

October 8, 2020

Dear Friends of International Students,

We hope all is well and you are enjoying the beautiful foliage that surrounds us at this time. We write to share a few of updates as well as an important reminder.

- **Fall Family Weekend:** Although it will be completely different this year, we are happy to announce that Fall Family Weekend is back! From October 9-11, the College is hosting a series of online events, both live and pre-recorded, for families so that they can engage, connect with each other and enjoy all that is Middlebury. Explore all [Fall Family Weekend 2020 events](http://www.middlebury.edu/student-life/annual-events/fall-family-weekend) (<http://www.middlebury.edu/student-life/annual-events/fall-family-weekend>). We hope you enjoy this truly unique experience!
- **Connecting with your student:** We continue to encourage virtual meet ups, yet we recognize that it is not the same as meeting in person. As of October 2, the [College eased the Phase-2 restrictions](https://www.middlebury.edu/office/midd2021/announcements/easing-phase-two-restrictions) (<https://www.middlebury.edu/office/midd2021/announcements/easing-phase-two-restrictions>). Students may travel off campus in Middlebury and within Addison County, though this is always subject to change. Host families may visit with their students in town or in the local area, observing physical distancing and adhering to other guidelines and precautions. (It is important to make decisions based on your own level of risk and comfort.)
- **College plan for Winter and Spring 2021:** The College announced its plan (as of October 8, and subject to change) for winter (J-term) and spring operations. Please see the announcement at <https://www.middlebury.edu/office/midd2021/announcements/j-term-spring-semester-announcements>.
- **Digital Middlebury:** You can also continue to stay connected all year long with Middlebury via the College's hub for online learning and engagement at [Digital Middlebury](http://www.middlebury.edu/alumni/resources/digital) (<http://www.middlebury.edu/alumni/resources/digital>).
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please stay up-to-date on the College's COVID-19 response and the State of Vermont's guidance.

Find the latest news and COVID-19 related announcements here:

- Middlebury 20-21 Updates: <https://www.middlebury.edu/office/midd2021>
- ISSS FAQ page: <http://www.middlebury.edu/international/iss/iss-covid-19-faq>
- State of Vermont guidance: <https://governor.vermont.gov/covid19response>

As always, if you have any questions, please email [iss@middlebury.edu](mailto:iss@middlebury.edu) or call 802-443-5858.

Best wishes for continued good health,

Carolyn and Kathy

Carolyn Dahm (pronouns: she/her/hers)  
Administrative Coordinator  
International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)  
Middlebury

Kathy M. Foley (pronouns: she/her/hers)  
Associate Dean and Director of International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)  
Middlebury College and Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey