Hail, Colby Hail!

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Hail Colby Hail! Thy people from far and near
Stand at thy call, Our alma mater dear.

Hail Colby Hail! Thy sheltered paths recall our steps,
To gather at thy shrine Thy memory reclaims our hearts,
Till all our thoughts are thine.

Hail Colby Hail! Hail Colby Hail! To thee we lift our hearts and homage pay
Our alma mater dear the Blue and Gray.
Established in 2013, the Blue Key Award is presented annually during Reunion Weekend and recognizes up to four young alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years. This award is presented to young alumni who have distinguished themselves by providing consistent and dedicated service to Colby.

Emily Cook ’11
Emily Cook hit the ground running as a young alumna, taking skills honed working on the Senior Pledge Committee and applying them in the role of co-chair of her class’s Gift Committee. She attended planning sessions and events with the Colby Club of Washington, D.C., and took the lead organizing an event there for Professor Cal Mackenzie in 2014. In 2016 she engaged in a friendly competition for the Giving Day Prize with her parents, Jim ’78 and Susan Conant Cook ’75. Since returning to Maine, Emily has attended Student Alumni Association and Career Center events on campus to help current students. Just five years out, Cook is poised to continue the legacy of leadership with her energetic and earnest commitment to her alma mater. It is our pleasure to present Emily Cook with a 2016 Blue Key Award.

Richard Schwartz ’11
In the crowded field of Boston alumni, Richard Schwartz stepped quietly but firmly into the role of co-president of the Colby Club of Boston in 2011 and helped bring thoughtful and varied programming to the city’s alumni base. He served as both panelist and host for alumni panels, organized the Welcome to the City event three years in a row, and hosted numerous Boston events, from the Colby-Bowdoin ice hockey game webcast to holiday parties to planning sessions. Schwartz’s involvement with Colby now includes a seat on the Alumni Council and its Student Engagement Committee. An asset to his adopted city and to the larger alumni body, Richard Schwartz has earned Colby’s gratitude and a 2016 Blue Key Award.

Jen Coliflores ’06
Jen Coliflores’s engagement as a young alumna began in the Student Alumni Association and continued immediately after commencement when she assumed the role of class correspondent and class co-president. As correspondent she has kept her classmates informed and networked through Colby Magazine for 10 years, and as co-president she kept her class connected in person at events and reunions. She participated in a Career Networking Leadership Weekend, volunteered for Alumni Relations, and attended countless events in Providence and Boston. For her deep connection to her class and her ardent support of Colby, we are pleased to honor Jen Coliflores with a 2016 Blue Key Award.

Amy Cronin Davis ’06
As a Colby Fund volunteer, Amy Cronin Davis has embraced the challenging but important role of fundraising in positions of increasing responsibility. Starting as a Gift Committee member in 2010, she played a key role in the 2012 and 2013 March Mania events and then became Gift Committee chair in 2013 leading up to her 10th reunion. A frequent and friendly face at events in New York City and in Boston, Davis has participated in Colby Fund trainings and was a panelist on a young alumni panel in 2013. Colby is proud to have Amy Cronin Davis—whose father, Paul Cronin ’67, and brother Brian Cronin ’96 are also Colby graduates—among its family as it honors her a 2016 Blue Key Award.
Colby Brick Awards

Colby Brick Awards are presented annually at Reunion Weekend to up to five recipients who are members of the Colby family (not necessarily alumni) who have demonstrated outstanding loyalty to the College through consistent and dedicated service.

Jay Allen '86, P'15
Jay Allen, a distinguished student (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Dana Scholar), has stood out as an alumnus as a member of Reunion Planning and Colby Fund committees and the Parents Executive Committee, a host of numerous Colby events, and, since 2013, a Colby Overseer. He and his wife, Laurie Haley Allen '87, have generously supported financial aid, the Goldfarb Center, the Sandy Maisel Student Research and Internship Fund, the Diamond Building, and, most recently, the Center for Postgraduate Success. Allen’s leadership launched the successful Paving the Road to a Future in Finance career day. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is a member of the Class of 2015. For all his service and contributions to Colby, the Alumni Association is pleased to honor Jay Allen with a 2016 Colby Brick Award.

Paul O. Boghossian '76, P'12
Nobody gets a Colby Brick award just for showing up. But Paul Boghossian stands out as a dedicated alumnus who shows up time and again, year in and out, always with a grin and a can-do attitude, always ready to roll up his sleeves and help the College. He has served loyally—on the Colby Fund Committee, Reunion Planning Committees, as a reunion speaker, and as an admissions and a career services volunteer. As the mastermind behind the Hathaway Creative Center in Waterville, he laid a foundation almost a decade ago for more recent downtown development. He showed up to drop off his son Christopher, Class of 2012, and he continues to show up and contribute in all kinds of ways. For all that Paul Boghossian has done for Colby, the Alumni Association is pleased to present a 2016 Colby Brick Award.

Claudia Caruso Rouhana '71, P'01, '04
Claudia Caruso Rouhana has contributed to Colby in many capacities. As a Colby Overseer she made recommendations for the departments of classics and music and the programs in American studies and women's, gender, and sexuality studies. She established two library acquisition funds at Colby as well as the Eda Donati and Frank J. Caruso Scholarship Fund. She has served on advisory committees for campaigns, as a Colby Fund volunteer, and as a Colby representative for an inauguration at Cooper Union. Perhaps most importantly she contributed her own family to Colby, sending son Timothy in the Class of '01 and daughter Rosemary in the Class of '04. For all her service and contributions to Colby, the Alumni Association is pleased to honor Claudia Caruso Rouhana with a 2016 Colby Brick Award.

L. Gary Knight '66
For decades Gary Knight has engaged in alumni affairs and programs. He has served in numerous fundraising roles for the Colby Fund for the Class of '66 for more than 25 years and as 50th Reunion Gift Chair since 2013. As a Maine State Representative he served on a Goldfarb Center panel in 2014. He and his wife established the L. Gary '66 and Lynn Longfellow Knight '65 Scholarship Fund and have contributed to Colby in many other ways. A supporter of Colby athletics, Knight has umpired Colby softball games and provided the naming gift for a bullpen at the new turf softball field. Perhaps most important, he provides a personal touch with classmates that helps keep them engaged with the College and one another. For the consideration Gary Knight brings to alumni relationships, the Alumni Association is pleased to present a 2016 Colby Brick Award.

Jane Perry Lindquist '51
A longtime member of the Alumni Council, a leader of her class, and a frequent participant in Colby reunions and Family Homecoming Weekends, Jane Perry Lindquist has been a loyal and engaged alumna. She was vice president of her class and served on Reunion Planning Committees. She established the Jane Perry Lindquist '51 Scholarship Fund in 2001, the year of her 50th reunion, and she has served as an admissions volunteer interviewer since 1992. She participated in philanthropy events around campaigns, served for 13 years as a Colby Fund volunteer, and also as a donor thank-you agent. On the occasion of her 65th Colby reunion, the Alumni Association is pleased to present Jane Lindquist a 2016 Colby Brick Award.

Charles W. Bassett Faculty Award

First presented in June 1997, the Charles W. Bassett Faculty Award recognizes a faculty member whose service to alumni programs, through active participation in regional and on-campus events, is extraordinary.

Julian D. Taylor Associate Professor of Classics Kerill O’Neill
Kerill O’Neill is a scholar of the classics, teacher par excellence, champion of the arts and humanities, and a feared water polo adversary. To all of these roles he has added alumni engagement as a willing faculty lecturer at events on and off campus. His extraordinary commitment to Colby and his boundless energy benefit the College in myriad ways, not least as he’s built the Center for the Arts and Humanities and embraced many opportunities, including alumni forums, to proselytize for it. O’Neill’s former students, teammates, and other alumni whom he has reached value his dedication and service. With a nod of appreciation to Professor Valérie Dionne, his wife, for sharing so much of his time with us, Colby’s Alumni Association expresses its gratitude to Kerill O’Neill with the 2016 Charles W. Bassett Faculty Award.

Distinguished Alumnus/a Award

The Distinguished Alumnus/a Award is presented periodically, preferably annually, at Reunion Weekend to an alumnus/a who has achieved unusual distinction in his or her profession or avocation.

Richard L. Abedon ’56
After earning a law degree at Boston College, Richard Abedon had a distinguished career in law and the insurance industry and is known for his volunteer efforts. For many years he has served nonprofit organizations in Rhode Island and Florida, and his pro bono legal work has greatly benefitted the people of the Bell Glades area of Palm Beach County, an impoverished region that grows sugar cane. He has won awards for professional achievements and for his community service, among them being named a “local hero” by Bank of America and the Emeritus Award of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. Throughout, he never forgot his alma mater, serving as a trustee, an overseer, class vice president, and a fundraising volunteer. For his record of generosity to his many communities, including Colby, the Alumni Association is proud to present Richard Abedon with its 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award.
Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award
The Ernest C. Marriner Award is presented periodically, but not necessarily annually, during Reunion Weekend and recognizes a member of the Colby family (not necessarily an alumnus/a) for exceptional commitment to Colby, demonstrated by lifelong dedication to the support of the College and its goals. The recipient should clearly stand out from others in his or her devoted service to the College.

Hope Palmer Bramhall ’56, P’81, ’92, GP’13, ’16
The Marriner Award is not given annually; it is presented only when someone has shown exceptional commitment and devoted service to Colby. Hope Palmer Bramhall fulfills those rigorous criteria. Mother of two Colby alums and grandmother of two more, she served as vice chair and then chair of the Alumni Council, as her class representative and vice president, and in countless other roles. Ten years ago she was presented the Colby Brick Award for loyalty and dedicated service, but rather than rest on those laurels she increased her engagement, planning and participating in activities and events including co-chairing her 60th reunion efforts, the Career Networking Leadership Weekend, reunions, Family Homecoming Weekends, Colby Club of Southern Maine functions, and philanthropy initiatives. The Alumni Association is pleased to recognize Hope Palmer Bramhall for her long and extraordinary dedication to Colby by presenting her the 2016 Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award.

Outstanding Educator Award
First presented in 1988, the Outstanding Educator award is presented periodically, but not necessarily annually, to an alumnus/a who has demonstrated exceptional distinction in the classroom. The recipient should be recognized by peers and students as an outstanding teacher or professor who has shown those qualities that most encourage students to learn and that inspire them to continue learning.

Leslie Breton ’81
A career mathematics teacher, Leslie Breton has taught and coached in Maine, New York, and Massachusetts since graduating from Colby, and she has earned praise from students and institutions for her passion for education—in the classroom, on the field, and as a dorm parent and advisor to students. A four-year softball player at Colby and a member of the Colby Volunteer Center, she has remained engaged with the College as a Career Center volunteer and a longtime sponsor of Jan Plan internships. Her education career began right out of college at Hebron Academy, and she has taught at Lawrence Academy since 1997. She was recognized with the 2015 Margaret Clark Faculty Excellence Award from Storm King School, where she taught from 1987 to 1997. The Alumni Association is pleased to recognize Leslie Breton with the Outstanding Educator Award for inspiring generations of students through her exceptional teaching, coaching, and mentoring.

Overall Reunion Gift Presentation
Lisa Kehler Bubar ’73 Chair, Colby Fund Committee

Largest Colby Fund Gift
Awarded to the reunion class with the largest total Colby Fund gift.

Largest Gift Increase
Awarded to the reunion class with the greatest increase in total revenue over the previous year.

Most-Improved Participation
Awarded to the reunion class with the greatest increase in participation over the previous year.

The Michael L. Franklin ’63 Reunion Participation Award
Created in 1994 in honor of Mike Franklin ’63, this award recognizes the reunion class with the highest Colby Fund participation rate.