

THE THIRD- CENTURY PLAN

A Comprehensive, Long-Term
Framework for Colgate University

OVERVIEW

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Colgate University, now entering its third century, is a distinctive and strong undergraduate liberal arts college. It has an excellent faculty composed of scholar-teachers of the first order. It attracts students of achievement and promise to a campus of striking beauty. Its loyal alumni have obtained remarkable success as national, civic, commercial, and community leaders. Further, its intangible qualities — its energy, unique size and character, and history — make it distinctive in the landscape of American higher education. Due to the effort and support of many who have been part of the University during its first 200 years, **Colgate enters its third century in a strong, enviable position.**

The University now seeks to pursue its mission at an even higher level, to firmly establish Colgate as one of the very finest undergraduate institutions in the nation and the world. The *Third Century Plan* is a strategic framework designed to focus Colgate on this greater aim and the attainment of a series of long-term goals. It also sets forth specific one- to three-year steps to begin meeting its ambitious long-term aims. It is designed to significantly strengthen Colgate — academically, financially, and reputationally.

The *Third Century Plan* is comprehensive, looking not to favor one aspect of University life, but to bring to each of the fundamental areas of Colgate greater levels of support and accomplishment. It compels the University to seek to attain the highest levels of expression in each endeavor it undertakes.

Colgate is committed, through the adoption of this *Third Century Plan*, to true excellence and to the deliberate, long-term time frame and effort that excellence requires.

In May 2019 the Board of Trustees, the University Faculty, and the Alumni Council formally approved Colgate's *Third Century Plan*.

