

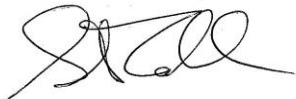
Dear Admitted Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. We have many more applicants than places, so you should consider your acceptance an honor, and a sign that the Journalism School's faculty and staff believe that you have the potential to become a first-rate journalist and a leader of the profession.

Columbia Journalism School offers an exciting, memorable experience and enjoys a wonderful reputation that extends into practically every corner of the world. We have a highly distinguished and dedicated faculty that imparts the skills needed to succeed in journalism, and that also will spur you to think deeply about the role and the responsibilities of journalists in democratic societies. We believe that journalists should understand the subjects they cover, and we draw deeply on the resources available at Columbia University. We take full advantage of our good fortune in being located in New York City, both by using the city as a reporting laboratory and by bringing the profession's most significant figures to the school to speak to students. And in recent years, we have placed ourselves at the forefront of the new fields of data, coding and computation that are transforming journalism. When you graduate, you will have the skills to make a great leap forward as a journalist and to work successfully in the profession's changing newsrooms.

Everyone here very much hopes that you will join us as a member of the Class of 2020. I am looking forward to the opportunity to welcome you at the April 12 Admitted Students Open House. You will encounter a broad group of students, faculty, and alumni, all of whom will be happy to answer your questions, tell you about the school, and welcome you.

Sincerely,



Steve Coll

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