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## **BOSTON COLLEGE NAMED TO PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL**

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (2-9-09) – Boston College has been named to the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. BC's selection to the Honor Roll is recognition from the highest levels of the federal government of the University's commitment to service and civic engagement on campus and across the nation.

"We are pleased to receive this honor in recognition of the University's commitment to community service and service learning. The Jesuit mission of 'being men and women for others' is something that is cultivated and valued here at Boston College," said Boston College spokesperson Jack Dunn.



"This recognition confirms what so many of us here at Boston College already know, and that is that our students are passionate about serving others," added Daniel Ponsetto, director of the Volunteer and Service Learning Center at Boston College. "I have had the privilege of witnessing the generosity and giftedness of our students firsthand. The benefits are reciprocal: service enhances the education of our students and provides valuable assistance to those in need. And the cumulative effort is a wonderful expression of the values we champion as a Jesuit university."

Boston College is among 635 institutions of higher learning that were named to the 2008 edition of the Honor Roll.

"In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever. College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tackle some of our toughest challenges," said Nicola Goren, acting CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll. "We salute these universities for making community service a campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others."

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. The Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and is sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, in partnership with Campus Compact and the American Council on Education.

"I offer heartfelt congratulations to those institutions named to the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. College and university students across the country are making a difference in the lives of others every day – as are the institutions that encourage their students to serve others," said Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education.