



**PATRICK ROMBALSKI OF JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY  
NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AT BOSTON COLLEGE**

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (1-11-08) -- Patrick H. Rombalski, the vice president for student affairs at John Carroll University and a nationally respected voice in student affairs administration, has been named vice president for student affairs at Boston College, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, announced today. Rombalski will assume his position on or about June 1.

Described by colleagues as a dynamic leader and community builder with an extensive and varied background in student affairs, Rombalski brings to Boston College more than 18 years of experience at Jesuit institutions. During his six years as John Carroll's vice president for student affairs (2002-2008), Rombalski enhanced student programs, fostered community among John Carroll's undergraduate and graduate students, developed co-curricular and volunteer-service opportunities, and improved services and outreach to underrepresented student populations.

"Patrick Rombalski is an experienced, committed and energetic student affairs professional with a deep knowledge of the mission of Jesuit, Catholic higher education," said Father Leahy. "I think he will bring broad experience and much enthusiasm to his work with BC students."



As vice president for student affairs, Rombalski oversaw 14 departments ranging from counseling services to the office of the dean for student development. In his role, he initiated and designed a process for the development of the student affairs strategic plan, chaired the mission coordinating committee, and participated in campus-wide strategic and master plan initiatives. He also served on the President's Cabinet, the University Planning Group and the University Council.

Outside of John Carroll, he has worked with two Jesuit universities in overseeing campus-wide discussions on university mission with board members, faculty and students. In addition, over the past seven years he has served as executive director of Rostro de Cristo, a national volunteer immersion program for high school and college students working with the poor in Ecuador.

Prior to his appointment as vice president for student affairs at John Carroll, Rombalski served the Ohio-based university as dean of students from 1997-2002. He had previously held positions as director of residential life at the University of Scranton (1993-1997), and assistant and associate director of residential life at Fairfield University from 1990-1993.

A 1986 graduate of Marquette University, Rombalski holds a master's degree in student personnel from Iowa State University, and a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania. He has lectured extensively at Jesuit Association of Student

Personnel Administrators (JASPA) conferences, been published in several books on student affairs, and has served as an adjunct professor at John Carroll and the University of Scranton.

Executive Vice President Patrick Keating, who chaired the search committee that included BC administrators, faculty and students, described Rombalski as a proven administrator with the ability and experience to effectively engage BC's students.

"Patrick Rombalski is a seasoned student affairs executive who was selected from a very strong pool," said Keating. "His background and knowledge will be important assets for Boston College, especially as we move forward with our efforts to more effectively integrate academics and student life at BC."

Rombalski said he is honored to accept this role at Boston College and looks forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. "It is with a great sense of responsibility and excitement that I accept the position of vice president for student affairs at Boston College," said Rombalski. "BC is a premier institution of higher education well known for its excellent faculty and students. It is my plan to continue to build a student affairs program that both strengthens the Jesuit and Catholic mission of the University and fosters growth in each student. I look forward to getting to know the students at Boston College and assisting my colleagues in Student Affairs in developing an excellent student affairs program."

Sheilah Shaw Horton will continue to serve as interim vice president for student affairs until June 1.

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