



# BOSTON COLLEGE

## LYNCH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

# COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM

An enrichment program for high school students

November 2003

### PREPARING FOR TOMORROW THROUGH TODAY'S CHOICES!

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#### A Message from the Director:

Just a month ago, I had the pleasure of welcoming new students, their parents, and returning students to the College Bound Program for the 2003-2004 academic year.

As the new Director of the program, I have begun to get to know each student in the program and would like to use this column over the course of the year to acquaint you with individual students, their life experience and their aspirations for the future.

The current group of sixty students, two-thirds of whom are female and one-third male, are quite diverse in family background and life experience. The majority of the students' parents have come to the United States from countries across the globe. Some families of the students have immigrated from Albania, Haiti, Greece, Columbia, China, Lebanon, Syria, the Dominican Republic, Cape Verde, Nigeria and other countries that I do not know as yet. As you can imagine, then, College Bound students speak a number of languages including Arabic, Albanian, Creole, Greek, Spanish, Yoruba as well as English.

While they are diverse in background & interests, each student in the College Bound program describes a common goal: to attend college. This vibrant group of young people has shared with us their aspirations of becoming lawyers, doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers, architects, journalists, business people and other professionals.

Speaking on behalf of the College Bound staff, our commitment to the students is to support their efforts in achieving their goal by:

- Helping each student to enhance their reading, writing & math skills
- Assisting each student in preparing for college entrance examinations
- Supporting each student in the college application process
- Providing opportunities for each student to develop their leadership skills
- Providing each student with social, cultural & recreational opportunities that enriches their overall education & provides a taste of college life

I extend to you an open invitation to visit the program on a Saturday morning or call me if you would like to know more about our activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

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# CLASS OF 2003 - COLLEGE ATTENDING

Serafin Aleksy	Boston University	Nic'cole Lambert	Clark University
Arlene Terese Blake	Johnson & Wales	Tiffany Nhi Le	Holy Cross
Yardley Brice	Holy Cross	Richard Ma	Boston University
Stacy Ann Chambers	Clark University	Indrit Malita	Wentworth Institute
Jie Cheng	Smith College	Katline Mathieu	Univ. of New Hampshire
Francisca Claret	Massachusetts Bay	Marie Katia Mathieu	Univ. of New Hampshire
Stephanie Desenclos	Curry College	Marlenny Mejia	Simmons College
Huong Duong	Umass Boston	Carisma Michel	Curry/Fisher
Inyene Essien	Providence College	Lucie Noriscat	Holy Cross
Sarah Flint	Suffolk University	Temi Ogunbodede	Tufts University
Noelani Guerrero	Boston College	Omar Ruiz	Howard University
James Ho	Wentworth Institute	Alex Stavrianidis	Umass Amherst
Jennifer Hutley	Suffolk University	Danyelle Stokes	Holy Cross
Cassandra Jaboin	Bunker Hill	Charlrella Williams	Roxbury Community

**We are very excited to say the Class of 2003 received financial aid in excess of 4.5 million from more than 40 different colleges and universities. Great Job!**

## College Bound Welcomes New Students

We are very excited to have a number of new students joining the program this year. We hope the program will be all they expected and more.

Samenta Abraham	2006	Mariana Karatza	2006
Chasneika Astacio	2006	Franchesca Lespinnasse	2006
Loris Bano	2006	Emmanuella Luc	2006
Asharee Brown	2006	Raimar Martinez	2006
Katiuska Calderon	2005	Makinde Oluwadamilare	2004
Lorenzo Clark	2006	Fanelly Perez	2006
Garvey Clerveau Pierre	2005	Alvin Qiriazzi	2006
Luis Colon	2006	Annie Sanchez	2006
Latoya Davis	2006	Eleni Saridis	2006
Ashley Downes	2006	Milhouse Senecharles	2006
Fabienne Duverseau	2006	Jassie Senwah	2005
Steeven Fernandes	2006	Mirlind Zhabjaku	2005
Javier Hernandez	2006	Edlira Ziu	2006

## College Bound Welcomes New Staff

The College Bound Program welcomes five new staff members for the 2003-2004 school year. These individuals come from varying backgrounds and bring diverse experiences to the program. We are sure College Bound will continue to flourish with their participation.

**Kelly Bloom** is the new mentor coordinator. She is a senior at BC majoring in art history, and she has been mentoring with the program for the past three years. Kelly loves the time she spends with the students, and is very excited about her expanded role.

**Becky Fisher** will be teaching English to the sophomores. She is a graduate student at BC majoring in secondary education with English and ESL. Becky is a Donovan Scholar, and she is looking forward to working with our young people who have set such high goals for themselves.

**Marcelle Haddix** is coordinating the curriculum for the 2003-2004 school year. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction, and has a varied background in working with a diverse population of students. Marcelle is impressed by the dedication and commitment exhibited by the College Bound students and their families.

**Filip Hristic** is working with the senior class this year, helping them to prepare for college. He is focusing on history in the curriculum and instruction masters

program. Filip is looking forward to working with passionate and committed students, and learning from them.

**Caroline Sekula** is helping the juniors with SAT verbal prep. She is a BC graduate who is working on her master's degree in secondary education and English. Caroline enjoys working with our students, who are bright and motivated and laugh at her jokes. The program also welcomes back

**Susan Friel** as the high school contact for West Roxbury. She has been at WRHS for 15 years, and also worked with College Bound for a number of years as an instructor. Mrs. Friel takes over for Tom Gilarde who has retired from his position at WRHS.

**Tiara Silva** will be helping Dr. Montavon and Marcelle Haddix with College Bound planning for this year and future years. She is a senior at BC majoring in human development. Tiara is also serving as a mentor for the program, and she is looking forward to providing positive guidance and support.

## BC Experience

This summer **Alba Bego** from West Roxbury High School and **Mimose Francois** from Brighton High School took part in a six-week academic enrichment program at Boston College. This program introduces students to the campus environment and encourages personal growth and exploration. It also aims to help students develop strategies for coping with the intense demands of college. The B.C. experience allowed the students to choose any two courses from a variety of subjects. The students also lived on campus for the six-week program, giving them easy access to libraries, computing facilities, and other necessary resources.

Alba said, "It was the most memorable summer of my life. College was very different from high school. I only had two classes but time management was still important. We always had something to do. I met many new people who came from all over the world and many different walks of life and made many unique friendships. I am so glad that I had the chance to do this program, which gave me a new perspective on college and life. Thanks to everyone who made this important opportunity possible for Mimose and me."

College Bound would like to thank several very generous campus supporters for making this opportunity possible. A special thank you to **Fr. Woods**, Dean of Advancing Studies, who is providing tuition scholarship to both students. These students will also receive free housing courtesy of **Linda Riley**, Associate Director, BC Housing; a \$600 meal card donated by **Pat Bando**, Director, BC Dining Services; book vouchers provided by **Tom McKenna**, Director, BC Bookstore; and a \$200 stipend provided by College Bound.

## MENTOR PROGRAM

The mentor program is well on its way for the 2003-2004 school year. On October 4th, after the Mentor Orientation, 71 mentors met the College Bound students for the first time. Undeterred by the rain, everyone enjoyed lunch in the Shea Function Room. After lunch, the groups had free time to spend together. Groups could take a dorm tour, visit the McMullen Museum's new show, *Reflections in Black*, hang out, or visit the Flynn Recreation Complex.

Since then, the mentors have enjoyed getting to know their mentees and look forward to November 22, when the students will join the mentors for an afternoon at the RecPlex.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15	CB Saturday
November 22	CB Saturday Mentor activity - RecPlex
December 6	CB Saturday SAT Date (Deadline 10/30)
December 13	CB Saturday
Winter Celebration	

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*Thank you all for making a difference!*

