Alumni

20 Holiday Gift Ideas from Columbia Entrepreneurs

From footwear to skin care, alumni innovators have something for everyone on your shopping list.

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Homiah

For the adventurous home cook

Southeast Asian spices from Homiah, founded by Michelle Tew ’15CC. Spice-kit trio with laksa, rendang, and red curry: $28.90
The Clear Cut

For that extra-extra-special someone

Bespoke engagement rings and fine jewelry from the Clear Cut, cofounded by Kyle Simon ’17BUS. The Olivia “everyday” ring with four 0.08 carat diamonds: $950
For the oral-care afficionado

Superior dental products from Goby, cofounded by Claire Burke ’15BUS. Moonstone electric toothbrush with a stand, USB and AC charger, and brush-head cover: $95 ($85 with brush-head subscription)
For the person who could use a little warmth this winter

Luxury faux fur from Maison Atia, cofounded by Gustave Maisonrouge ’22BUS.
Lilou hooded coat: $640
For the hair-care aware

Men’s styling clay made from Keratin protein, avocado oil, and other natural ingredients from Delvaux, founded by Filipe Delvaux ’22SPS. Three-ounce pot: $21.79
Erem

For the outdoor trekker

Temperature-regulating, sustainably crafted hiking boots from Erem, founded by Noah Swartz ’16CC. Xerocole hiking boots for women or men: $179.99 (sale price: $75)
Firstleaf

*For the wine lover who wants to try something new*

Curated wine selections from Firstleaf, founded by Philip James ‘05BUS. **Holiday three-bottle red bundle:** $59.95
StorySavor

For the person with an amazing story

A professionally written personal biography from StorySavor, founded by Joseph Quaderer ’21JRN. Capture the life of a friend or family member: $2,850 and up
Côte à Coast

For the guy who likes to lounge in style

Menswear, accessories, and home accents from Côte à Coast, founded by David Wu ’07BUS. Cruelty-free, handmade alpaca slippers: $190
For the skin-care devotee with sensitive skin

Skin care from Hero Cosmetics, cofounded by Ju Rhyu ‘08BUS. Clear Collective trio with exfoliating jelly cleanser, balancing capsule toner, and clarifying prebiotic moisturizer: $35
Brilliant

For the casual cyclist

Bicycles and bike accessories from Brilliant, founded by Adam Kalamchi ’13BUS.

Cooper three-speed bicycle: $550
The Dear Club

For the festive baby (or fur baby)

Matching baby and dog items from the Dear Club, founded by Ran Cui ’17BUS.

Baby holiday jumpsuit: $42 / Dog holiday reversible harness: $38
For the hand-care fanatic

Luxury skincare products from Preening, founded by Tiffany Pek ’21BUS and Katy Ann Lyons ’21BUS. **Lavender-sage hand cleanser and moisturizer set: $69**
Allswell

For the classy comfort seeker

Mattresses, bedding, and home accents from Allswell, a Walmart-owned brand started by Arlyn Davich ’09BUS. Zen two-wick spa candle scented with hinoki, cedar, and moss: $13
For the haute fashionista

Luxury clothing and accessories from Adeam, founded by Hanako Maeda ’10CC.

Pearl ear cuff: $275
For your four-legged friend

Flavored, durable dog chew toys from Benebone, founded by Peter Toolan ‘00BUS.
Holiday four-pack in gift box (medium-size toys): $37.50
For the person who proudly still wears a wristwatch

New, used, and vintage watches from Hodinkee, founded by Benjamin Clymer ’12JRN. Swatch Clearly New Gent blue-striped: $85
For the hostess who needs more of the mostest

Table and kitchen accents from Mode Living, founded by Verda De Eskinazis ‘09BUS and Tania Kooros ‘09BUS. Seasons printed tea towel: $15
AMP Beauty LA

For the amateur makeup artist

Cosmetics for all skin colors and hair textures from AMP Beauty LA, cofounded by Angel Lenise ’11JRN. Luna Magic Cosmopolitan eye-shadow palette: $16
Coravin

For the home sommelier

Wine pouring and preservation system from Coravin, cofounded by Josh Makower ’93BUS. Timeless Three+: $160.30

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