



# BOSTON COLLEGE

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## **Boston College Tops 26,000 Applications for Class of 2010; Highest Total in University's History Caps Decade-Long Rise in Apps**

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (February 2006) -- Boston College continues to reach new milestones in undergraduate applications, with more than 26,000 received for the 2,200 seats in its Class of 2010, the University has announced.

That figure, the highest in the Jesuit, Catholic university's history, represents an increase of 12 percent over last year's total of 23,823, the previous high-water mark.

BC has set a new record for undergraduate applications every year in the past decade, and presently ranks fourth among private universities nationally for applications received.

Boston College Director of Undergraduate Admission John Mahoney says the factors commonly cited as drawing applicants to BC are its Jesuit tradition, high quality academic programs, proximity to Boston, attractive campus and top-notch athletic program. "Prospective students view Boston College as a place that offers a comprehensive package," he said. "It's a winning combination that works in our favor."

This year's application trends include a 27 percent rise for BC's Connell School of Nursing, an 18 percent increase for the Carroll School of Management, and a 19 percent increase in the percentage of students wishing to be admitted under the early action plan, a non-binding process that allows high school seniors who submit applications by Nov. 1 to learn their admission status by Dec. 25.

Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1863, Boston College -- the first institution of higher education to be founded in the city of Boston -- today is one of the foremost universities in the United States, with an enrollment of approximately 14,500 undergraduate and graduate students drawn from 50 states and 90 countries. Ranked among the top 40 national universities by US News & World Report and also among the top American private research universities, its endowment of \$1.4 billion is among the nation's 45 largest.

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