Welcome to Columbia University! We are roaring with excitement just because you came to visit us. This packet will help you discover some of the amazing stories and special places on our campus. We hope you have fun and visit us again when you are ready for college!

- **COLLEGE WALK:** You are standing on our concrete beach. Columbia students spend lots of time studying, playing and eating lunch right on these steps. We also hold lots of cultural events, such as dance performances and concerts on these steps.

  Q: Can you guess how many steps there are?

- **ALMA MATER:** Walk up to the statue right in front of you. Q: Does this statue look familiar to you? We call her Alma Mater or nourishing Mother. She has a lamp on each side.

  Q: What do you think the lamp symbolizes?

  There is something special hidden on Alma. Q: Can you find the Owl? They say the first freshman to find the Owl in the statue will become Valedictorian. Now walk up to the building at the top of the steps.

- **LOW LIBRARY:** This building used to be the main library until we moved all the books across campus in 1934. Now the principal of our school, called the president, has his offices here. Take a look at the signs in front of Athena when you walk through the doors.

  Q: Does anyone know what they are?

- **LOW LIBRARY ROTUNDA:** The room right in front of you is called the Rotunda. It was designed just like the Pantheon in Rome. It has the largest granite dome in the country. The circles you see are made of gold! Turn around and head back outside. Walk down the concrete beach and head to your right. As you walk you will pass the buildings where college students go to class. In college, you don’t have to stay in one room all day; you get to move from building to building. You even get to choose your classes!

  Q: Can you guess what classes are in each building?

- **LION SCULPTURE AND HAVEMEYER:** Our campus mascot is a Lion, his name is Roar-ee. This sculpture is called *Scholars Lion*.

  Q: How many students do you have in your class?
We have some big classrooms; some of the rooms in Havemeyer Hall can hold 200 people. In our school, called a University, we have 26,399 students. Lots of movies have been filmed in room 309 Havemeyer like Malcolm X, Ghostbusters and Spiderman I & II. Walk to the right of Roar-ee the lion.

- DODGE: Right next to Havemeyer, look at the building at the bottom of the steps. That is the Dodge Fitness Center, our gym. It was built in 1974.

  Q: Do you participate in sports? Guess three sports teams we have at Columbia.

- URIS: Keep walking to your right. The next building is our Business School.

  Q: What do you think the statue is in front?

- St. Paul: Continue walking to your right. The church you see is called St. Paul’s Chapel. It was built in 1904. It is a non-denominational place of worship that has hundreds of events each year including religious services, weddings and concerts. This building is just one example of the diversity at Columbia University.

  Q: What does diversity mean?

- Next to the chapel is La Maison Francaise. Q: Can you guess what that means?

  Q: Can you go to college if you are from another country?

- Down the steps you will see Hamilton and John Jay halls. In college you don’t have to live at home. Many students live in a dormitory. They share rooms, bathrooms and cafeterias with other students. No parents live on campus and you get to choose your roommate.

  Q: Do you think you would enjoy living in a dorm room?

- Next to the dorms is Butler Library...How many of you like to read? Columbia University has 22 different libraries! This is our main library, named Butler library.

  Q: Look at the very top of the building, do you recognize any of the names you see?

  Inside students are studying. Q: Why is it important to study? Do you use computers to study? What else do you use to study?

- Alfred Lerner Hall is our student center. Students meet in here to study and have fun! Campus events are held in the party space and cinema. Q: What is different about this building?