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**BOSTON COLLEGE EARNS NO. 6 RANKING
IN *PC MAGAZINE'S* "MOST WIRED COLLEGES" LIST**

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (9-11-08) - Boston College has been ranked No. 6 among the nation's "Top 20 Wired Colleges" in a survey published this month by *PC Magazine*, a popular resource for tech news, reviews and analysis.

The "Top 20" rating honors schools judged to have the most comprehensive technology offerings in an assessment conducted by *The Princeton Review*, an annual college rating publication. The survey focused on academics, student resources, infrastructure, wireless networks, technical support, and also included such factors as availability of advanced computer science programs, computer labs and online security.

The University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana was ranked No. 1 in the survey, followed by Kansas State University, University of Utah, Bentley College, Pomona College and BC. This is Boston College's highest ranking in the *PC Magazine* poll which is published every two years.

"It's wonderful news," says Executive Director for Academic Technology Rita Owens, "but in another way, it is not a surprise at all because there has been a core group of people in both the Information Technology Services and in the University Provost's office who have been working in a very focused way to improve student, faculty and infrastructure services over the last seven years or so.

"The ITS infrastructure is really worth talking about," Owens said. "I think the HELPDesk and the RESNet program in the dormitories – both of which are ITS's doing – are really terrific in providing support for our students."

Owens says that faculty-based events, such as the annual eTeaching Day, and other significant technology innovations on campus have helped boost BC's "wired" reputation. "We have a huge uptake in the number of faculty with their information on line, and, as *PC Magazine* pointed out, we are giving students that information through the 'iTunes University' podcasts and providing on-line lectures.

"I think that the class of technology, the numbers of on-line materials for students, and the capturing and distribution of classroom lectures has certainly gotten someone's attention," she says. "I want to emphasize that a lot of hard work and a lot of collaboration on campus have gone into this rating," Owens says. "Really the best news for BC is that one thing we are doing very well is working together on this."

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