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Senior Dana Shaner shares some thoughts on what she has gained from her Colgate experience

“I think that one of the things that sticks out the most from my Colgate experience both on and off the field is the friends I have made. I could not have asked for a better group of friends. We have so much fun together in everything we do. Laughter is one of the things that occurs the most when we are all together.

“Another wonderful memory is just knowing that my coaches, friends, and family have seen me grow and change in so many ways and to hear them talk about it. It’s strange but kind of neat to think about how different I am now compared to when I first got here. I can only hope that I continue to grow and change in beneficial ways as I move into the next phase of my life. My coaches and teammates have all had an impact on me and I will take something from all of the experiences I have had.”

Jenn Weisholz reflects on her four years at Colgate on and off the field.

“My college search process was much easier than I anticipated. One of my first school visits was to Colgate, and from the minute I got here, everyone was really welcoming and warm. I had played in high school with Courtney Collins, one of the girls already on the Colgate team. She was able to show me around and tell me all about the team, its schedule, its focus, and all about Colgate’s academic expectations. I remember leaving my parents on the first day of pre-season. I walked into our first team meeting sobbing as I waved goodbye to my parents, whom I’d never been away from for more than a few days at a time, and turning around to see twenty faces all staring at me smiling as they too probably remembered a similar feeling. Sooner than I thought, I was practicing three times a day, loving the sport, and feeling like part of the team.

“Colgate provides great support. Whether it involves strength training, athletic training, or encouragement from your academic deans, one is always there to help you. The team parents are also extremely supportive throughout the season and usually drive hundreds and hundreds of miles each year to follow the action and cheer us on. They have incredible dedication!

“Because I was already at Colgate prior to first year orientation, I found myself a few steps ahead of everyone else. I already knew where everything was, including all the academic buildings. I already had a strict schedule for each day which allowed me to manage my time so that it would cater to my academics, and I already had made several connections with coaches, teammates, and players on other Colgate teams. I already had a network of friendship and support. Adjusting to the rigorous academic schedule took me a little longer than I would have liked, but I had plenty of people helping me along the way.

“After I graduate from Colgate, I would like to attend graduate school in order to earn a Masters Degree in Education with a focus on school counseling. I was an educational studies major at Colgate, so I was able to take a variety of education classes that interested me. My experience at Colgate as a student-athlete allowed me to learn to prioritize and manage my time so that I could accomplish all my goals.

“I learned a great deal in the classroom, but probably even more on the field. Field hockey provided me with many valuable lessons about being a teammate, about determination, about confidence in my own abilities, and about pride. It has definitely helped me become a better, more well rounded person.”
The First Year perspective: three student-athletes talk about their First Season at Colgate

Kaley Zaharris, Baltimore, MD

“My first field hockey season at Colgate was exactly what I wanted it to be. Last summer, I was really nervous about making friends at school. My anxiety carried me right into preseason. As I watched the older girls sharing stories and inside jokes, I started to relax. As preseason went on, we started to bond and we got closer through practice and spending all of our time together. When the rest of the freshmen arrived for orientation, I already had a group of people to sit with and share inside jokes with at dinner. Even though our season is over, our team is just as close as ever.

“The freshmen are planning spring break trips and road trips for summer vacation. A few of us went to a lecture in the chapel the other night and the speaker said that when you’re in high school you think that your friends will be your friends forever, but when you come to college you realize that your new friends will become just as important if not more important to you than your high school friends. His statement struck me because it was so accurate and relevant. I’ve only known my teammates since August 13th, but it seems like we’ve been playing together and having fun together for years. I can’t imagine a better group of girls to spend the next four years with, on or off the field.

“Sometimes it’s hard being the first child to go off to college. It’s weird thinking about my family having dinner and my sisters talking about their days at school with my parents while I’m sitting in the dining hall, clueless about the little things that are going on at home. The great thing about playing a sport is that I get to see my family a lot more than most Colgate students. They came to as many games as they could this season and when we went down to American, we had a team dinner at my house. I remember my mom was sad after the American game because she wouldn’t see me for another three weeks.

“I talk to someone in my family once a day just so I can know how everything is going. When I talk to my sisters it’s like I never left, things just fall right back into place. Leaving home was an adjustment for me. I’d never been away from home for more than two weeks. My leaving was also an adjustment for my family. My mom told me that she put an extra plate on the table on more than one occasion. Leaving home is a process on both ends.

“Being close to home was a tremendous benefit during my first semester at Colgate. It was a huge advantage to be close and have the flexibility to be on my own and experience college life, but at the same time to be close enough to conveniently make the trip home if there was anything I needed. It was also a great way to get my laundry done for the first three months.

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Laura Flisnik, Marcy, NY

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“Being so close to home, I had an already established support group from the local community. It made my first field hockey season here at Colgate enjoyable and exciting. The luxury of having friends and family attend home games was one of the most meaningful things for me during the fall season. It was so nice to see familiar faces in the stands cheering me on out on the field. I think the support and recognition that I received for being a local athlete made the transition from high school field hockey to Division I athletics a smooth shift.

“I knew a lot about Colgate’s outstanding academic and athletic reputation before coming and all my expectations were met. As regards to academics, I found that classes at Colgate are challenging and stimulating. With discipline, academics and athletics are manageable. In terms of maintaining my academic and athletic schedule simultaneously, it is more than doable with consistent effort in both areas.”

“I can gladly say that I had a terrific and most enjoyable fall semester here at Colgate as a freshman.”

Lindsay Wishart, Winnetka, IL

"Looking back on my freshman year field hockey season, it was above and beyond my expectations! Coming into the season the older girls said that the team was going to become a family, and I truly believed that we did. Although I am far away from home for the first time, the team made the transition much easier, becoming my family away from home. After each game we had tailgates, which were more like huge feasts. Parents and friends would come and socialize after each game. These tailgates bring both the team and the fans together, creating a fun and unique Colgate field hockey community."

Families are a big part of the Colgate program. To the left is junior goalkeeper Jacque DeMarco and her twin sister Joy. Joy is a goalkeeper on the women’s lacrosse team at The Ohio State University. The DeMarco family is from Hudson, Ohio and travels to as many games as possible during the fall and spring seasons to see both girls play.

To the right is first year Kaley Zaharris with her sister Cole. Kaley’s family hosted the team at their home in Baltimore for dinner on a road trip to the Washington, DC area.
Sunday, August 27th  Radford   12:00noon
Wednesday August 30th  @Albany   7:00pm
Saturday September 2nd  Rider   1:00pm
Saturday, September 9th  @Kent   TBA
Sunday September 10th  Central Michigan @Kent   TBA
Saturday September 16th  @Lock Haven   TBA
Sunday September 17th  @St. Francis   TBA
Saturday September 23rd  West Chester   11:00am
Saturday September 30th  American   11:00am
(Tomecoming)
Tuesday October 3rd  @Syracuse   7:00pm
Saturday October 7th  Holy Cross   11:00am
Saturday October 14th  @Bucknell   1:00pm
Saturday October 21st  @Lafayette   11:00am
Sunday October 22nd  @Columbia   1:00pm
*Saturday October 28th  Lehigh   11:00am (Family Weekend)
*Sunday October 29th  Cornell   1:00pm (Family Weekend)
Fri./Sat./ Sun. November 4,5,6  Patriot League Tournament  @ Highest seed

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Members of the Colgate field hockey team, their families and former players after the alumni game on Sunday October 29th, 2005