



BOSTON COLLEGE

A BANNER WEEK FOR BOSTON COLLEGE

BC NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S "NEW IVIES" AND RANKED AMONG TOP 35 NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (8-17-06) – This week Boston College received two strong endorsements of its academic quality, reputation and position among the nation's premier universities when it was named to the first-ever elite "New Ivies" list, published in the 2007 Kaplan/Newsweek "How to Get into College Guide," and was ranked among the top 35 national universities by U.S. News & World Report's annual college survey.

The Kaplan/Newsweek guide introduces for the first time the "New Ivies": colleges "whose first-rate academic programs, combined with a population boom in top students, have fueled their rise in stature and favor among the nation's top students, administrators and faculty – edging them to a competitive status rivaling the Ivy League," according to guide organizers.

Boston College was one of 25 schools selected as a "New Ivy," based on admissions statistics as well as interviews with administrators, students, faculty and alumni.

On the heels of the Newsweek announcement, U.S. News & World Report released its annual college rankings, placing Boston College at 34 in its survey of national universities.

Boston College was founded in 1863 by the Society of Jesus to serve the sons of Boston's Irish immigrants -- the first institution of higher education to be founded in the city of Boston. Today, under the leadership of Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, its 25th president, Boston College is one of the nation's foremost universities, with a coeducational enrollment of 14,500 undergraduate and graduate students. BC is the fourth most-applied to private university in the United States, one that attracts many of the best and brightest students from all 50 states and 90 countries. It also is among the most selective universities, with more than 26,000 applications received for its 2,250-member Class of 2010. Its endowment of \$1.4 billion is among the nation's 40 largest.

While it is numbered among the top American private research universities, Boston College remains dedicated to student-centered education and teaching excellence. In recent years, BC undergraduate students have won more than 150 of the most competitive academic fellowships, including two Rhodes Scholarships, more than 80 Fulbright Grants, 10 Goldwater Scholarships, six Truman Scholarships and three Marshall Scholarships, among many others.

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