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Dear Boston College Student:

As we head into the start of Black History Month, I wanted to take a moment to highlight a number of upcoming events that remind us of the importance of living in a community that embraces a diversity of culture, ethnicity, and thought.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Office of AHANA Student Programs is sponsoring a dynamic [roster of events](#)-intellectual, spiritual, and social-including the AHANA Leadership Council (ALC) Ball, Battle of Complexions: The Significance of Skin Color in the Black Community, and the closing ceremony featuring Deacon Arthur Miller from the Black Catholic Ministries. I invite you to take advantage of these events-they will help you reflect on your own cultural and ethnic identity and better appreciate the perspectives of others who are not like you.

I also invite you to experience diversity and community through the eyes of a volunteer. Visit the [Volunteer and Service Learning Center](#) to find out about the [Eagle Volunteer Corps](#) and ways to engage in service this semester.

Boston College continues to celebrate its sesquicentennial with a series of programs, lectures, and events observing its unique heritage. Upcoming events include a student concert at [Symphony Hall](#), the first ever [naturalization ceremony](#) on campus, and a [symposium](#) on the changing patterns of migration and immigration.

I look forward to seeing you at many of these events. For more information, visit [myBC](#). If I can be of any assistance to you this semester, please don't hesitate to [contact me](#). Further, consider attending the Student Affairs' open office hours for students in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs most Fridays in Maloney Hall, Room 260. For more information, visit [www.bc.edu/vpsa](http://www.bc.edu/vpsa).

On behalf of my colleagues in the Division of [Student Affairs](#), I wish you a meaningful and productive semester.

Sincerely,

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