Alumni

Your 2021 Columbia Gift Guide

Score the perfect present and support alumni entrepreneurs.

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For the sweet tooth

Assorted candy boxes with customized messages from Sweet Lolli, cofounded by Lauren Warsavsky ‘19BUS. Holiday boxes: $25–$150, depending on size.
Nab

For the pop-culture collector

Limited-edition figurines and other collectibles from Nab, cofounded by Mike White '14SPS. The Nightmare Before Christmas deluxe action figure lighted box set: $119.99
L'or de Seraphine

For the mood maker

Scented candles from L’or de Seraphine, cofounded by Dara Weiss ’18BUS. Ares candle: $44
Olivella

For the home-spa enthusiast

Olive-oil based soap and cosmetics from Olivella, cofounded by Lucrezia Del Papa ’15GS. Bath and shower gel: $14.99
Baboon to the Moon

For the stylish globetrotter

Colorful travel bags from Baboon to the Moon, cofounded by Andy Person ’06BUS. Small Go-Bag: $169
Bobagreen

For the DIY drink maker

Boba kit from Bobagreen, cofounded by Mandy Yeung ’18BUS. DIY classic bubble milk tea kit: $35
For the accessory aficionado

South Asian jewelry, bags, and home accents from Papreeka, founded by Dhanya Balasubramanian ’19BUS. Sacred sanctuary necklace: $70
Letter Nest

For the well-lettered child

Alphabet art from the Letter Nest, founded by Sally King McBride ’11GSAS. New York City alphabet: $85
Karité

For the self-care aware

Shea butter from Karité, cofounded by Abena Slowe ’01CC and Akua Okunseinde ’11BUS. Hydrating body cream: $46
Blitz Champs

For the party host

Blitz Champs football card game for kids and families, founded by Adrienne Smith ’01BUS. Deck: $19.99
Stuyvesant Champagne

For the champagne clinker

Bubbly from Stuyvesant Champagne, founded by Marvina Robinson ’05GSAS.
Grand Reserve Brut: $59.95
Toscana

For the urban strutter

Handcrafted Italian leather shoes from Toscana, founded by Cindy Salazar ’20BUS. Men’s H310 Calzoleria Toscana Onice Wingtip Balmoral: $395
Shaya

For the pampered pooch

Luxury pet accessories from Shaya, founded by Davina Farahi ’18BUS. Leather pet carrier: $745
Olfactory NYC

For the amateur perfumer

Make-your-own scents from Olfactory NYC, founded by Joseph Vittoria ’21BUS. DIY explorer box with gift card: $85
Nestig

For the new parents

Baby cribs that convert into toddler beds from Nestig, cofounded by Sara Adam Slywka ’20BUS and Guilherme Picciotto ’20BUS. Candy Cloud Crib: $599
Sapiens

For the sober sophisticate

0% alcohol wine from Sapiens, founded by Tolu Justine Obikunle ’17CC. Red and rosé mixed pack: $70
Arcadia Home

For the interior designer

Artisan-crafted home décor from Arcadia Home, founded by Dawn Kikel ’95BUS. Handmade holiday pillow: $120
Boda Coffee

For the ethical coffee drinker

Fair-trade African beans from Boda Coffee, cofounded by Hemish Dave ’20BUS. Rwanda Emberglow: $23
Emilie Heathе

For the conscientious cosmetics lover

Luxury, eco-friendly beauty products from Emilie Heathе, founded by Emily H. Rudman ’14BUS. Longwear nail artist polish: $28
Frameology

For the memory keeper

Framed photos from Frameology, cofounded by Ben Koren ’11BUS. Amity frame with custom photo: $29
For the scent seeker

Fragrances for body and home from Herb & Root, cofounded by Waziri Garuba ’09BUS. Build-your-own-gift-box: prices vary

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