

Fall is coming to a close and we're about to embark on another Hamilton, NY winter! Here are some of the exciting things that have been going on in the last month.

- On October 27, prominent author Eboo Patel visited campus. His book, *Acts of Faith*, which discusses his experiences growing up as an American Muslim, was the summer reading for the first year class at Colgate. In addition to speaking about his autobiography, he also spoke to the value of appreciating others religious backgrounds and experiences. For more information on this lecture, please visit <http://blogs.colgate.edu/2011/10/eboo-patel-founder-of-the.html>.
- The Men's Rugby team closed out an undefeated season this weekend with the ideal Colgate record of 13-0. They competed at Vassar on Saturday and Sunday in the National Qualifying Tournament beating Marist College 30-12 and Fairfield University 45-20. As regional champions, they will go on to play in the National Tournament in April.
- On November 5, students across campus came together in celebration of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. Students enjoyed delicious Indian food and fireworks as they learned more about this festival as well as Hinduism.
- Over the weekend, November 11-13 the student-run theater group Masque and Triangle put on a production of the musical *Rent* at the Palace Theater downtown. They had an excellent turnout for all four performances and the cast and pit was full of incredibly talented students. For more information on Masque and Triangle, please visit <http://masqueandtriangle.weebly.com/index.html>.
- In the 2009-10 IIE Open Doors Survey, Colgate continues to rank high for our number of students who study abroad. Colgate ranks number seventh nationally among Baccalaureate institutions in the total number of students, 435, who study abroad on either a semester-long program or an extended study. We rank third nationally for the number of students, 360, who participate in semester-long programs only.
- Colgate was also recognized with another great distinction. In a recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Colgate is listed as a top producer of Fulbright recipients in 2011-2012. For the full article, please visit <http://chronicle.com/article/Top-Producers-of-US/129452>.
- Today is our Early Decision Option I deadline. As you meet with prospective students, encourage them to apply by our application deadline of January 15 as either a regular decision applicant or an Early Decision Option II applicant.

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!