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Dear Class of 2019 Parents and Families,

On behalf of Columbia College and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Columbia University and to Family Orientation. You are now a part of our Columbia community, and we have planned a series of events to help acquaint you with our vibrant campus. We believe that orienting you to the student experience and the many resources available at Columbia will enable you to contribute positively to your student’s success.

The schedule for Family Orientation is designed to:

• Answer questions about the transition to Columbia
• Help you understand what to expect during the first year of college
• Introduce many of the faculty, staff, alumni, and support services with whom you and your student will engage
• Provide opportunities to network and meet other Columbia families
• Connect you to the City of New York and its cultural and recreational opportunities
• Instill pride and excitement for Columbia and our traditions

During Family Orientation, you will have the chance to attend workshops to learn more about Columbia’s community of advisers, share coffee or a meal with families from all across the country and all over the world, and participate in Convocation—a special event marking the official start of the Columbia academic experience.

I hope to meet each of you at Family Orientation and Family Weekend (October 16–18, 2015). If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My colleagues and I look forward to working with you and celebrating the accomplishments and successes of the Class of 2019.

Regards,

Matthew Patashnick
Executive Director, Family Engagement & Special Programs
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Monday, August 24

**ISOP Family Check-in**
*9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.*
Butler Plaza West

**Move-in Scoop-in**
*10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.*
Butler Plaza West
Take a break from unpacking and enjoy a frozen treat!

**Bed Bath & Beyond Shuttles**
*1:00–5:00 p.m.*
Shuttles depart from College Walk, 116th St. and Amsterdam Ave.
Forgot to buy a fan? Don’t have any hangers? Take our free shuttle bus to Bed Bath & Beyond to buy any household goods, bedding, bathroom accessories, or electronics that you need. Plus, students get a discount with their Columbia University ID! The shuttle leaves several times an hour.

August 24–28: Show your Family Orientation name badge at Joe Coffee, located in the Northwest Corner Building on the 200 level, to receive a 10% discount.

Tuesday, August 25

**ISOP Official Welcome**
*9:00–9:30 a.m.*
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Room 555

**Cell Phone & Banking Info Session**
*9:30–11:00 a.m.*
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Rooms 555 and Satow
Students and families will receive information on local banking and cellular service options and learn how to set up student accounts.

**Multilingual Campus Tours**
*11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.*
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Rooms 555 and Satow
Join Columbia students on a walk through campus to learn more about the community, Morningside Heights, and Columbia history. Tours delivered in English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese.

**Lunch**
*12:00–1:00 p.m.*
Butler Plaza
Enjoy lunch outdoors on campus. Remember to show your name badge when picking up your meal.
Family Shopping Time
1:00–5:00 p.m.
Morningside Heights
Take some time with your student to get those last items, set up bank accounts, or purchase a U.S. cell phone.

Wednesday, August 26

NYC Double-Decker Bus Tour
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Departs from College Walk, 116th St. and Amsterdam
Enjoy a private bus tour of Manhattan and familiarize yourself with the city in which your student will be living. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. This tour is for Columbia family members only; students will attend ISOP programming during this time.

Lunch
12:00–1:30 p.m.
John Jay Dining Hall
Experience a meal as a college student. Remember to show your name badge when entering the dining hall!

Move-in Camp-out
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Low Plaza (under the tents)
This camping-themed afternoon social is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Columbia families and learn about the different pre-orientation programs in which students are participating.

Thursday, August 27

Letting Go: Challenges that Students and Families Face
10:00–11:15 a.m.
Pulitzer Hall, 3rd Floor, World Room
The transition to college is momentous for students — and for their families, too! Please join Dr. Anne Goldfield from Columbia Health’s Counseling and Psychological Services for a discussion of some of the concerns that new college students face as well as the experience of this transition for family members.
Parents as Partners: Supporting the Health of Students  
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  
Pulitzer Hall, 3rd Floor, World Room  
Maintaining a focus on health and learning to navigate health systems can be a challenge. We invite you to join members of the Columbia Health team to learn more about our services, how we work to support the health and well-being of your student, and how you can partner with us. By working as partners, we provide great support and learning opportunities as your student works to achieve her/his personal and academic goals. Presented by Dr. Michael P. McNeil, Executive Director, Alice! Health Promotion, Student Health Insurance & Immunization Compliance, Columbia Health.

Lunch  
12:45–1:45 p.m.  
John Jay Dining Hall  
Experience a meal as a college student. Remember to show your name badge when entering the dining hall!

Responsible Community @ Columbia  
2:00–2:45 p.m.  
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Satow  
Find out how to talk with your student about maximizing the Columbia experience without potential alcohol-related consequences. You can play a significant role in encouraging and supporting healthier decision making with your college student. Please join key campus partners to learn about Columbia’s efforts and how you can reinforce the message of being smart, safe, and responsible. Presented by Dr. Michael P. McNeil, Executive Director, Alice! Health Promotion, Student Health Insurance & Immunization Compliance, Columbia Health; and Cristen Kromm, Dean of Undergraduate Student Life.

Beyond the Gates: Academics Abroad  
3:00–3:45 p.m.  
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Satow  
This presentation will cover the reasons for students to consider a semester abroad, as well as the logistical elements of program choices, financial considerations, and academic credit, as well as a brief overview of other international opportunities and fellowships. Presented by Sara Ede, Associate Director of Global Education.

Your Student’s Financial Life  
4:00–4:45 p.m.  
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Satow  
The Office of Financial Aid and Educational Financing will provide an introduction to important milestones in your student’s financial life at Columbia, including billing, budgeting, student jobs and key financial aid topics. Learn strategies for assisting your student with financial decisions and hear about the ways the Office of Financial Aid and Educational Financing supports Columbia families.
Friday, August 28

Resources and Services for International Students from the Center for Career Education and the International Students and Scholars Office
9:00–9:45 a.m.
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Room 555
Join representatives from the Center for Career Education and the International Students and Scholars Office to learn about resources and services for international students, how each office works with students throughout their time at Columbia with particular emphasis on the first year, and challenges and strategies for international students in the internship/job search. Presented by Niamh O’Brien, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Career Development, Center for Career Education; Courtney Como, Executive Director, Employer and Alumni Relations, Center for Career Education; and Michelle Desikan, Senior Program Officer, International Students and Scholars Office.

The Core at Columbia
10:30–11:30 a.m.
Lerner Hall, 5th Floor, Room 555
The Core Curriculum is one of the founding experiments in liberal higher education in the United States, and it remains vibrant as it enters its tenth decade. Come learn how students will engage in rigorous explorations of the human experience. Featuring Roosevelt Montas CC’95, GSAS’04, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of the Center for the Core Curriculum.

Lunch
12:00–2:00 p.m.
Hamilton Lawn (Tented)

Butler Library Tour
1:00–2:30 p.m.
Departs from Butler Library, Room 203
Welcome to Butler Library, an intellectual center on campus. Tour this beautiful and historic building led by one of our humanities/history librarians, and hear about the ways students and faculty use our vast collections of books and online resources and take advantage of our research support services.
Saturday, August 29

Stomp ($)  
8:00–11:00 p.m.  
Orpheum Theatre, 126 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003  
Matchboxes, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters and more fill the stage with energizing beats at STOMP, the inventive and invigorating stage show that’s dance, music, and theatrical performance blended together in one electrifying rhythm. ($) Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Sunday, August 30

Check-in/Registration  
8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Butler Plaza

Bed Bath & Beyond Shuttles  
12:00–5:00 p.m.  
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Programs and Support for International Students through the Office of Multicultural Affairs  
12:00–12:45 p.m.  
Northwest Corner Building, 500 Level, Room 501  
The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) is a resource for all students to help in their personal development and connect students with one another through sharing each other’s diverse cultural experiences. Learn how the OMA supports international students through mentoring, interactive workshops, student organizations, and leadership opportunities. Presented by Chia-Ying Pan, Director of Education, Outreach & International Student Support in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.
Parents as Partners: Supporting the Health of Students  
**1:00–1:45 p.m.**  
Pupin Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 301  
Maintaining a focus on health and learning to navigate health systems can be a challenge. We invite you to join members of the Columbia Health team to learn more about our services, how we work to support the health and well-being of your student, and how you can partner with us. By working as partners, we provide great support and learning opportunities as your student works to achieve her/his personal and academic goals. Presented by Dr. Michael P. McNeil, Executive Director, Alice! Health Promotion, Student Health Insurance & Immunization Compliance, Columbia Health.

**Responsible Community @ Columbia**  
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Pupin Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 301  
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Student Life on Campus  
**2:00–2:45 p.m.**  
Northwest Corner Building, 500 Level, Room 501  
Undergraduate Student Life staff work to support, engage, and connect your student to our community. Learn about the opportunities for your student as s/he explores student involvement on campus, our diverse community, and life in the residence halls. Featuring Tara Hanna Director, Residential Life; Cristen Kromm, Dean of Undergraduate Student Life; and upper-class students who will reflect on their approach to involvement during their time at Columbia.

Berick Center for Student Advising Presentation  
**3:00–3:45 p.m.**  
Northwest Corner Building, 500 Level, Room 501  
Learn ways the Berick Center for Student Advising (CSA) supports students through one-on-one advising conversations, through advising programs, and by connecting students with academic and non-academic opportunities and resources at Columbia and beyond. Presented by Monique Rinere, Dean of Advising.
Letting Go: Challenges that Students and Families Face
4:00–4:45 p.m.
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The Intercultural Resource Center
4:00–4:45 p.m.
Northwest Corner Building, 500 Level, Room 501
The Intercultural Resource Center (IRC) provides a forum for education and social exchange that encourages self-discovery, increased social awareness, and an appreciation of the cultural histories within and between communities on campus. Join us to learn more about this community of students of color and allies.

Chicago ($)
3:00–6:00 p.m.
Ambassador Theatre, 219 West 49th Street, New York, NY 10019
Chicago is an electrifying tale of greed, murder and show biz that’s been seen by over 20 million people worldwide. Come paint the town red with merry murderesses Roxie Hart, Velma Kelly, and their hotshot lawyer Billy Flynn with hit songs such as “All That Jazz” and “Razzle Dazzle” featuring sizzling dancing in the style of Bob Fosse. ($) Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Something Rotten! ($)
7:30–10:30 p.m.
St. James Theatre, 246 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10019
Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rockstar known as “The Bard.” When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theater involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world’s very first musical. ($) Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Columbia Family
We will be posting pictures daily on our Facebook and Twitter sites under the hashtag #ColumbiaFamily.

We hope you will share your photographs and memories as well! Find us online as “ColumbiaFamily”
Monday, August 31

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Center for Career Education Services and Resources for Columbia Undergraduates
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Pupin Hall, 3rd floor, Room 329
Learn how the Center for Career Education (CCE) partners with students beginning in their first year and throughout their time at Columbia to help them explore their interests and career options, prepare application materials, and for interviews, find and secure internship and job opportunities, and connect with alumni and employers to build networks in their fields of interest. Presented by Niamh O’Brien, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Career Development, Center for Career Education; and Courtney Como, Executive Director, Employer and Alumni Relations, Center for Career Education.

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Family Luncheon
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Hamilton Lawn
Meet your student and join fellow first-year Columbia families for lunch on the lawns.
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LGBTQ @ Columbia
1:00–1:45 p.m.
Pupin Hall, 4th Floor, Room 428
Join families of LGBTQ and ally students and LGBTQ-identified parents for a chance to connect, learn about LGBTQ @ Columbia resources, and get to know the Columbia and NYC LGBTQ community! Presented by Chris Woods, Assistant Director, LGBTQ Outreach.

Convocation
2:30–4:00 p.m.
Low Plaza (Tented)
We invite you to join President Bollinger, Dean Valentini and Dean Boyce, administrators, faculty, and student leaders at New Student Convocation. Since 2003, this ceremonial event has marked the beginning of each student’s undergraduate experience and the conclusion of Family Orientation. It brings together members from across the Columbia community for a celebration of the schools’ newest students. See pages 16 & 17 for biographies of Dean of Columbia College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education James J. Valentini, and Dean of Engineering & Morris A. and Alma Schapiro Professor, The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, Mary C. Boyce.

Family Farewell
4:00–4:15 p.m.
Various Locations
Wish your student “good luck” and “farewell for now,” then remind him/her that you’ll only be an email or phone call away. Afterward, students will meet with their orientation group and begin a full and exciting week of activities in the New Student Orientation Program (NSOP).

Family Reception
4:30–6:30 p.m.
Low Memorial Library, Rotunda
After you say goodbye to your student, please join us and fellow Columbia families for a farewell reception.
Presenters

Latif Brown
Financial Aid and Educational Financing
Your Student’s Financial Life

Courtney Como
Center for Career Education
Resources and Services for International Students
Center for Career Education Services and Resources for Columbia Undergraduates

Michelle Desikan
International Students and Scholars Office
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Matthew Patashnick is the Executive Director of Family Engagement at Columbia University and has been with the University since 2010.

Prior to joining the Columbia University community, Matthew held various positions within the administrations of New York University, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and The George Washington University. Matthew earned a B.A. in Human Services and Sociology from The George Washington University, and an M.Ed. in Education Policy, Research, and Administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Susan Jordan

Associate Director of Family Engagement
Columbia College & The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science

Susan (Sue) Jordan is the Associate Director of Family Engagement and came to the Columbia community in November 2014.

Before arriving at the University, Sue worked in alumni relations, parent programs, and reunions programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she was also an assistant field hockey coach. After a few years in pharmaceutical supply chain logistics, Sue returned to higher education to work with Columbia families. Sue has a B.A. in Russian Area Studies from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Family Engagement

We work with the parents and families of Columbia College and Columbia Engineering undergraduate students at all stages of their Columbia experience. Our office is always available to answer questions, offer guidance, and provide opportunities for families to get to know one another and get involved at Columbia.
James J. Valentini has served as dean of Columbia College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education since September 2011. Affectionately called “Deantini” by Columbia undergraduates, he has been a member of Columbia’s faculty since 1990 and previously served as chair of the Chemistry Department and director of the Chemistry Department’s Undergraduate Studies Program. He was also instrumental in creating the Science Research Fellows program. Before becoming Dean, Professor Valentini served on numerous College and University committees focused on curriculum matters, undergraduate affairs, alumni relations, and faculty governance, diversity and tenure.

As the chief academic and executive officer of Columbia College, Dean Valentini’s central focus is to support and develop the College so that students and faculty have the best possible experience. The Dean oversees the College curriculum, which includes the Core Curriculum, as well as the academic and administrative services and policies that contribute to the undergraduate experience inside and outside of the classroom. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Arts and Sciences, together with the Dean of the Graduate School and the Dean of the Faculty. The Executive Committee has major decision-making authority for the Arts and Sciences and its constituent schools.

Dean Valentini earned his B.S. in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh, his M.S. in chemistry from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and completed postdoctoral work at Harvard University. He was a member of the research staff at Los Alamos National Laboratory and a professor of chemistry at the University of California, Irvine, before coming to Columbia. He has taught many undergraduate and graduate chemistry lecture courses and developed and taught research seminars for first-year students and seniors. He is known around campus for hosting frequent office hours and “Dine with Deantini” lunches, and handing out candy canes in Butler Library during finals weeks.
Dean Mary C. Boyce leads the education and research mission of Columbia Engineering and is committed to facilitating and celebrating the creativity and innovation of students and faculty. She is a strong advocate for enabling interdisciplinary research collaborations across the School and the University, including extensively transforming research spaces and expanding the faculty in cross-cutting fields as wide ranging as Data Science, Nano Science, Sensing and Imaging, Sustainability, and Engineering in Medicine. She has launched a Columbia MakerSpace, created Ignition Grants to support student physical and digital ventures, sponsored Columbia Design Challenge: Confronting the Ebola Crisis, and established the SEAS Senior Design Expo. She also has inaugurated SEAS participation in the Columbia Startup Lab, and expanded entrepreneurship programming and the Columbia Venture Competition in close partnership with the University’s Columbia Entrepreneurship Initiative.

Her research focuses on materials and mechanics, particularly in the areas on multi-scale and nonlinear mechanics of polymers and soft composites, both those that are man-made and those formed naturally. Her leadership in the field of mechanics of materials has expanded understanding of the interplay between micro-geometry and the inherent physical behavior of a material, which has led to innovative hybrid material designs with novel properties. Her research has been documented in over 170 archival journal articles spanning materials, mechanics, and physics. She has mentored over 40 M.S. thesis students and over 25 Ph.D. students. She has been widely recognized for her scholarly contributions to the field, including election as a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the National Academy of Engineering.

Prior to joining Columbia, Dean Boyce served on the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for over 25 years, leading the Mechanical Engineering Department from 2008 to 2013. Dean Boyce is also a dedicated engineering educator and has been honored for her teaching at MIT, where she was named a MacVicar Faculty Fellow and received the Joseph Henry Keenan Innovation in Undergraduate Education Award. She earned her B.S. degree in engineering science and mechanics from Virginia Tech, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering from MIT.
How to Send Mail to Your Student

About Mailboxes
Each incoming student receives a mailbox number from Student & Administrative Services during the summer before their first academic term. Students may begin receiving mail up to 14 days before they arrive on campus. Mailboxes are located on the ramps of Alfred Lerner Hall.

Addresses
The following format should be used for student mail:

[Student’s Full Name]
[Student’s 4-digit Mailbox Number] Lerner Hall
2920 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

All student mail should be sent to this address. Mail should never be sent to a student’s residence hall address.

Sending Packages
Packages may be sent to a student’s Lerner mailbox. Student Mail Services holds packages for 14 days and sends regular email notifications to students during this time. For more information on packages, please see the Return Package Policy on the mail services website at mailservices.columbia.edu.

Get Involved
Are you looking for ways to get involved with the Columbia community? Family Engagement invites you to join us at one of our upcoming events as a volunteer. Contact Family Engagement via email for more information: ugrad-family@columbia.edu.
Mobile Applications

**Central Park**
The official mobile guide to one of New York’s most popular green spaces, this app from the Central Park Conservancy provides users with a wealth of information about the many attractions and activities in Central Park.

**HopStop**
Even seasoned New Yorkers get mixed up! Luckily, most public transportation hurdles can be prevented by using HopStop, an app that respects the value of your time and gives accurate, detailed directions to anywhere in the city. It’s truly as simple as that.

**MoMA**
A modern way to consume modern art. Search the museum’s collection, check out current and upcoming exhibits, and take guided tours.

**NYC Way**
Delivering more than 60 apps for street vendors, nightlife, tourist attractions, subway stations, the garbage collection schedule, and everything in between. It’s hard to believe that this is also free!

**The Scoop**
The Scoop is a guide to New York City from the staff of The New York Times. Here’s how it works: NYT gives you lists of our favorite restaurants, bars, coffee shops, stores, and events. You go out and have fun.

**Time Out NY**
This app provides updated events listings, as well as reviews of arts, music, nightlife, restaurants, and bars. Listings can be sorted by “Critic’s Picks” and “Free and Cheap.”

**Urbanspoon**
This app is here to help you make an educated decision about where to eat among the infinite culinary options in the city, and it even locates the closest restaurants to you, filtering them by price and cuisine.

**Yelp**
Yelp is a website and mobile app that connects people with great local businesses. Users can search for nearby restaurants, bars, businesses, and stores to see photos, business information, and, as you’d expect, plenty of user reviews.
Dining Options—Morningside Heights

From pizza to burgers, falafel to sushi, and burritos to salad, the dining options are nearly endless at Columbia. Feel free to ask us for our personal recommendations, or just head to one of these delicious spots in our neighborhood, Morningside Heights.

**Amigos**
2888 Broadway
Between 112th and 113th
Mexican Cuisine

**Bernheim and Schwartz**
2911 Broadway
Between 113th and 114th
Beer Hall and Restaurant

**Bistro Ten 18**
1018 Amsterdam Avenue at 110th
Fresh, Local American Bistro

**Community Food & Juice**
2893 Broadway
Between 112th and 113th
New American Cuisine, Health Food, Juice Bar

**Deluxe**
2896 Broadway
Between 112th and 113th
Traditional American Diner Cuisine

**Dig Inn Seasonal Market**
2884 Broadway
Between 112th and 113th
Locally Sourced, Farm-to-Counter Food

**Dinosaur BBQ**
700 W 125th Street at Riverside Drive
Traditional Barbecue Menu

**Five Guys**
2847 Broadway
Between 110th and 111th
Burgers and Fries

**The Heights Bar & Grill**
2867 Broadway
Between 111th and 112th
Southwestern Bar Food with a Rooftop

**Kitchenette**
1272 Amsterdam Avenue at 122nd
Traditional Diner Food, Great Omelets

**Koronet Pizza**
2848 Broadway
Between 110th and 111th
Biggest Slice of Pizza Around

**Le Monde**
2885 Broadway
Between 112th and 113th
Traditional French Bistro

**Mel's Burger Bar**
2850 Broadway
Between 110th and 111th
Burgers, Fries, and Shakes

**Milano Market**
2892 Broadway
Between 112th and 113th
Italian Deli

**Nussbaum & Wu**
2897 Broadway at 113th
Sandwiches, Soups, and Salads

**Strokos Pizza**
1090 Amsterdam Avenue at 114th
Pizza and Deli Sandwiches

**Tom's Restaurant**
2880 Broadway at 112th
Diner known as “That Seinfeld Restaurant”
And the Survey Says ... 

Columbia staff members were asked to weigh in on their favorite New York City experiences, restaurants, and places to visit!

**Good Eats**

New York City is the food capital of the world, known for its variety of ethnic cuisines, great restaurants, and the ability to find any kind of food at any hour of the day.

- Try a cannoli at **Rocco's Pastry Shop** in the West Village (243 Bleecker Street).
- Experience dim sum in **Chinatown**.
- For one of the best burgers in town, visit **Shake Shack** (Madison Sq., Upper East, Upper West, Battery Park, Theater District, and Brooklyn).
- Check out **Katz’s Deli** for a classic New York eatery (205 East Houston Street).
- Try **Eataly**! It is the largest artisanal Italian food and wine marketplace in the world (200 5th Avenue).
- One of the reasons why New York is a foodie’s mecca: **Chelsea Market** (75 9th Avenue).
- In the mood for some comfort food? Check out **Red Rooster** (310 Malcolm X Boulevard).
- Grab a slice of pizza at the original **Patsy’s Pizza** (1st Avenue and 118th).

**Things to Do and Places to See**

If you have a few free hours, here’s a list of our must-see places around Manhattan.

- Take a stroll in **Central Park**, **Riverside Park**, or across the **Brooklyn Bridge**.
- Ride a bike along the **Hudson River** (rentals are available).
- Walk along the **High Line Park**, built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan’s West Side.
- Play a game of mini-golf at **Pier 25** along the West Side Highway.
- Visit the **American Museum of Natural History** in the Upper West Side.
- Soak in some jazz at **Lincoln Center**.
- Take a ride on the **Staten Island Ferry**, **East River Ferry**, or **Circle Line**.
- See the sights at **South Street Seaport**.
- The **Cloisters Museum and Gardens** are easily accessible by subway, bus, or car.
- Check out the **Brooklyn Flea** and **Smorgasburg**!!
The Subway

Subway fare is $2.75, payable with a MetroCard, with the exception of SingleRide tickets, which cost $3.00 and are sold exclusively at MTA vending machines. The MTA charges a $1.00 “new card fee” for each new MetroCard purchased. Avoid this fee by keeping and refilling your current MetroCard.

People 65 years or older and people with qualifying disabilities who show a proper form of identification (including Reduced-Fare MetroCard or a Medicare card) are eligible for a reduced fare.

The New York City subway has 468 stations serving 24 subway lines—more than any other system in the world. Routes are identified by letters, such as A B C, or numbers, such as 1 2 3, etc. These routes serve Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens. The Staten Island Railway (SIR) serves Staten Island.

The front and side of every train displays the route number or letter. In many instances, more than one train route stops at particular stations, so you’ll want to be sure to read the route number before you get on. Keep in mind that a local train makes every stop while an express train skips some stops.

Traveling on Weekends: Using the Weekender

Maintenance and repairs are typically done late at night and during weekends, when fewer people are using the subway. The Weekender is your guide to understanding these planned service changes. You’ll be able to check by line or by station and zoom in on the diagram provided online or through the Weekender app. If a station is blinking, simply click to get details and travel alternatives for reaching your desired station. You can find the free Weekender app in the Google Playstore and the Apple App Store.

If you do not have a device to download the app, find information on service changes at each station, either posted or by speaking with a station agent in the booth. (Although the subway operates 24 hours a day, not all station entrances are accessible at all times or have full-time agents.)

Across-the-platform transfers and connections

Many subway stations let you cross the platform to change from one route to another. However, at times, trains leave before customers can make the connection. This usually happens during rush (peak) hours when the subway is busiest and trains run more frequently. If a train doesn’t proceed, it can affect the schedule, backing up trains behind it and slowing service all along the line.
New York City Subway Map
Join us for Family Weekend:
October 16–18, 2015

Family Weekend is a special opportunity for families to visit campus after the start of the fall semester and experience, if only for a weekend, what it means to be a Columbia student.

Hundreds of Columbia families attend from around the globe to enjoy a variety of events and programs, including faculty lectures, campus and neighborhood tours, panels, presentations, and receptions.