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GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scored well on the SAT or ACT? Then congratulations, you've just won a big scholarship. Guaranteed. Founders, Presidential, or Trustees—these Columbia College scholarships are not limited in number. It's that simple. See the chart below to see if you qualify for a guaranteed Columbia College scholarship.

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	SAT/ACT
Founders	Full Tuition	1300+ SAT <i>(critical reading & math)</i> 29 ACT
Presidential	\$10,000/year <i>(resident)</i> \$9,000/year <i>(commuter)</i>	1180-1290 SAT <i>(critical reading & math)</i> 26-28 ACT
Trustee	\$8,000 /year <i>(resident)</i> \$7,000 /year <i>(commuter)</i>	1020-1170 SAT <i>(critical reading & math)</i> 22-25 ACT



“COLUMBIA COLLEGE IS SO GENEROUS WITH THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS. WHEN I GOT BACK MY SAT SCORES, I DID A LITTLE DANCE FOR JOY.”

— Grace Wells
Child and Family Studies/Social Work Major

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Our student-faculty ratio is among the best in the country. It's just 12:1, and, in the Honors Program, the ratio is 4:1.

“I FEEL LIKE MY IDEAS MATTER AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO STOP AND LISTEN.”

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE IS WHERE YOUNG WOMEN BECOME LEADERS. YOU WILL MASTER A TIMELESS LIBERAL ARTS TRADITION OF CRITICAL THINKING, PROBLEM SOLVING, AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS. AND, THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP ARE INFUSED ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES. IN THE PROCESS, YOU WILL GAIN CONFIDENCE, A SOLID ETHICAL FOUNDATION, AND PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A CAREER OF HEIGHTENED RESPONSIBILITY.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is not just a word at Columbia College. It's a fundamental value and a pervasive force throughout the College. Walk on the campus, and you'll sense it: women challenging women to succeed. Enter a classroom and you'll see it: professors motivating students to take up a cause and do something about it. On this campus, leadership is the driving force: we live it, breathe it, and weave it into every class, forum, and organization. It's why the Kellogg Foundation and the Women's College Coalition both recognize Columbia College as being at the forefront in the development of women leaders.

THERE'S A LEADER INSIDE YOU JUST WAITING TO COME OUT

You don't have to be the senior class president to be a leader, or the captain of the basketball team, or even a naturally outgoing person. Leadership is not about being the most popular girl on campus. Everyone has leadership potential, but to be a good leader you have to work at it. You have to take that first step. At Columbia College you can start small—run for treasurer of an academic club—and work your way up to positions of greater prestige and responsibility. Ultimately, we believe that leadership is built from within and that it can be applied to any occupation or activity.

To hone your skills, we offer regular opportunities inside and outside of the classroom for leadership training. Columbia College offers workshops, seminars, forums, major speaker series, summer leadership classes, and leadership lunches—every day Columbia College women take a step closer to becoming future leaders. To further infuse leadership throughout the curriculum, your professors design assignments that connect academic material to leadership examples. For students who want to explore these issues even further, Columbia College offers a minor in Leadership Studies.

MAJORS

- Accounting
- Behavioral Science
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Child and Family Studies
- Communication
- Computer Information Systems
- Dance
- Dance Education
- Dance Performance and Choreography
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- English
- French
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Music Education
- Performance Education
- Piano Pedagogy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Affairs
- Religion
- Social Studies
- Social Work
- Spanish
- Special Education
- Speech Language Pathology
- Studio Art



EVERYDAY YOU WILL SEE WOMEN IN STRONG ROLES: LEADING CLUBS, RUNNING STUDENT GOVERNMENT, AND TAKING A STAND IN THE CLASSROOM.



Zarah Setro | Communication Major



“Columbia College has made me realize that I’m a unique person. I’ve got my own style. And I’ve got a lot to say.”

“I want to make it big in television broadcasting. My goal is to host my own morning show. Years from now, I want people to say Zarah went out there and made something of herself. She was big. She reached out for the stars and grabbed as many as possible.”

ZARAH SETRO REALIZES THE ENORMITY OF HER

GOAL: TO BE THE NEXT KATIE COURIC.

It’s an aspiration she credits to her Columbia College education. “Without Columbia College, I don’t think my dreams would be this big. I know it’s a lofty ambition, but eventually, I’ll get there.” Spunky, athletic, and full of raw energy, Zarah is singularly focused on learning the broadcasting business. In her Advanced Media Production class, she and her classmates created a music video, a Pepto-Bismol commercial, a Columbia College version of “The Apprentice,” and an old time radio broadcast. But her favorite project was a talk show in which, naturally, she was the host. “I love this major,” she says. “I’m constantly looking to master the minute details—how to balance the microphone, how to best project your voice and set up the lighting.” Over the past two years, Zarah has noticed real change in her professionalism. “I’m more motivated, more responsible, more dedicated, and more independent. I’ve learned so much that will give me an edge in the real world of television.” So keep your eye out for the “The Zarah Show.” It’s coming soon to a TV near you.

Academics



LEADERSHIP IS NOT JUST A WORD AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE. IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL VALUE AND A PERVASIVE FORCE THROUGHOUT THE COLLEGE.

A CARING FACULTY

At Columbia College, it's always you first. And nowhere is that more true than with your relationships with your professors. Ask any CC woman what they value most about their Columbia College education, and they'll tell you about a professor—or professors—who inspired them, challenged them, helped them during difficult times, and took them under their wing. Columbia College professors do more than teach; they nurture you. It's beyond a first name basis; it's a one-on-one relationship. In your four years here, you will undoubtedly call one professor a mentor, if not several.

It's hard to articulate the close bond between student and professor here. It's about teachers genuinely caring about the welfare and success of their students. It's heartfelt, it's genuine, and it's everywhere at CC. And it's why Columbia College women love being Columbia College women.

"I was hesitant about coming to an all-girls school. But I was also aware of its advantages. Ultimately, I asked myself, 'Do I really want to base my college decision on whether or not there are going to be boys?'" —Lauren Bach

THE 4CS OF CC LEADERSHIP

At Columbia College we are on a mission: to transform young women into leaders. Across our curriculum, we are adding leadership training to every major. To graduate a Columbia College woman, you will be asked to examine your leadership potential and to envision yourself as an empowered, confident woman. Columbia College offers a distinctive approach to leadership development that recognizes four sequential and interrelated training steps. We refer to this process as the 4 Cs of leadership: Courage. Commitment. Confidence. Competence.

IN YOUR FOUR YEARS HERE, YOU WILL MASTER THE FOLLOWING:

- **Courage** (First-year)
Coursework includes: Orientation, general education requirements, "Stepping up to Leadership," and LA 101 (written and oral communication).
- **Commitment** (Sophomore year)
Coursework includes: Social Justice Learning Communities, Leadership Institute programming, and LA 102.
- **Confidence** (Junior year)
Coursework includes: Study abroad, Washington Semester, internships service learning, and Student Leadership Forum.
- **Competence** (Senior year)
Coursework includes: Departmental capstone experience and senior symposia.



OUR 12:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO EQUALS MORE ONE-ON-ONE LEARNING

Unlike larger universities, you will never be taught by a TA or lectured to by a graduate assistant here. And because we're not a research university, your learning is never second to your professor's research. With our enviable 12:1 student to faculty ratio, the individual attention you will receive here will be to your advantage in many ways: your professors will know your learning style, know your interests and your future aspirations. Their office doors are always open to talk about class—or life. Under their tutelage, you'll discover that you're an excellent writer, a natural speaker, a scientist, or even a savvy businesswoman.

FIND YOUR VOICE IN OUR SMALL CLASSROOMS

At Columbia College, we believe that small lively classes bring out the real you. With just 10-15 women in a class (and no guys), you will feel free to speak out. Even the shyest of the shy will find themselves raising their hands (and expressing thoughts that have for years been bottled up in a class setting). In this small nurturing setting, no one will dismiss what you have to say. Not in our classrooms. The difference is profound: you will never feel inhibited; rather, your confidence will soar. You'll find your voice. And your voice will be heard.

YOUR PROFESSORS WILL KNOW YOUR LEARNING STYLE, KNOW YOUR INTERESTS AND YOUR FUTURE ASPIRATIONS. THEIR OFFICE DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO TALK ABOUT CLASS—OR LIFE.





Lauren Bach | English/Communication Major

THE FIRST THING LAUREN BACH NOTICED ABOUT COLUMBIA COLLEGE—BESIDES THE GORGEOUS CAMPUS—WAS JUST HOW CONFIDENT THE STUDENTS WERE. “Visiting the campus, I discovered this amazing community where women could be who and what they wanted to be,” she recalls. “They didn’t worry about their gender getting in the way of their intelligence. For me, that was so liberating.” As a first-year student, Lauren quickly found her place. She tried out for the volleyball team and the college choir—and made the cut for both. Next, she was nominated to the Honors College Executive Board. Before she even had time to realize it, she had become one of the motivated, confident women she had admired from her high school visit. “I don’t know what it is about this College, but there’s this mysterious force here that encourages leadership,” she says. “We all have this drive to do something big with our lives.”

“Columbia College teaches you to be fearless. You can become anything you want here. My goal is both idealistic and ambitious: to be a journalist who travels the world in search of good stories.”



“I find the small, single-gender environment absolutely empowering.”

Academics



“CC has given me the confidence to take my career a step further—to be bold enough to open my own private practice. That’s my 10-year goal.”



COLUMBIA COLLEGE ABROAD

France, Spain, Ireland, the Czech Republic—every year Columbia College women take their studies to some of Europe’s most prestigious universities. It takes a little daring to leave the Columbia College community (not to mention the country), but part of being a leader is leaving your comfort zone, striking out on an adventure and developing one’s independence. To many, their time abroad proves to be one of their most memorable and inspiring experiences. They glean a new appreciation for other cultures, gain a mastery of a foreign language and enjoy some of Europe’s richest art, architecture, music, theater, and cuisine. And they have a blast doing it!

Your study abroad options are many. You may choose to study a year, a semester, a summer, or during spring break. However long or far away you choose to go, you will come back with a new, more sophisticated global perspective.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- The University of Angers, France
- The University of Salamanca, Spain
- Queens University, Ulster, Northern Ireland
- University of Ulster, Northern Ireland
- Anglo-American College, (Prague) Czech Republic
- Students may also participate in self-sponsored tours and receive planning and logistical assistance from the Global Studies Office.

Allison Davis | Alumna
Speech Pathologist, Presbyterian Hospital (Charlotte, NC)

ALLISON DAVIS KNEW SHE WAS PREPARED FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL. But she was totally unprepared for what she found in her classes. “My first reaction was, ‘this is supposed to be grad school?’” she recalls. “I knew most of the information already. Honestly, I felt a little bored at first.” In her master’s program, most of the female students were Columbia College graduates. “We immediately realized how far ahead we were of our peers.” Of the 16 students who began her master’s program, only ten finished. Needless to say, all the Columbia College graduates made the final cut. Today, Allison works at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, NC. Her ultimate goal: to open up her own private SLP practice.

HONORS PROGRAM

“Not More, But Better”—this is the motto, designed by the students themselves, of the Columbia College Honors Program. The statement captures the fundamental philosophy of honors education: not simply to add more work or load up on additional content knowledge, but rather to offer students new creative and challenging approaches to learning and personal development. Honors students join an even smaller community of learners. With a student to faculty ratio of 4:1, Honors classes tend to be highly discussion-based. You will be expected to bring your ideas—and to air them—to each class. As much social as academic, the program provides a gathering place for stimulating discussion, advanced learning, and intellectual exchange.

A TOP TIER COLLEGE

How does Columbia College compare against other schools? Take a look at our rankings. Columbia College has been ranked for the past 11 consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top comprehensive undergraduate colleges in the South in its annual “America’s Best Colleges” edition.

Columbia College also is one of only 350 U.S. colleges and universities listed in *The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development*, published by the John F. Templeton Foundation.



COLUMBIA COLLEGE WAS RECOGNIZED AS AN “EXEMPLARY” INSTITUTION IN THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, WHICH MEASURES STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN A NUMBER OF CRITICAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE POSITIVELY RELATED TO LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.





Columbia College women feel a great sense of belonging. They are proud to be part of such a motivated, diverse, and spiritual community.

“PEOPLE ALWAYS ASKED ME IF WE HAVE SORORITIES. I’D SAY, ‘NO, WE DON’T NEED THEM. COLUMBIA COLLEGE ALREADY HAS THIS AMAZING SISTERHOOD.’”

—Ashley Wiseman
Alumna

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AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE, WOMEN THROW THEMSELVES HEAD FIRST INTO ACTIVE SOCIAL LIVES. THEY JOIN CLUBS. THEY PLAY SPORTS. THEY SING IN THE CHOIR. THEY DO YOGA, PUT OUT A NEWSPAPER, ATTEND MUSIC RECITALS, GO OUT ON DATES WITH USC AND CITADEL GUYS, PLAN DANCES, AND GOOF OFF IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS.

In fact, so much goes on here on any given night, you will find yourself in the enviable predicament of choosing among a pizza night in your residence hall, a trip to the mall with friends, or catching a local band jam in Five Points. If you think there’s no such thing as a social life at an all-women’s college, then we dare you to spend a day in the Columbia College whirlwind.

50 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS—ALL LED BY WOMEN

Columbia College women take their extracurricular activities as seriously as they take their school work. Here, it’s not about who your boyfriend is, but what clubs you run. With some 50-plus clubs and organizations on campus, leadership opportunities abound. Because we’re such a small school, you can actually run for an elected position—and win. And needless to say, the editor of the school newspaper is a woman. The student body president, vice president, secretary, and treasurers—all women. The heads of the College Republicans and Young Democrats—both women. You get the point: at Columbia College, women rule the show.

THE SECRETS OF THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE COMMUNITY

You may never feel such an intense sense of belonging like you will at Columbia College. Maybe because our women prefer collaboration over competition, or maybe because there are no guys here, but the CC community is a great support network. On this campus where everyone knows everyone, dance recitals, student government events, and talent shows draw big crowds. Columbia College women support each other. One of the most eagerly awaited activities is Follies, where Columbia College women perform skits to a packed house. Diversity Days foster unity across ethnic and racial lines. And the annual “Ludy Bowl” teams freshmen and seniors against sophomores and juniors for a fun battle of the classes on homecoming weekend. All year round, students turn out en masse for fun events like karaoke, bingo, and Mary Kay facial nights. In the end, our women take great pride in being here. And so will you.

“IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WAS SHY, MOSTLY DID ACADEMIC THINGS, AND HAD ONLY ONE REAL CLOSE FRIEND. BUT WHEN I CAME TO CC, I STARTED HANGING AROUND WITH EVERYBODY. NOW, I HAVE MORE THAN A BEST FRIEND; I HAVE MANY FRIENDS.”

—Sheena Boles





Sheena Boles | Elementary Education Major

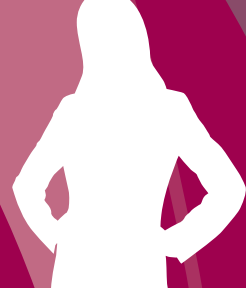
SHEENA BOLE'S HOMETOWN, YEMASSEE, SC HAS JUST 500 PEOPLE. "Growing up, I didn't see many female leaders," she says. "So, it was important for me to see women at Columbia College taking leadership roles," Inspired, she took the first small step of her own, applying to become a CC tour guide, a C'ster. "I didn't think I'd make it, but when I did, it was like 'OK, that's my start. I can be a leader too.'" Next, Sheena found encouragement from her CC mentor, Jennifer Gramble, the RA coordinator and a strong African-American leader on campus. "She saw my potential before I ever did." Sheena applied to become a resident assistant—and won, beating out fifty other applicants. "When they selected me," she says, "that was my most exciting day at CC. I've just come out of my shell since I came here." Ultimately, the real test of her newfound confidence comes from Sheena's father. "My dad's not one to let me know that he brags about me at work—but I know he does. Every time I come home he notices the difference. Just the smile that I see on his face—that's how I know he's proud of me."



"When you come to Columbia College, you're all ready a leader. It's what we strive for here."

"I never realized how much potential I had until I came to Columbia College. Women strive to be leaders here. It's almost contagious. I've raised my small town expectations considerably. Before, I just wanted to be a teacher. Now I want to be the principal."

Student Life



THE NO GUY THING

For an all women's college, there sure are a lot of guys around campus. Guys are free to visit, have dinner, attend dances, and even participate in some extracurricular activities. In fact, men actually attend classes in the Evening College. And there is just as much dating and going out with guys as on any other college campus. "It's not like we're confined behind the walls," laughs junior Brittany Dennis. "We're in the heart of downtown Columbia. Thousands of college guys are just a few miles away. They are just close enough to be a presence yet far enough away to not be a distraction." And that's the big difference: no distractions.

Actually, if guys were students here, a lot of things would be different. There'd be more drama, and less focus on academics. Many women would be less likely to raise their hand and voice their opinion. And classes would be more cutthroat and less collaborative. Perhaps Zarah puts the no guy thing into its proper perspective: "It's awesome that guys are actually around campus but don't interfere with our schoolwork," she says. "They're here. They're just not exactly in our hair."

RESIDENT LIVING: THE ULTIMATE SISTERHOOD EXPERIENCE

Resident life is what college is all about—hanging out with your suite mates, watching late night movies in the TV room, and borrowing clothes from your hall mates. You will feel a real sense of community and belonging in the Residence Halls. As a first-year student, you and the rest of your class will live in the Asbury First-Year Center. With 144 suites, two residence assistant apartments, and numerous lounge areas, you'll soon call it your home away from home.



RESIDENT LIFE IS WHAT COLLEGE IS ALL ABOUT—HANGING OUT WITH YOUR SUITE MATES, WATCHING LATE NIGHT MOVIES IN THE TV ROOM, AND BORROWING CLOTHES WITH YOUR HALL MATES.



THE PERKS OF RESIDENT LIVING

ALL RESIDENCE HALL ROOMS ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- High-speed Internet access
- Basic cable
- Local telephone service
- Private voice mail accounts
- Closet space
- Laundry facilities
- Hall kitchens

CHOW DOWN AT THE CAF

Forget all the horror stories about college cafeteria food. At Columbia College even the most finicky eater will find a favorite meal. This isn't a mystery meat Monday kind of cafeteria, but a food court with great variety. Choose entrees such as shrimp Creole, ground turkey carnitas, and Southern fried chicken. Tuck into the 60-item salad bar. Grab a burger, a slice of pizza, or have a stir-fry cooked to order at the Innovation Station. Even maintain a vegetarian diet. Most of all, don't forget to get up early enough for a full bacon and egg breakfast. In a hurry? Hit the breakfast station—it offers six kinds of cereal, bagels, muffins, doughnuts, and "make your own waffles."

STARBUCKS ANYONE?

Want to grab a pannini and a cup of joe? The Terrace Café serves up Starbucks coffee, serious mocha cappuccinos as well as wraps, salads, and freshly baked muffins for breakfast on the run.

"I've been able to play on the soccer team here (I'm the team captain now), make some really great friends, and increase my grades. You can really shine here." —Danielle Killgore



HIT THE BOOKS AND THE GYM

As a Columbia College student, you can exercise your brain—and your body. Your student ID gives you access to the new College fitness center, the indoor pool, and tennis courts. It's like having your own personal gym just steps from your residence hall room. In between class you can do some squats, toss the medicine ball, and do a quick spin on the elliptical trainer. With the music pumping and TV's on, it's a great way to alleviate stress, and burn some calories. Regular fitness classes include yoga, pilates, and aerobics.

BE PART OF OUR 150 YEAR-OLD TRADITIONS

For over a century and a half, Columbia College women have been part of a tight community. Our traditions bring us even closer together. From fun to serious to spiritual, CC traditions include throwing newly engaged classmates into the college fountain, participating in ring ceremonies during junior year, creating original skits during Follies, and competing in Ludy Bowl, an uproarious football game pitting seniors and freshmen against sophomores and juniors. And one of the oldest, most cherished traditions at CC has to be the presentation of a Bible to each graduating senior, personally signed by the faculty and staff. These special events connect students to something greater than the present and celebrate the unique relationships CC women share during their four years here.

BE A FIGHTING KOALA

It might be a fuzzy and cuddly bear, but the Columbia College Fighting Koala's are fiercely competitive in NAIA league basketball, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. Wearing the purple and white and cheered on by our mascot, CiCi, Columbia College student athletes compete in the Southern States Athletic Conference. By joining a team, you gain an even tighter circle of friends. And as a small all-women's college, you have more opportunity to play the sport you love. Junior Danielle Killgore once played intramural soccer at a large university up north. After transferring to Columbia College, she tried out for the soccer team and made the cut. Today, she's the team captain.

NAIA LEAGUE TEAMS INCLUDE:

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Student Life



THE COLUMBIA SCENE

Columbia College is a small school set in a huge college town. With nine colleges including the main campus of the University of South Carolina, Columbia offers everything a college student could want: trendy neighborhoods, an arts scene, sports, coffeehouses, nightlife, and good shopping. With USC just four miles down the road, many Columbia College women attend their football games, date the guys, and enjoy the college scene in Five Points, the city's Greenwich Village. "Columbia College is the perfect small school next to a really huge school—USC," says junior Danielle Killgore. "You can still let loose when you want to, but you can remove yourself from that big university craziness too."

Beyond guys and Thursday night college night in Five Points, Columbia has a thriving arts community that includes the Columbia Museum of Art, South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, Columbia City Ballet, Koger Center for the Arts, South Carolina Shakespeare Company, and numerous theatres and performing arts centers.

OUR CAMPUS IS ONE OF THE SAFEST IN THE NATION

The Columbia College campus is one of the safest in the nation, according to current statistics reported by all colleges and universities. The campus is protected by a 13-officer Police Department under the direction of a Chief of Police. All officers are certified Class 1 police officers trained by the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy.

Our 50-acre campus is well-lighted, well-secured, and patrolled 24 hours a day, with immediate response by the Police Department to any calls for assistance. Courtesy rides are available to all students after dark.

SOME FAVORITE HANGOUTS

HARBISON: The place to go for movies, restaurants, a Target, and a mall with all the stores.

JAMMING JAVA: A favorite downtown coffeehouse, art gallery, live music venue, and gathering place for the college set.

BANANA JOES: A happening nightclub in the Congaree Vista.

FIVE POINTS: The place to meet USC guys, grab late night food, and generally let loose.

CONGAREE VISTA: The center of Columbia's nightlife, with shops, art galleries, restaurants, dance clubs, and bistros.

FINLAY PARK: A green escape, this 12-acre downtown park has cascading waterfalls, bike and rollerblade paths, playgrounds, and outdoor concert venues.

TERRACE CAFÉ: Don't feel like driving? You can grab a java and hang out with your friends right on campus.

DAY TRIPPING: From campus, a short day trip can lead to the mountains or to the beaches of Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach. Historic Charleston is only two hours away.

THE RIVERWALK: Perfect for jogging or leisurely strolls, the trails along the Congaree and Saluda Rivers are nearby escapes from the buzz of the city.

"Karaoke night, bingo night, and Mary Kay facial night—there's tons of activities on this campus."

—Grace Wells

"We don't come here to meet our husbands. We come here to meet our bridesmaids."

—Zarah Setro



"You know you're doing well socially when you walk across campus and everyone knows your name."

—Sheena Boles



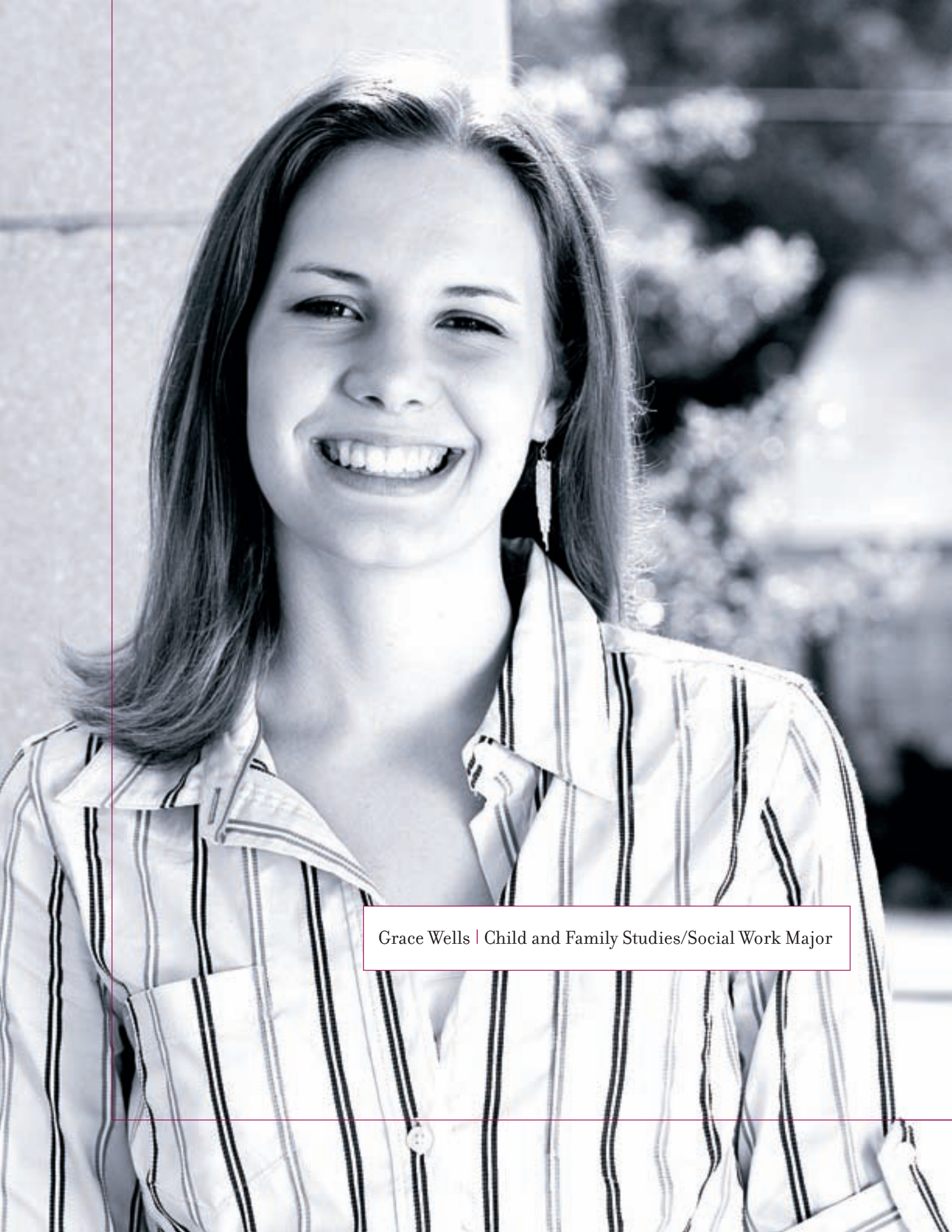
EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

The spiritual life is just as alive and thriving at Columbia College as the academic and social lives. It's part of the education of the whole person: spiritual, academic, and personal. In fact, our students look forward to chapel. It's a time to pause from the busy schedules and collect one's thoughts. It's a time for prayer. And it's also a chance to see your fellow students and friends perform. Chapel is a student-led affair where your peers sing, play instruments, and serve as worship leaders.

Columbia College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Services, however, are non-denominational. Under the guidance of the Chaplain, the College strives to be a community that respects religious diversity and difference, including all Christian denominations and major religious faiths. The Chaplain is available to students for pastoral counseling, support, and guidance.

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Grace Wells | Child and Family Studies/Social Work Major



"This is a campus of overachievers. Everybody has a list of a billion things they're involved in."

GRACE WELLS DIDN'T SPEAK OUT MUCH IN HIGH SCHOOL. "Not because I didn't have the answers," she says, "but, let's be honest, when guys are in the room, sometimes you hold back for fear of saying something stupid." Grace found a very different classroom dynamic at Columbia College. For one thing, she prefers the small, discussion-based classes. And she loves the constant exchange of ideas in her Honors classes. "I feel like my ideas matter here. When I speak out, people stop and listen." No longer intimidated, she lets down her guard and leaps right into the debate. "I raise my hand all the time now," she says. "In fact, the worst thing for me is when class goes quiet. I just have to blurt something out." She's quick to caution, however, that CC is not "about guy bashing." To the contrary, she says. "I appreciate what males bring to the table so much more now—especially their humor. If anything, going to a women's college has made me more appreciative of the differences between genders."

"I went to a public high school and never even considered a women's college. But it makes such a difference to be surrounded by ambitious women. There's just an atmosphere here of women who want to change the world. I'm all for single-gender education."



“I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REGRETS. NONE. NOT ONE. IF I COULD DO IT ALL OVER, I WOULD COME HERE AGAIN AND GET EVEN MORE INVOLVED.”

—Ashley Wiseman Alumna

YOU FIRST.

Upon graduation, you will have the full resources of the College behind you: Career Services, your professors' connections, and an invaluable network of successful alumnae.

AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE, WE DON'T GRADUATE SHRINKING VIOLETS. WE GRADUATE STRONG, SKILLED AND CONFIDENT FEMALE LEADERS READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD. WHETHER YOU SEEK TO ATTEND A TOP GRADUATE SCHOOL OR DESIRE A CAREER WITH A LEADING COMPANY OR NON-PROFIT, YOUR COLUMBIA COLLEGE DEGREE WILL HELP GET YOU THERE.

For more than 150 years, Columbia College women have achieved what many thought impossible. They sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals. They have earned the title CEO. They have helped to put the space shuttle into orbit. They have won elected office. They sing opera. They chair university departments. They are bankers, pastors, and high school principals. And they have crashed countless glass ceilings. These are your role models. They have blazed the trail so that you may follow and surpass their achievement. So, what will you become?

LEADERSHIP THAT LEADS TO SUCCESS

What qualities do today's top corporations look for as they recruit across the country? For starters, they seek graduates who can excel in team-oriented environments. Collaboration, of course, is a hallmark of the Columbia College experience. In classes and in clubs, CC women thrive in collaborative, group settings. Working together toward shared goals, taking the initiative in group projects, and deftly giving out feedback and receiving constructive criticism—fortunately, these are the skills CC women have come to master in their four years here.

Secondly, Columbia College women graduate knowing how to lead. It may not seem apparent at the time, but as a student leader in the CC Young Republicans, the Interfaith Council, or the NAACP, you will be exercising the very skills used every day in the real world. Professionalism, public speaking, motivation, conflict resolution, patience, vision, time management—CC women develop real command of these leadership skills. More than grades or test scores, your leadership skills will open doors to both graduate school and to competitive careers.

CRASH THE GLASS CEILING

By now, you already know that a women's college education makes for a more engaged, more confident, and even happier college experience. But the advantages do not end at the campus walls. Studies show that women's colleges send their students off to more successful post-graduate careers. And Columbia College is no exception. Higher salaries. Higher responsibilities. Higher satisfaction. These are the compelling benefits of a women's college education. Personally, professionally, and academically, women's college graduates come out ahead of their co-ed peers.



MAKING THEIR MARK IN EVERY FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR, OUR GRADUATES INCLUDE A U.S. COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, A NASA SCIENTIST, A MAYOR, CEO'S, TEACHERS OF THE YEAR, ENTREPRENEURS, PROFESSORS, DOCTORS, AND LAWYERS.

Outcomes



“You can always recognize a Columbia College woman by her poise, confidence, and intelligence.”

A GOOD OLD GIRLS NETWORK

The Columbia College sisterhood doesn't stop with graduation. Your CC diploma will be your membership badge in one of the greatest women's career networks. Across South Carolina, the South, and beyond, Columbia College graduates excel in every area of human endeavor: law, the arts, communications, scientific research, medicine, and religious institutions. They have pioneered the way in their fields, rising up the ranks and taking on positions of true leadership and responsibility. And now successful, they want nothing more than to share their expertise and help a new generation of CC grads break into their disciplines.

Each year, Columbia College alumnae return to campus as guest speakers to lead leadership seminars and to talk informally to individual classes about the latest developments in their profession. They give back to the College, volunteering in the Leader2Leader program that matches CC students with alumnae according to career goals. These driven, ambitious alumnae are not only an inspiration; they are great resources for job leads, internship opportunities, and networking. Simply put: CC women help CC women. Ultimately, your membership in the CC alumnae may prove to be one of the most practical—and valuable—perks of a CC education.



GO TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

A SAMPLE OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS THAT COLUMBIA COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED:

- Boston University
- Charleston School of Law
- Columbia University
- East Tennessee State University
- Emory University
- Loyola University
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Princeton University
- Southeastern Theological Seminary
- Southwestern Theological Seminary
- South Carolina State University
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M
- Texas Women's University
- University of Georgia
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of North Carolina
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern Mississippi
- Wake Forest University

THINKING OF LAW SCHOOL? MEDICAL SCHOOL? A PH.D. PROGRAM? THINK COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Columbia College has a distinguished record of sending our women on to some of the nation's most prestigious graduate and professional schools. Law, the arts, science, medicine, business—across the disciplines CC women go on to excel at the highest level of scholarship. Just ask any of our alumnae now studying in graduate school and they'll tell you how their CC education gave them a solid liberal arts foundation that has proven invaluable—and empowering. They'll speak of their heightened confidence going into grad school. And, because they cultivated their collaborative and leadership skills at CC, they'll tell you of the distinct advantage they now have over their graduate school peers.

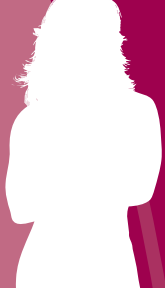
COLUMBIA COLLEGE GRADUATES EXCEL IN EVERY AREA OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR: LAW, THE ARTS, COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, MEDICINE, AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

Ashley Wiseman | Alumna
Account Development Representative, Blackbaud, Inc.

FOUR YEARS OF A COLUMBIA COLLEGE EDUCATION TRANSFORMED ASHLEY WISEMAN. “Back in high school, I didn't have the poise or the confidence to step into a room and talk to any given person,” she says. Today, that's her job. A saleswoman for Blackbaud—a software solutions company for non-profits—Ashley credits much of her business success to the social skills she refined on campus. “CC gave me a real passion for building and maintaining relationships with all kinds of people.” Respect, manners, poise, confidence, independence, and southern charm—to Ashley, these are the true rewards of a CC education.



Outcomes



LAND AN INTERNSHIP, AND TURN IT INTO A JOB

At Columbia College, you will receive a hands-on introduction to the real world. CC women routinely land internships at some of the biggest corporate and non-profit names in South Carolina. In fact, with so many CC graduates in high-ranking positions across the business community, you have a built in network of contacts to parlay into great summer jobs. Companies that have hired CC students as interns include:

- Bank of America
- Columbia City Ballet
- Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital
- Providence Hospital
- McNair Law Firm
- Morgan Stanley/Dean Witter
- Santee Cooper
- South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
- State Farm Insurance

CREATE YOUR 4-YEAR CAREER STRATEGY

Visiting the Career Services is not something you'll do in the last days of your senior year. It's something you'll do throughout your four years here. Information, guidance, self-assessment, and career coaching—you'll find Career Services to be a rich resource in your career strategy. For students who know exactly what careers they seek, we offer the tools to land the job, including interview training, resume writing, and cover letter instruction. We also offer placement in internships and assistance finding summer jobs. We can help you identify the right graduate school as well as aid you in the application process. For students less certain of their future career, we'll help bring focus and clarity to your professional future—and then draw up an action plan.



WOMEN'S COLLEGE ADVANTAGES

When you envision college, a campus without guys may be the last thing you see. And yet, the advantages of a single-gender education are compelling and, for a woman serious about her studies and future happiness, cannot be overlooked. Simply put, by choosing a women's college you will greatly increase your chances of attending graduate school, having a more successful career, holding a higher position, and earning a higher salary. It's not just greater success after college, but during college as well. Study after study has proven that women's college students have greater measurable success—and enjoy their college experience more—than their coeducational peers.

STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT, BY ATTENDING A WOMEN'S COLLEGE, WOMEN:

- Participate more fully in and out of class
- Develop measurably higher levels of self-esteem (compared to women in coed institutions who, after two years, have been shown to have lower levels of self-esteem than when they entered college)
- Have more opportunities to hold leadership positions
- Observe women functioning in top jobs
- Are significantly more likely to major in traditionally male-dominated fields such as the sciences
- Are more satisfied with almost all aspects of college—academically, developmentally, and personally
- Score higher on standardized achievement tests
- Are more likely to graduate
- Go on to more successful careers, hold higher positions, are happier and earn more money

Source: Women's College Coalition



"Here at CC, you don't have to worry about fitting in. You'll gradually find yourself participating in activities. Then you'll develop real friendships. And before you know it, you'll step up and take on leadership roles." —Brittany Dennis

JOIN THE CC HALL OF FAME

A TINY SAMPLING OF NOTABLE COLUMBIA COLLEGE ALUMNAE INCLUDES:

- Cathy Cauthen Biles
Mayor, Cramerton, North Carolina
- Linda Jones DuRant
Executive Producer, SC ETV
- Carole Dunaway Howell
Patient and Family Counselor, Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital
- Alex Gregori Lewis
Forensic Toxicologist, SLED
- Annette Williams Lynn, M.D.
Chair, Dermatology Department, USC School of Medicine
- Sheryl McAlister
Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs, Bank of America
- Chandler McIntyre
Actress appeared in "The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys" with Jodie Foster, in "Dawson's Creek," and most recently in the TV series, "Surface"
- Jane London McIntyre
Executive Director, YMCA-Charlotte, North Carolina
- Allison Tipton Milner
Co-owner, MAP Safari, South Africa
- Libby Wilson Patenaude
Dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts, Winthrop University
- Sally Harman Plowden
Author, "Turtle Tracks"
- Fran Johnson Reese
Company Commander and Pilot, U.S. Army
- Kerri Grimsley Roberts
Opera singer, most recently performed as a guest soloist for Concert 2005, Supporting Beijing Olympics Construction (Guangzhou, China)
- Lisa Wheeler Rossi
Master Trainer, Reebok University
- Cathy Shields
NASA Segment Manager, McDonnell-Douglas Corporation
- The Reverend Rebecca Joyner Shirley
Parish Minister, Trenholm Road United Methodist Church
- Josie Bright Stone
Director of Education, South Carolina Arts Commission
- Dayle Marchette Timmons
Florida State Teacher of the Year
- Karen Johnson Williams
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit



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Apply to Columbia College



APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR ONLINE

Applications for Columbia College are available online and can be submitted by mail or via this website: www.columbiacollegesc.edu/admissions. Save the \$25 application fee by applying online. If you have any questions, please call the admissions office at 803.786.3871 or 1.800.277.1301.

We enroll true first-year (those who have never attended college) and transfer students. Basic admission requirements include:

- *First-year students:* Submit an application, one recommendation from your guidance counselor, SAT or ACT scores, and an official high school transcript.
- *Transfer students:* Submit an application, one recommendation from someone with authority to speak to your academic abilities, and official transcripts from every institution of higher education attended.

TRACK YOUR APPLICATION INFORMATION 24/7 ONLINE

Our website features an Online Application Tracking System (OATS), which provides instant, convenient access to your application information. Password protected, OATS lets you track the status of your transcript(s), recommendation, and financial aid information. Visit www.columbiacollegesc.edu and follow the admission links for information on how to log in.

NEED HELP? CALL US AT 803.786.3871 OR 1.800.277.1301

At Columbia College, help is just a phone call away. You can speak to a real human being (not some automated voicemail program) who can walk you through the entire admission process. We have worked with thousands of students over the years to resolve their questions and concerns about admission, enrollment, financial aid, transcripts, previous college experiences, grades, and much more. We consider it a privilege to help you achieve your dream of earning your degree, and we look forward to talking with you about any questions or concerns you may have. Remember, at Columbia College, it's you first.

FINANCIAL AID

The single most important fact you need to know about financial aid is this: you have options.

- You can pay tuition and fees using cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, or American Express. Payment is due before a semester begins.
- You can make monthly payments by enrolling in Tuition Management Systems. Information is available online at www.afford.com or by calling 1.800.722.4867.
- You can apply for federal student aid.

If you choose to apply for federal student aid, you are required to file the FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Columbia College federal code is 003430. You may apply for financial aid as early as January of your senior year. It takes about two weeks for the federal government to process your FAFSA. It takes an additional one to two weeks for Columbia College to receive an electronic student aid report. Delay in filing the FAFSA can result in Columbia College not being able to award you for the semester in which you plan to enroll.

The information you provide on the FAFSA will determine your eligibility to receive federal and state financial aid that includes Federal Pell Grant, Stafford Federal Loans, and South Carolina Tuition Grant. To be eligible to be awarded federal or state financial aid, you must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student.

For detailed, up-to-date financial aid information, please visit our website at www.columbiacollegesc.edu and follow the financial aid links for more information.

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GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scored well on the SAT or ACT? Then congratulations, you've just won a big scholarship. Guaranteed. Founders, Presidential, or Trustee—these Columbia College scholarships are not limited in number. It's that simple. See the chart below to see if you qualify for a guaranteed Columbia College scholarship.

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	SAT/ACT
Founders	Full Tuition	1300+ SAT <i>(critical reading & math)</i> 29 ACT
Presidential	\$10,000/year <i>(resident)</i> \$9,000/year <i>(commuter)</i>	1180-1290 SAT <i>(critical reading & math)</i> 26-28 ACT
Trustee	\$8,000 /year <i>(resident)</i> \$7,000 /year <i>(commuter)</i>	1020-1170 SAT <i>(critical reading & math)</i> 22-25 ACT



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— Grace Wells
Child and Family Studies/Social Work Major

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QUICK FACTS

CHARACTER

Private, residential, four-year liberal arts college for women founded in 1854

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

12:1 (4:1 in Honors Program)

FACULTY

80 percent of full-time faculty have Ph.D.s or terminal degrees in their fields

REPUTATION

The College has been ranked for 11 consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top comprehensive undergraduate colleges in the South.

ENROLLMENT

1500 students, representing 23 states and 20 countries, approximately 500 of whom live on campus

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Over 30 majors, 22 minors and a pre-medical program, with extensive course offerings in each area

STUDENT LIFE

An engaged, active student body with more than 60 clubs and organizations, 150-year old traditions and four NAIA athletic teams (soccer, tennis, volleyball, and basketball)

ATHLETIC TEAM NAME

The Fighting Koalas

FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Yoga, aerobics, and pilates

FINANCIAL AID

85 percent of our students receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and/or student work

AFFILIATION

Columbia College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church

PARKING FOR ALL

Unlike other schools, all Columbia College students may bring cars to campus. The College offers plenty of safe, on-campus parking for registered students with a parking permit. We also have a courtesy officer who provides transportation from any parking lot to campus locations and vice versa with just a quick call from a campus phone or cell phone. Once again, it's all about putting you first!

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Columbia College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, age, or disability in any of its educational programs, admission procedures, or employment practices.

DIRECTIONS TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE

- From I-26: Take I-20 east towards Florence. Go approximately four miles to Exit 71, North Main Street. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto North Main Street. Go three miles and you will see Columbia College Residence Halls on your left. At the stoplight, turn left onto Columbia College Drive. Go one block and turn left onto Colonial Drive. The Office of Admissions is the second building on your left. Just after you pass it, turn left into the parking area for guests.
- From I-20 going east (towards Florence): take Exit 71 (North Main Street). Turn left onto North Main Street and go three miles; you will see Columbia College Residence Halls on your left. At the stoplight, turn left onto Columbia College Drive. Go one block and turn left onto Colonial Drive. The Office of Admissions is the second building on your left. Just after you pass it, turn left into the parking area for guests.
- From I-20 going west (towards Augusta): take Exit 71 (North Main Street). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto North Main Street and go three miles; you will see Columbia College Residence Halls on your left. At the stoplight, turn left onto Columbia College Drive. Go one block and turn left onto Colonial Drive. The Office of Admissions is the second building on your left. Just after you pass it, turn left into the parking area for guests.
- From I-77: Take I-20 west towards Augusta. Take Exit 71 (North Main Street). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto North Main Street and go three miles; you will see Columbia College Residence Halls on your left. At the stoplight, turn left onto Columbia College Drive. Go one block and turn left onto Colonial Drive. The Office of Admissions is the second building on your left. Just after you pass it, turn left into the parking area for guests.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Columbia College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097; telephone number: 404.679.4501).

The following provide independent accreditation:

- NCATE, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
- National Association of Schools of Dance
- National Association of Schools of Music

In addition to membership in the accrediting associations, Columbia College has membership in the following:

- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Association of University Women
- American Council on Education
- Consortium for International Students
- Council of Graduate Schools
- Independent Colleges and Universities of South Carolina
- National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church
- National Council of Church Related Colleges
- Southern Association of Colleges for Women
- Southern Regional Honors Council
- The University Senate of the United Methodist Church
- Women's College Coalition

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