were filmed. |
| 1:30 p.m.–2:15 p.m. | **Columbia College Literature Humanities Lecture: “The Anatomy of Anger”**  
*Roone Arledge Cinema, Alfred Lerner Hall, second floor*  
Mark Lilla, Professor of the Humanities and Religion  
Lit Hum begins with the first sentence of Homer’s *Iliad*: “Anger be now your song, immortal one, Achilles’s anger, doomed and ruinous.” The course ends with the Christian Gospels, in which Jesus tells his disciples, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you” (Luke 6:27). This lecture traces the transformations in Western thinking about anger and its place in society.  
**Columbia Engineering Lecture: “Electronics on Anything: The Impact and Potential of Thin Film Electronics”**  
*Room 833, Mudd Building*  
Ioannis Kymissis, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering  
Electronics is now pervasive in our everyday lives. Many of the electronics involved in displays, solar cells, and sensing devices are made with thin film semiconductors, which are able to incorporate functionality that is not available in traditional semiconductor systems. This talk discusses how thin film semiconductor technologies (including several that are under development at Columbia Engineering) work and how they have changed—and will continue to change—how we generate energy, and sense and interact with our world. |
| 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. | **Morningside Heights Tour**  
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| 2:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m. | **Music Humanities Lecture: “Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony: Transfiguration of the Classical Style”**  
*Roone Arledge Auditorium, Alfred Lerner Hall, first floor*  
Walter Frisch, H. Harold Gumm/Harry and Albert von Tilzer Professor of Music  
Discover how, in the Fifth Symphony of 1807, Beethoven uses the formal and expressive conventions of the Classical era as his starting point to create an original, compelling symphonic work that reaches new heights of coherence and power. |
2:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m.  
Columbia Engineering Lecture: “Applications of In-Vivo Microscopy and Biophotonics”  
*Room 633, Mudd Building*  
 **Elizabeth M. C. Hillman,** Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Radiology  
Light interacts with living tissue in many ways, forming the basis of both modern microscopy and a wide range of clinical techniques from retinal imaging to endoscopy. This lecture introduces the field of biophotonics and showcases ways in which advanced optical imaging methods are being applied to understand, diagnose, and treat disease.

Workshop: “Whose Separation Anxiety Is It, Anyway?”  
*Broadway Room, Alfred Lerner Hall, second floor*  
 **Dr. Maggi Walker,** Counseling and Psychological Services  
Does your student miss you? Or do you miss your student? Come learn about the challenges that you and your student face during this period of transition, when your student is adjusting to college life and you are adjusting to life at home without him or her. We will talk in general about this phase of family life and about the issues that have come up for you since your student left home for Columbia.

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**Center for Student Advising Open House**  
*Center for Student Advising, Alfred Lerner Hall, fourth floor*  
Stop by the Center for Student Advising (CSA) to meet your student’s adviser and learn more about the academic resources available to Columbia College and Columbia Engineering students. The CSA is the centerpiece of our integrated advising approach and warmly welcomes parents and families to tour the space and meet the advising team.

3:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m.  
**Coffee Break**  
*Room 401, Alfred Lerner Hall, fourth floor*  
Join Director of Parent and Family Programs Matthew Patashnick for coffee, tea, and refreshments, and learn about the various ways you can get involved with Columbia at our events on campus and around the world!

4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.  
Columbia College Frontiers of Science Lecture: “Galactic Cannibalism”  
*Roone Arledge Cinema, Alfred Lerner Hall, second floor*  
 **Kathryn Johnston,** Associate Professor of Astronomy  
Images of galaxies are often awe inspiring—spirals of billions of stars spinning slowly in the sky. Yet these magical objects are thought to have formed quite violently through the agglomeration of smaller objects. Even our own home—the Milky Way galaxy—seems to be in the process of devouring several smaller galaxies! This talk examines why we think galaxies are cannibals from both observational and theoretical perspectives.

Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid and Educational Financing Session:  
**Understanding the Financial Aid Award and Planning Ahead**  
*Broadway Room, Alfred Lerner Hall, second floor*  
Led by Dean of Financial Aid Laurie Schaffler, this session will help families understand the key terms, deadlines, and responsibilities associated with financial aid at Columbia.

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**Family Reception**  
*Room 555 and Satow Room, Alfred Lerner Hall, fifth floor*  
Join us for a relaxed reception to celebrate the end of a busy day! Mingle with staff representatives from Financial Aid, Admissions, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Student Development and Activities, Office of Residential Programs, Office of Civic Action and Engagement, Central Business Office, and the Center for Student Advising. Take time to enjoy a glass of wine and light hors d’oeuvres with good company. Be sure to wear some Columbia paraphernalia—you may win a special gift.

**Family Evening to Spend with Your Student**  
Use your time this evening to explore the sights and sounds of New York City, the Morningside Heights neighborhood, and campus. Speak with one of our staff members or check out [www.nycgo.com](http://www.nycgo.com) for ideas on how to enjoy your evening.

**Shabbat Dinner at The Kraft Center**  

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

**9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**  
**Check-In**  
*Low Library*  
Family Weekend Check-In will be available for all guests who did not have the opportunity to pick up name tags on Friday.

**10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**  
**Columbia Alumni Center Open House**  
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**10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**  
**Office of Multicultural Affairs Brunch**  
*Rotunda, Low Memorial Library*  
All families are invited to join us for brunch on Saturday morning in the Low Rotunda. This brunch presents a great opportunity to meet with families, students, and administrators to discuss how the University community strengthens and encourages diversity through cross-cultural initiatives and campus-wide programs. After brunch, please consider joining the 11:30 a.m. Steps Toward Social Change Tour, departing from the steps of Low Library.

**10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**  
**Faculty-in-Residence Brunches*”**  
Join Professor Andrew Smyth, Professor Sam Roberts, Professor Robert Harrist, and Dean Cristen Kromm in their homes for brunch. The Faculty-in-Residence Program houses faculty members and their families in Columbia University residence halls and promotes greater connection between students and professors.

*Please note: These brunches have limited capacity. If you did not preregister for this event, please join us at the Office of Multicultural Affairs Brunch at 10:00 a.m.*

**11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**  
**Steps Toward Social Change Tour**  
*Depart from Low Library*  
From the historic Low Library steps that have been the platform for student activism to memorials, like the Malcolm X Lounge and the Stephen Donaldson Lounge, which honor key figures in social movements, Columbia University’s campus has a rich legacy steeped in sociopolitical awareness, dialogue, and action. This tour provides a glimpse into the University’s history of activism and multicultural/cross-cultural dialogue that reflects students’ leadership in the complex struggle for social justice and equity—locally, nationally, and globally.
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Café Humanities: “Friendship, Love, and Other Apparent Moral Failings”
Room 401, Alfred Lerner Hall
Jonathan D. Rick, Core Lecturer, Philosophy
Join a discussion exploring the demands of morality and the values of personal attachment in the global village.

Noon–3:30 p.m. Homecoming Picnic
Baker Athletics Complex, 533 West 218th Street
Stop by at your convenience and enjoy a hearty barbecue buffet lunch with alumni, parents, students, and friends before cheering the Lions on to victory over the University of Pennsylvania. This is a family friendly event. All prepaid tickets must be picked up at the event. Picnic tickets are also available on site, $22 for adults and $12 for children ages twelve years and younger. Columbia Athletics will sponsor complimentary shuttle buses from Columbia's Morningside Heights campus (at Broadway and 116th Street) to and from Baker Athletics Complex beginning at 1:00 p.m. and returning after the game.

3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Homecoming Football Game vs. Penn
Baker Athletics Complex, 533 West 218th Street
Stop by the family area at Baker Athletics Complex and cheer for the Columbia Lions as they take on Penn. Kick-off is at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Columbia Athletics Tickets or by calling 1-888-Lions-11. Tickets are $15 for reserved bench seats and $25 for premium chairback seats. Tickets will be at Will Call for pick up on the day of the game. Columbia Athletics will sponsor complimentary shuttle buses from Columbia's Morningside Heights campus (at Broadway and 116th Street) to and from Baker Athletics Complex beginning at 1:00 p.m. and returning after the game.

After 6:30 p.m. Family Evening to Spend with Your Student
Use your time this evening to explore the sights and sounds of New York City, the Morningside Heights neighborhood, and campus. Speak with one of our staff members or check-out www.nycgo.com for ideas on how to enjoy your evening!

8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m. How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying (prepaid ticket holders)†
Al Hirschfeld Theatre, 302 West Forty-Fifth Street (between Eighth and Ninth Avenues)
See acclaimed star Daniel Radcliffe (Equus on Broadway, Harry Potter film series) and Tony Award-winner John Larroquette (Night Court, The Practice) make their Broadway musical debuts in this hilarious fable of executive dreams and office romance. With the aid of a trusty self-help book, How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying wily window washer J. Pierrepont Finch (Daniel Radcliffe) enjoys a riotous rise up the corporate ladder. Can he get the promotion, the corner office, and the girl, or will he learn that balancing business and pleasure can be precarious—but hilarious and oh, so much fun?

†Prepaid Broadway tickets will be available for pick-up at Family Weekend Check-In. Tickets are nonrefundable.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Note: Families that are interested in learning more about places of worship in the Morningside Heights neighborhood can visit the Office of the University Chaplain online at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/earl/ or by calling 212-854-6242.

10:00 a.m.–noon The Kraft Center for Jewish Life—Tour and Open House
606 West 115th Street (just west of Broadway)
Families are welcome to visit the Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life for a tour and open house. Ask questions and learn more about the vibrant Jewish campus community here at Barnard and Columbia.
11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
**St. Paul’s Chapel Tour**  
*Meet inside St. Paul’s Chapel (on campus to the east of Low Library)*
The Office of the University Chaplain ministers to the individual faiths of Columbia University’s diverse community of scholars, students, and staff from many different faith traditions while promoting interfaith and intercultural understanding. Toward this goal, the Office of the University Chaplain creates and sponsors programs concerning justice, faith, and spirituality.

12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.  
**The Riverside Church Tour**  
*490 Riverside Drive between 120th and 121st Streets*  
*Meet at the first balcony inside the church by 12:15 p.m.*
The Riverside Church, built in 1927, serves an interdenominational, interracial, and international congregation. The tour will include a brief history of the church and a summary of its programs, as well as informed visits to Christ Chapel, Gethsemane Chapel, the nave, and the chancel.

1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.  
**“Vertical” Tour of The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine** (preregistered guests only)  
*1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 112th Street*
The Episcopal Campus Ministry will host a vertical tour of the world’s largest Gothic cathedral. Climb more than 124 feet through spiral staircases inside the walls to the top of the cathedral. Get a close look at the magnificent stained glass windows with figures twice the size of a normal person. Study the architecture of the nave while standing on a buttress, and get up close and personal with the triforium and the clerestory. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight, if you have one. This event is not for people with a fear of heights or confined spaces.

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
**Anything Goes** (prepurchased ticket holders)†  
*Stephen Sondheim Theatre, 124 West Forty-Third Street, New York, NY (between Sixth Avenue and Broadway)*
All aboard for the saucy and splendid new production of one of the greatest musicals in Broadway history. Cole Porter’s classic stars Tony Award–winner Sutton Foster and Tony Award– and Academy Award–winner Joel Grey. As the S.S. *American* heads out to sea, two unlikely pairs set off on the course to true love … proving that sometimes destiny needs a little help from a crew of singing sailors, an exotic disguise, and some good, old-fashioned blackmail.

3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.  
**Sister Act** (prepurchased ticket holders)†  
*Broadway Theatre, 1681 Broadway (between West Fifty-Second and West Fifty-Third Streets)*
Disco singer Deloris Van Cartier (Tony-nominee Patina Miller) has dreams of hitting the big time. But when she walks in on a “hit” of a different kind, the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look—a convent! At first, Deloris, disguised as Sister Mary Clarence, has trouble adjusting to life under the strict rule of Mother Superior (Tony-winner Victoria Clark). But when she transforms the convent’s choir into the most glorious new musical act in town, Deloris forms a lasting bond with her newfound friends … and the gang that’s chasing her finds itself up against an unstoppable team of soulful sisters!

†Prepurchased Broadway tickets will be available for pick-up at Family Weekend Check-In. Tickets are nonrefundable.

If you are interested in taking advantage of NYC’s art and culture scene, visit the TIC in the Alfred Lerner Lobby (campus side) to learn more about available discounted tickets!

We wish you safe travels and many happy returns to the Columbia University campus.
Columbia Engineering Beanie Event

Columbia University Activities Fair

Columbia Outdoor Orientation Program (COÖP)