Coe students to parents: Fill My Fridge

Sodexho Campus Services invites parents to ensure the nutritional needs of their Coe student are being met through the “Fill My Fridge” program. Packages cost between $27.99 and $79.99 and range between A.M. Fuel and the Kitchen Sink. Additional packages include the Snack Attack, Meals in Minutes (healthy or convenient versions) and Conscious Craving.

Imagine your Coe student’s surprise when they see your special order. Orders can be placed by phone (319-399-8842) or email (twiese@coe.edu) and must be placed at least one week before delivery. Checks may be made payable to Sodexo.

Chelsea Goes to Washington

Coe College isn’t a direct route from Alaska to Washington, D.C. But Chelsea Marlow ’13 has shown you can get there from here.

Marlow, a junior philosophy and public relations major from Anchorage, completed a spring term internship for Alaska Sen. Mark Begich. Based on her performance, she was asked to stay for the summer as staff assistant and is planning to return to the nation’s capital after graduation.

Marlow was impressed by Begich’s “no coffee policy,” which gave substantive duties to her internship experience. She was able to expand her social and professional circles and learned to appreciate the wide network of Kohawks in D.C. and beyond.

“For Coe being such a small school we sure do have our hands spread out in everything,” she noted.

Marlow was all set to attend another college when a 3 a.m. epiphany convinced her to keep looking. Coe emerged alone from a college matchmaker search on collegeboard.org and the rest is history.

“It wasn’t even on my top 10,” Marlow said of Coe. “When I came to visit, I knew.” An active Greek life and a public relations major were among the key factors that tipped the scale. That she was able to pursue an internship in an area of interest was a bonus.

“I was always interested in politics,” said Marlow, who volunteered for Begich’s campaign before he narrowly defeated incumbent Ted Stevens, the longest serving Republican member of the Senate of all time. Astronauts, Croatia President Ivo Josipovic, Alaska dignitaries and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry were among the people Marlow met in Washington. She bumped into Arizona Sen. John McCain (literally) in a hallway and spoke with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton while riding an underground train.

Marlow encourages Coe students to get the most from their internship experiences by talking to everyone they meet. “Don’t discount anyone based on prior conceptions,” she said.

A self-described moderate – socially liberal and fiscally conservative – Marlow said her internship with Begich has restored her faith in government. She hopes to return to Washington to work in a press office before moving into the private sector as a child advocate. She’ll graduate just in time to work for Begich’s campaign for reelection in 2014.

“Now I can relax for two years enjoying college,” Marlow said. “I already know where I’ll be working after graduation.”
Parents, grandparents and siblings are encouraged to experience a slice of life as a Coe student during Family Weekend, Nov. 4-6, and Siblings Weekend, Feb. 11-12.

Family Weekend will provide your family the opportunity to discover more about your student’s life at Coe as you participate in various activities. Take a look inside Coe College, its beautiful buildings and scenic campus, as well as the academic life, resources, research and opportunities that shape your student’s college experience.

Friday’s activities include the opportunity to visit a class, tour campus, attend the Coe football Quarterback Club, attend a reception and dinner with members of the Student Affairs Department and be entertained by the unique blend of mind reading and comedy by Eric Dittleman.

Family Weekend guests will have an opportunity to participate in a service project on Saturday morning before an all-campus picnic. At 1 p.m., the Kohawk football team will play the University of Dubuque at Clark Field. A reception follows the game in Clark Alumni House. Proceeds from the silent auction benefit the Parents’ Scholarship Fund. The day concludes with a Symphony Orchestra performance in Sinclair Auditorium.

Siblings Weekend is an even year event where younger brothers and sisters are welcomed to spend the weekend on campus with their Coe sibling. Various activities expose them to some aspects of college life.

For more information, contact Parent Programs Director Kate Rose at (319) 399-8663 or krose@coe.edu. Reservations may also be made online at www.coe.edu/parentsvisitors.

▲ Included among the record 361 first-students at Coe are 21 new CHIPs – sons, daughters and grandchildren of Coe alumni. Greeted at an orientation legacy reception were: (front row, left to right) Rachel Stewart, Janessa Freeman, Kristin Kramer and Hannah Vanourney. (Second row) Keenan Wilson, Ryan Rey, Lindsay Meade, Martha Quist, Evan Roberts and Robert Pounds. (Back row) Dustin Elsbury, Ryan Schrock, Ashley Cook and Max Scharro. First-year CHIPs not pictured are Rachel Baker, Timothy Carlin, James Hall, Taylor Rowell, Brandon Thomen, Adam Zieser and Troy Hanson.

COE REPORTS ENROLLMENT RECORDS

Coe College has set several all-time records for its 2011 fall enrollment, including a record number of full-time students, the largest-ever number of students in residence and a record number of applications. Meanwhile, the average academic profile of the incoming students has strengthened.

Coe has registered 1,312 full-time students for fall term, the largest enrollment in its history, surpassing previous highs of 1,288 full-time students last fall and 1,245 set in 2005.

The college has an enrollment of 399 new students, including a record 361 first-year and 38 transfer students. In total, Coe has 1,378 full and part-time students registered for fall term.

While this year’s incoming class is historically large, the profile of the new students builds upon the Coe tradition of academic quality. The class of 2015 has an average ACT score of 26 and grade point average of 3.7. All totaled, 58 first-year students scored 30 or greater on the ACT test. As well, more than 31 percent of first-year class members ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

As a residential college, Coe also has a record number of students – 1,107 – in campus housing for the fall term, up from last year’s record of 1,071. In addition, the college has 62 first-time ethnic minority students, representing more than 15 percent of the entering class and demonstrating Coe’s commitment to increasing diversity on its campus.

Coe received a record 2,592 applications for admission for the fall of 2011, the highest number in the college’s history. The class of 2015 comprises 48 percent Iowa residents and 52 percent out-of-state students. This year’s Coe class includes students from 21 states and 13 foreign countries.

“With impressive average test scores, grade point averages and high school classroom performance, our first-year students continue the tradition of academic excellence at Coe,” said President James Phifer. “In addition, the large incoming class and record full-time enrollment are in line with the college’s multi-year plan to grow modestly. Our overall full-time student numbers indicate historically strong enrollment.”
Lone Kohawk Among Muslim Athletes Honored by State Department

Being the lone Muslim on the Kohawk women's basketball team – and one of just a handful among Coe's student body – makes Noor Amr '14 unique. Being honored along with other Muslim athletes at a State Department dinner hosted by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton makes her special.

Clinton hosted a reception commemorating Eid ul-Fitr on Sept. 7 in Washington, D.C. Eid ul-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting.

Aided with travel expenses by the Coe Chaplain's Office and accompanied by her mother, Amr attended the dinner along with such notable Muslim athletes as Kenneth Faried of the NBA's Denver Nuggets, world champion boxer Amir Khan and Ephraim Salaam of the NFL's Detroit Lions. Also attending were a female weightlifter, a University of Virginia football player, a Georgetown University runner, a U.S. Olympic fencing hopeful, a Cal Poly Pomona basketball player and a University of New Mexico soccer player.

Middle-distance runner Sarah Kureshi, the first American female athlete to compete in Iran since the Islamic revolution in 1979, also attended. Other honorees included players from the movie “Fordson,” a documentary about a majority Muslim high school football team in Dearborn, Mich.

The State Department has been hosting celebrations around Ramadan and Eid for over 15 years. As part of this year's events, Clinton honored American Muslims' contributions to athletic competition. In her remarks, Clinton cited that weekend's 10th anniversary of Sept. 11.

“It was the best experience I've ever had,” said Amr, who came to Coe from Linn-Mar High School in neighboring Marion. “It opened my mind about my religion.”

Amr sees her position as the only Muslim on the tight-knit Coe women's basketball team as an opportunity to teach. Fortunately, her teammates are open to learning new things and not hesitant to ask questions. “They don’t treat me any different,” she said.

Coe Students Receiving Lifesaving Awards

Four Coe College students were honored at the Governor's Lifesaving Awards Program held at the 2011 Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. Recognized for their heroic actions by Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad, recipients from Coe included Courtney Rogers '14, Kaitlin Mitchell '13, Jordan Oberbreckling '12 and Emily Kleinmeyer '13. These students were alongside 17 other heroes on stage who were all recognized in an emotional ceremony.

Rogers, Mitchell, Oberbreckling and Kleinmeyer were honored in two categories for an incident that occurred on Aug. 30, 2010, when they collectively provided emergency aid to classmate Samuel Gordon '14, a college freshman at the time.

Gordon had collapsed into unconsciousness on the Coe track after finishing a strenuous workout when the nearby students rushed to help. Rogers and Mitchell freed Gordon from the bleachers and placed him on the running track. They then lifted the moveable bleachers out of the way, and Rogers called 911.

Noticing that Gordon was turning blue, Kleinmeyer checked for a pulse and breathing. She immediately began to perform chest compressions, while Oberbreckling began mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing. After two to three cycles of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Gordon regained consciousness. EMS arrived within minutes and transported him to the hospital. After three days in the hospital, Gordon was released after miraculously making a complete and full recovery.

Rogers and Mitchell received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for providing aid to Gordon and safely moving him to a more readily accessible location. Oberbreckling and Kleinmeyer were recognized with the Governor's Lifesaving Award.
Coe Event Named "Best New Dance Marathon"

Cedar Rapids Dance Marathon was held for the first time in April at Coe College where students raised over $25,500 to support local children in need through the Children’s Miracle Network. In mid-June, as the sponsor of the national college Dance Marathon program, Children’s Miracle Network chose Cedar Rapids as the "Best New Dance Marathon 2011."

The Cedar Rapids organization was chosen for this award based on the amount of money raised, the way patients and families were incorporated into the Dance Marathon, and the group’s future growth potential. Dance Marathon is a national event lasting from 12-40 hours with the goal to raise money for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

The local marathon supports families from the Cedar Rapids area with children that have been, or are being treated at, the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital. These children may suffer from a variety of ailments — anything from major injuries and juvenile diabetes to premature births and birth defects. Cedar Rapids Dance Marathon is unique because students from Coe College, Mount Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College collaborate to organize, promote and participate in this experience.

“It wasn’t easy, especially for the first year of this event, but I’m so proud of all of them,” said Wendy Steffen, Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA at Coe College and advisor of the Cedar Rapids Dance Marathon. “It’s a wonderful thing that all the schools in Cedar Rapids can work together for the same cause.”

Next year, the Cedar Rapids Dance Marathon will be hosted at Mount Mercy University.