Boston College’s motto, Ever to Excel, is reflected in two distinct ways. First, we are a community of learners—faculty and students who not only assimilate learning from the past but also seek to push the boundaries of the presently known. We seek to do the things that schools traditionally do, but in unique and exceptional ways. Second, we do this in the context of an overarching philosophical and theological framework called the Ignatian vision. We are people using our gifts in the service of others, and applying our knowledge and our commonly held values to the problems and contexts we confront daily. In order to be effective, this requires a continual dialectic between action and reflection, which the founder of the Jesuits, Ignatius of Loyola, required of his companions. In a real sense, we are contemplatives in action.
Dear Parent/Guardian,

It gives us great joy to welcome your daughter or son to Orientation as they begin their four years with us at Boston College.

During Orientation students will be advised on course selection and register for their first college classes, learn about co-curricular opportunities, and begin to get to know their new classmates. The program is designed to introduce first year students to life at BC and help them acclimate to the freedoms and responsibilities that come with being a college student.

We also want to offer a very special welcome to you, the ones whose care and love have prepared your child to begin their college experience here on the Heights. Students in the BC Class of 2021 are undoubtedly an accomplished group that enjoyed great success in high school both inside and outside of the classroom; but we also know your student’s achievement in high school was due in no small part to the support of teachers, coaches, mentors, and, most importantly, you.

While Orientation is primarily for incoming, first-year students, we also understand that the students in the Class of 2021 are not the only ones in transition right now. When a child heads off to college it often impacts the whole family. For that reason we have also designed a comprehensive parent program that complements the student orientation by sharing with you the academic landscape of the university, providing you with insights into the student experience at BC, and simply offering practical information to your many questions.

At Boston College we are all involved in the great enterprise of educating young men and women for the 21st century who will be caring, loving, responsible, just, and faith-filled leaders. Our mission as a Jesuit Catholic University is to be an inclusive community which seeks God in all things. We are grateful that your son or daughter has chosen to attend the University and are excited to welcome them to the BC community.

Sincerely,

Michael Sacco, Ed.D.
Executive Director,
Office of First Year Experience & Center for Student Formation
Sunday

CHECK-IN
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Welcome to Orientation 2017.
Corcoran Commons

ASK INFO TECH
12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Representatives from Information Technology will be on hand to demonstrate some of the technology available to every BC student and to answer any questions you might have about BC’s technology services.
Corcoran Commons

MASS
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
A celebration in the Catholic tradition to mark the beginning of Orientation 2017 and your journey at BC. All are welcome.
St. Ignatius Church

DINNER
Immediately Following Mass
Orientation Leaders will walk students and parents from St. Ignatius Church to Carney Dining Hall for dinner and program introductions.
Carney Dining Room, McElroy Commons

MEET THE PEOPLE AND IDEAS THAT MAKE BC SPECIAL
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Our faculty members will share their commitment to our liberal arts education within the context of our Ignatian mission.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

Monday

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

STUDENT PANEL
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Students presently enrolled at BC will share from their own experiences what support and encouragement they needed from parents and family members in making the transition to the Boston College community.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

CHALLENGE OF TRANSITION
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Student Affairs specialists will address topics pertinent to assisting your son or daughter’s entry into college life.
Bapst Library, Gargan Hall

LUNCH
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Carney Dining Room, McElroy Commons

STUDENT ENROLLMENT SERVICES
1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Members of the Office of Student Services and University Dining Services will give a brief presentation on academic services, account billing, student employment, financial aid, the Eagle One card, and the University dining program followed by a question and answer period.
Bapst Library, Gargan Hall

NOW THAT WE RAISED YOU, HOW DARE YOU GROW UP?
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Speaker Norm Bossio will explore and discuss the unique challenges, frustrations, and opportunities facing parents of first year college students. Issues of communication, separation, support and change will be included in the anecdotal session. A prerequisite for the parents will be a sense of humor. WARNING: This presentation may hit very close to home.
Bapst Library, Gargan Hall

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Monday

COMPANIONS AND MENTORS: OUR WAY OF PROCEEDING
4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
As a Jesuit University, Boston College has a 500-year tradition of concern for the integration of the intellectual, moral, and religious development of its students. Through mentorship, Boston College facilitates the growth of its students into flourishing adults. How have these students changed in recent years? Who are they today?
Heights Room, Corcoran Commons

DINNER AND EVENING ON YOUR OWN

Tuesday

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

TRANSLATING EDUCATION INTO CAREERS
9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
The value of a liberal arts education in today’s job market will be explored.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

MEETING WITH THE DEANS
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
Robsham Theater Arts Center

Carroll School of Management
Walsh Hall Function Room

Lynch School of Education
Corcoran Commons, Boston Room

Connell School of Nursing
Corcoran Commons, Boston Room

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AT BOSTON COLLEGE
11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Administrators will present University resources and opportunities available to students that encourage undergraduates to become contributing members of the BC community.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

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Orientation 2017

Your orientation has been coordinated by the Office of First Year Experience.

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Boston College Fight Song

**FOR BOSTON**

For Boston, for Boston,
We sing our proud refrain!

For Boston, for Boston,
'Tis Wisdom's earthly fane.
For here all are one and their hearts are true,
And the towers on the Heights
Reach to Heav'ns own blue.

For Boston, for Boston,
Till the echoes ring again!

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 23, 2017
First Year Move-In

August 23 - 27, 2017
First Year Welcome Week Activities

Thursday, August 24, 2017
University Welcome, 11:00 a.m., Conte Forum

Thursday, September 7, 2017
First Flight, 6 p.m., Linden Lane
First Year Academic Convocation, 7 p.m., Conte Forum

September 29 - October 1, 2017
Parents' Weekend

For complete schedules, please visit
www.bc.edu/welcome
www.bc.edu/parentsweekend