Welcome Message from the Associate Dean/Director of Graduate Student Life

Dear Graduate Students,

Welcome (or welcome back) to Boston College!

I hope you have been able to settle in on campus and that your experiences thus far have been intellectually stimulating and personally fulfilling.

Each month, the Graduate Student Newsletter will be sent to you. All of the content is related to graduate and professional students. There will be links to interesting articles, notices about events and programs offered and important university information. We will also invite you to take part in life at the University outside of your school or department.

We recognize that graduate student life is, in many ways, more complex and challenging than undergraduate student life. The demands of work, families and other obligations are far more prevalent at the graduate level. Please let us know if there are programs and/or services that could be offered to assist you in as you pursue your graduate work at Boston College.

I encourage you to review our website (www.bc.edu/gsc/) and the website of the Graduate Student Association (www.bc.edu/offices/gradorgs/gsa.html) to find out how you can enrich your academic experience at Boston College.

All the best,

Carole Hughes
Associate Dean/Director
Office of Graduate Student Life

Important Dates

- Monday October 10: Columbus Day—No classes
- Thursday November 3: Thursday University will close at 4 p.m. All classes, labs, and discussion sections that begin at 4 p.m. are canceled. Any class, lab, or discussion section that begins earlier and would ordinarily extend past 4 p.m. may be held, at the instructor’s discretion, but must be terminated at 4 p.m.
- Thursday November 10: Graduate/CASU registration period for spring 2012 begins
- For a full list of BC Academic Calendars visit: www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/academic/current/calendar/
Upcoming Events and Programs

- **Movie Mondays at Murray!** Join us at 7pm on Mondays **starting on October 17th**. You pick the movie from our DVD library and we watch it on our brand new Google TV!

- **Wii Wednesdays at Murray!** Joins us 7pm on Wednesday **starting on October 26th**.

- **The next home football game:** BC vs. Florida State - Thursday 11/3, 8:00pm

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**Celebrating Student Health!**

**Wednesday, October 5th, 11am - 3pm**

Health information, resources, demonstrations, food tasting and delicious treats, giveaways, chair massage, announcement of annual health campaign—all free!

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**Interested in becoming a Health Coach?**

Come to the Health Coach Interest Meeting to find out more!

**Thursday, October 6th, 5-6pm**

Office of Health Promotion, Gasson 025

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About the Murray Graduate Student Center

The John Courtney Murray, S.J. Graduate Student Center (aka The Murray House) is dedicated to the support and enrichment of graduate student life at Boston College. Its primary purpose is to build a sense of community among the entire graduate student population and cultivate a sense of belonging to the University as a whole.

Its amenities include study rooms, a computer lab, DVD lending library, kitchen, deck and patio space, complementary coffee and tea, and more! Throughout the year, the center hosts programs organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life and graduate student groups. All members of the BC community are encouraged to reserve space at the center for events of interest to graduate students.

To learn more about the Murray Graduate Student Center’s amenities and space reservation system, please visit our website: [www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/](http://www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/)

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We want to hear from you! Contact the Murray Graduate Student Center at gsc@bc.edu and give us your feedback on what you like about the center and what we can do to make it even better.
The Brown Bag Lunch Series brings together graduate students from across Boston College for lunchtime conversation. The Office of Graduate Student Life asks that you bring your lunch, and we will provide the drinks.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Dates and Topics:
- Wednesday, October 5: School of Theology and Ministry
- Wednesday, October 12: Lynch School of Education
- Thursday, October 13: Graduate School of Social Work
- Wednesday, October 19: Boston College Law School
- Thursday, October 20: Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- Wednesday, October 26: Connell School of Nursing
- Thursday, October 27: Carroll School of Management

Walk-ins are welcome, though we would greatly appreciate an RSVP! Please e-mail your RSVP to Jenna Sattar, Graduate Assistant in the Office of Graduate Student Life, at sattarj@bc.edu

Graduate Student Campus Ministry Opportunities

If you’re interested in participating in a small group for faith sharing, please get in touch with Sister Mary at mary.sweney.4@bc.edu Now that drop/add period is over, we can begin to form groups based on availability.

For those who may be thinking about becoming a Catholic: A group of students gathers on Tuesdays, 7pm – 9PM. If you are interested or have any questions, get in touch with Sister Mary in Campus Ministry.

Growing through Grief is a group for students who have lost a loved one. Meetings take place on Mondays at 5pm in Room 205B in the Service Building (tall chimney!) behind Cushing. If this might be helpful for someone you know at BC, please share this information.

15 Minutes of Peace and Quiet and Prayer is an opportunity to re-center. We gather on Thursdays at 4pm in Cushing Chapel, next to Room 326 in the School of Nursing. We conclude at 4:15. Join us! If you’re a former Jesuit Volunteer, please forward your email. As the semester moves along, we’ll gather for dinner and sharing – a great opportunity to catch up with other volunteers.

Visit our website: http://www.bc.edu/gsc/
Whole Person Education Series

What does it mean to educate the whole person? Faculty often think of themselves as educators of the mind, but students come to the classroom as whole persons, with all of their social, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual experiences and concerns. Furthermore, decades of scholarship on learning and development suggest that the growth of the mind is inextricably linked to the growth of the heart and of the spirit.

This series of workshops, sponsored by The Office of Graduate Student Life, is aimed at graduate students in all disciplines who intend to teach in higher education. It is meant to complement discipline-based programs on teaching, as well as the teaching workshops offered by the Connors Family Learning Center.

The objective is to help our graduate students understand how the complex human beings they will soon encounter as teachers and mentors learn and develop through the undergraduate years.

Please email your RSVP to Jenna Sattar: sattarj@bc.edu

**The GSC will provide lunch for the Whole Person Education Series.

"Difficult Conversations in the Classroom"
Thursday, November 10th, 12pm-1:30pm
Murray Graduate Student Center - Facilitated by Elizabeth Sparks (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Lynch School)

Facilitating conversation about problematic issues is a challenge for many of us. We may find it difficult to talk about topics that threaten, offend or embarrass some students. We may be at a loss during moments of raised voices, tears, and silence. We may find it difficult to engage some students in conversation on a sensitive topic to the degree they are comfortable, and we may not know how to gauge their level of comfort. In this workshop, we will discuss how to manage difficult conversations in the classroom. We will consider how to keep students involved in discussion and how to give them space when involvement is not best for them. We will also consider how instructors manage their own sensitivity to difficult topics.

Have an event or announcement that you would like posted in next month’s newsletter?
Email us at gradnews@bc.edu
Public transportation exists in abundance in the Boston area. Here are some helpful links and tips for navigating your way around Boston!

**BC Shuttle Bus**
Free transportation to and from all campuses, and even one that will take you to the grocery store!  
*Download the free app for your phone to see the real-time location of all buses, as well as access announcements that might impact your ride: [http://bc.transloc.com/help.php](http://bc.transloc.com/help.php)*

**Zipcar**
*[www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com)*
Offers hourly rentals of a variety of cars (from minis to BMWs to SUVs to Scions) conveniently parked in an around Boston College and the greater Boston area. Great for doing grocery shopping or day trips out of town. BC Students get discounted membership--it’s only $25 for an annual membership plus the cost of rentals. Rentals begin at $12/hour, and include gas and insurance.

**Hubway**
*[www.thehubway.com/](http://www.thehubway.com/)*
A new program in Boston--the bike rental equivalent of zipcars! Sign up for an Annual Membership and you’ll receive your own Hubway key! Use it to unlock any of the 600 bicycles at any of the 61 stations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 3 seasons a year. If you keep each trip under 30 minutes, each ride is free after your initial payment.

**The MBTA - Boston’s Public Transportation System**
*[www.mbta.com/](http://www.mbta.com/)*
MBTA The Massachusetts Bay Transport Authority (The MBTA) is Massachusetts's public transportation system. It offers travel by subway, train, bus, and boat through the greater Boston area and beyond. Boston College offers discounted student MBTA passes.

**Check out our Quick Guide to Getting Around Boston!**
*[www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/gsc/pdf/Getting_Around.pdf](http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/gsc/pdf/Getting_Around.pdf)*
As a student at Boston College, you will find that the most convenient transportation hub to start your trips into or around Boston is Cleveland Circle. From Cleveland Circle you can catch the BC Shuttle, walk to the B line, catch the C, or hop on the D line or the 86 Bus at the Reservoir T-Stop. Below are some important stops on each route.
Volunteer Opportunities

It is part of the mission of the Office of Graduate Student Life to provide co-curricular support to our graduate and professional students in all areas, including opportunities for our students to give back and engage in the world around us.

Check out the **volunteer database** for numerous service opportunities from local organizations, provided by the Volunteer and Service Learning Center: [http://volunteer.bc.edu/volunteer/](http://volunteer.bc.edu/volunteer/)

Also visit the database for the **Spotlight on additional opportunities**:  
1. Paid and unpaid internships  
2. Future run/walks (participation and volunteering)  
3. International and Domestic volunteering

**Special volunteer opportunities for graduate students:**  
Looking for a volunteer to work with a client with Downs Syndrome that is selectively mute. She is 15 years old and would like someone who she can build a trusting relationship with. This process will probably mean a commitment of 1 1/2 years, with twice a month visits to her home (for the first 3 months a weekly visit would be needed to establish a relationship). The person would be doing things with her such as crafts, going to the movies, taking her around to different parts of the city, taking her to an exercise club, etc. You would have to provide your own transportation to the Roxbury area and wherever you decide to go with her. Family can help out; some transportation available. Only women please!

**The Second Step: Newtonville, MA**  
Opportunities: Fundraising committees, work with child/adolescent survivors of abuse  
The Second Step provides a safe way from violence to self-reliance for families who have found the courage to flee abusive situations – the first step – but who still have many obstacles to overcome.

**Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Troup Leader**

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts is recruiting adult volunteers to work with Girl Scout troops throughout the state. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place; it is about developing leadership skills in girls. This opportunity can vary depending on the skills and interests of the volunteer but may include consistently supervising and mentoring a troop of girls, writing your troop newsletter, leading girls on a camping trip, teaching girls something you are skilled at, guiding girls through a community service project, and much more! Troops of all ages (grades K-12) need volunteers to support them. Volunteer training and support will be provided. Time commitment varies, depending on your schedule. Minimum age for volunteers is 18. All training is provided.

If you’re interested in any of these opportunities, please contact the VSLC: [volunteer@bc.edu](mailto:volunteer@bc.edu)

For more volunteer opportunities specifically for graduate students, please visit: [www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradresources/VolunteerOpportunities.html](http://www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradresources/VolunteerOpportunities.html)
Cradles to Crayons: 2 Service Events This Month!

Saturday, October 29th, 10:00-12:00pm,
Depart from Murray Graduate Student Center

Founded in 2002, Cradles to Crayons (C2C) strives to provide children up to age 12 living in homeless and low-income situations with the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued. At the same time, we lay a foundation for lasting change by providing meaningful, tangible volunteer opportunities to hundreds of corporations and thousands of individuals and families each year.

Come volunteer with other graduate students and help to improve the lives of children! We will inspect and sort donated items at the various volunteer work stations. “Roll up your sleeves and experience a tangible, hands-on volunteer opportunity!”

To RSVP for this date and time, email gsc@bc.edu

Greater Boston Universities’ Service Event: October 18-21, 2011

Two shifts available each day: 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Volunteer with other students from BU, Harvard, MIT, Northeastern, and Wellesley during this intercollegiate event at Cradles to Crayons! There are two sessions a day to choose from. Transportation will be provided. This is a great event for individuals and groups as 17 BC students are needed for each session! To sign up please contact the VSLC at volunteer@bc.edu or come to our office in McElroy 114. The deadline to sign up is Friday, October 7th!

Description:
Cradles to Crayons partners with social-service organizations in the Boston area to connect communities that have surplus resources—new or gently used items in good condition—with communities that desperately need access to those resources. The essentials we collect and distribute include clothing, shoes, school supplies, and much more. When you donate to Cradles to Crayons, you can be absolutely sure that your donation will go to a deserving local child, for whom the donation was specifically requested.
Wednesday, October 5, 2011 — Conexión Latina: A Network of Alumni Eagles
Time and Location: 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Devlin 101
Join a panel of Latino professionals representing various industries. Make a connection and learn about the choices that enhanced their individual career paths. It’s never too early or late to build lasting relationships. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 6, 2011 — SNAP: Celebrating the Resilience of Natives in the Americas
Time and Location: 7:30 P.M. – O’Connell House
An examination of the celebration of Christopher Columbus Holiday through various songs, dances, poems and food of the Native people of North, Central & South America.

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 — Professors and Pastries
Time and Location: 3:30 P.M. – Honors Library, Fulton Hall
Meet Professors who have experiences in the Life Sciences & the Health Professions.
Learn about resources and programs available at BC and beyond.

Thursday, October 13, 2011: OLAA— Night at the Revolutionary Café
Time and Location: 7:30 P.M. – Vanderslice, 6th floor Lounge
Open Mic Night! Enjoy performances and spoken word from the BC community.
The 2011 Archbishop Oscar Romero Scholarship finalists and recipient will be on hand to share insights gained from the application process.

Friday, October 14, 2011 — Closing Celebration
AT 6:00 P.M. join in the exciting Desfile de Nuestros Paises
(Parade of Our Countries),
starting from Lower campus & ending at the Eagle on Linden Lane

Followed by:
Noche De Sabor! Latin Cultural Show!
Time and Location: 6:30-10:00 P.M. – Gasson 100

You will not want to miss this year’s closing of the Hispanic Heritage Month:
Food, Ethnic Displays & Performances reflecting the diversity of the Latino Community with a twist of Style. At the center of the Celebration: Boston College Students ‘Reppin’ their Flags!!!!!
Conversation Partners Program

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) is in need of graduate students to participate in its Conversation Partner Program (CPP). CPP is a volunteer program that matches international graduate students who want to practice their conversational English skills with a member of the BC community (graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and administrators). Fluent English speaking graduate students are especially encouraged to sign up as graduate international students are most interested in meeting other graduate students. Anyone is welcome to sign up, but we are especially looking for male partners to match with male international students.

The purpose of the program is to help connect people across the university for conversation, cultural exchange and friendship. Partners are expected to meet for a minimum of an hour a week at a mutually convenient time and location. The benefits of being a conversation partner include learning about another country and culture, improving teaching skills, building your résumé and meeting new people. If you are interested in participating in CPP, please sign up on the OISS website: [www.bc.edu/offices/oiss/programs/cpp.html](http://www.bc.edu/offices/oiss/programs/cpp.html)

If you have any questions, please email the OISS at bcis@bc.edu

BC Splash Opens to Graduate Students!

Each semester, BC Splash brings hundreds of high school students from across New England to Boston College for a daylong program of courses taught by graduate and undergraduate students. High school students receive a unique taste of college academia, and BC students are offered a valuable opportunity to gain teaching experience and share their academic passions with young minds. The best Splash courses teach advanced concepts with a fun interactive approach so that high school students leave the classroom feeling inspired to pursue their own education.

Graduate and undergraduate teachers can register online at our [website](http://www.bc.edu/offices/oiss/programs/cpp.html), where they provide a short course description, a list of materials, and pick their class size, duration and prerequisites. For a better idea of courses that have been offered in the past, our website also has a link to the [course catalogue](http://www.bc.edu/offices/oiss/programs/cpp.html) from last years’ event.

- Teacher Registration is open and will continue until **Friday October 7th**.
- Splash will be held on **November 13th** from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm although teachers are only required to check-in a half hour before their class begins and check-out after it ends.

More questions? Feel free to send us an email at BCSplash@gmail.com, visit our website [bcsplash.learneru.org](http://bcsplash.learneru.org) or give us a call 617-297-7524.
Join a Graduate Student Organization today!

- **The Graduate Student Association (GSA)**
  www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradorgs/gsa.html

  The Graduate Student Association (GSA) of Boston College is a student-run organization which serves graduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Lynch School of Education, the Connell School of Nursing, the Graduate School of Social Work, the Carroll School of Management, and the School of Theology and Ministry.

  Additionally, the GSA coordinates the function and activities of the AHANA Graduate Student Association, and the Graduate International Student Association (GISA). The GSA serves two primary purposes: to provide programming to meet graduate student needs and advocate within the greater Boston College community for issues of import to graduate students.

- **The Graduate AHANA Student Association (Grad AHANA)**
  www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradorgs/gsa/leadership/gradahana.html

  AHANA is an acronym used to describe individuals of African-American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American descent. The mission of the AHANA Graduate Student Association is to advocate for and support the needs of under-represented graduate students at Boston College through intellectual, cultural, and social programs and initiatives. Membership is open to all graduate students at Boston College. Students of color and those from underrepresented backgrounds are especially encouraged to join. All members must abide by the constitution.

- **The Graduate International Student Association (GISA)**
  www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradorgs/gsa/leadership/GISA.html

  GISA is a student organization run by graduate international students at Boston College. Our mission is to provide educational, social and cultural opportunities to the graduate international student community at Boston College. In addition, we seek to promote and enhance positive interactions among American and International graduate students. We therefore organize and sponsor events that are open to and encourage all graduate students to take a break from their busy academic lives and have some fun while learning about each other's cultural heritages and our diverse world community.
Assistantships and Internships for BC Grad Students

- The Office of Graduate Student Life has a listing of graduate assistantships and other job opportunities at Boston College: [www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradresources/financial/assistantships.html](http://www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradresources/financial/assistantships.html)

- Individual graduate schools award graduate assistantships, fellowships, many discipline-based scholarships and grants, as well as tuition remission and stipends: [www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradresources/academics/schools.html](http://www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradresources/academics/schools.html)

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BC’s Annual Workshop in Contemporary Philosophy

This year’s topic, ‘An Inquiry into the Continental / Analytic Divide,’ promises to be most interesting and relevant, and hopes to bring some clarity to the nature of this divide.

The Workshop will be held on

**Saturday, October 8**

in **Higgins 310** (on BC campus).

The schedule of the workshop is as follows:

**10am:** Prof. Eileen Sweeney (BC): “The Rorty Thesis: the Convergence of Analytic and Continental Philosophy in Davidson and Derrida”

**11am:** Prof. Andrea Staiti (BC): “Philosophy: Wissenschaft or Weltanschauung? Towards a Prehistory of the Analytic / Continental Rift”

**1pm:** Prof. J. L. A. Garcia (BC): “Analytic and Continental: Personal and Systematic Reflections”

**2pm:** Prof. Rae Langton (MIT) and Prof. Nancy Bauer (Tufts): “A Dialogue on the Divide”

**3:30pm:** Prof. Babette Babich (Fordham): “Requiem”

**4:30pm:** Prof. Andrew Cutrofello (Loyola, Chicago): “Philosophical Arguments”

Additionally, the event will include a continental breakfast at 9:30am. All are encouraged to attend.

Please join us for what will surely be a wonderful and enlightening event!

Please contact Shane Ewegen at Ewegen@bc.edu with any questions.
Important Notices

From the Office of Student Services:
For walk-in service and telephone hours, including their extended hours of operation for fall 2011, visit the Office of Student Services’ website: www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/

- **Student Employment**
  Academic year hourly-paid student job listings will be made available beginning Wednesday, August 31. These job listings can be accessed from the Student Employment link on the Office of Student Services website at www.bc.edu/studentservices. Please note: these job listings are maintained by the campus employer. In addition, The Office of Graduate Student Life also has a link to Graduate Assistantships and Employment Opportunities, which can be accessed at www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gradresources/financial.html

- **BCPP**
  All graduate and Woods College of Advancing Studies students who wish to use the Boston College Payment Plan (BCPP) are required to make a minimum down payment of 25% of the semester charges. A 3% participation fee will be assessed on the remaining balance. This deferred balance is then divided into three installments. Upon receipt of the BCPP application, the Office of Student Services will send participants a confirmation of enrollment and a payment schedule. Monthly billing statements may be viewed in My Bill. Prior semester balances must be resolved before you may participate in this plan. If you failed to make payments as agreed under the BCPP program during a previous semester, you are not eligible to enroll in this plan for subsequent semesters and will be required to pay in full by the due date. Students who anticipate a problem with paying their bill should contact the Office of Student Services.

- **MyBill**
  The Office of Student Services sends all bills electronically to your BC email address. No paper bills are mailed to your home address. You will be notified at your BC email address whenever an online bill is generated. If you prefer to use another email account, you will need to forward your BC email account through your Agora Portal account.
  When you receive your billing email, you should log on to your Agora Portal account and select "My Bill." This link will take you to BC’s online billing website where you will be able to view and pay your bill online. You may also print a copy of the bill and view previous invoices.

- **Parking**
  To learn about parking, including permits, applications, categories, and restrictions: www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/parking/student.html

- **Transcripts**
  Transcripts are free. To place a request: www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/academic/students/tranreq.html

- **For more information**
  If you have any questions, feel free to call the Office of Student Services at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294, or send an email to studentservices@bc.edu
From the Office of Community Standards:

The Student Conduct system exists to protect the rights of the Boston College community and of students accused of a breach of the University Code of Student Conduct. For a complete description of the Code of Conduct, and related procedures, please consult the Boston College Student Guide [www.bc.edu/studentguide](http://www.bc.edu/studentguide).

Take a moment to review the guide to ensure that you remain current with your rights and responsibilities as a student at Boston College. The student guide provides information about resources and the community standards of Boston College. Together we can work to create a campus climate that respects the Jesuit and Catholic identity of Boston College and promotes student learning and development.

- **Massachusetts Hazing Law**
  We would also like to remind you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a very specific law concerning hazing in a college or university setting. The details of the law and the University policy can be found in the online version of the Student Guide.

- **Seeking Help for Alcohol Related Medical Emergencies**
  The health and safety of Boston College students is of paramount concern. As a result, all students are expected to seek appropriate assistance for themselves or others in situations where help is needed to ensure proper care of a person who is significantly intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. In situations where students seek medical attention due to alcohol intoxication or drug ingestion, Boston College will support and encourage this help-seeking behavior by treating it as a health and safety matter, not as a disciplinary incident. This practice will also be extended to anyone seeking or calling for help on behalf of another student. Students who seek and receive medical attention will be required to complete certain educational and/or counseling initiatives which are intervention and prevention based and will also be subject to all fees related to their medical care. Students who demonstrate consistent and repeated patterns of such behavior may require further medical review and/or treatment up to, when necessary, mandated medical leaves of absence. Failure to complete these referrals would be treated as a disciplinary matter.

Students will be held accountable for misconduct accompanying or incidental to the use and/or abuse of alcohol or other substances. For example, disorderly behavior, violence, property damage, or distribution or intent to distribute will be treated as disciplinary violations and will be responded to accordingly. For medical assistance, please contact Health Services at (617) 552-3227; for an immediate response contact the BC Police at (617) 552-4444. [Click here for a list of possible referrals and programs](#).
Copyright Compliance

Copyright law protects the rights of anyone who creates or holds the rights to created content, including art, music, written material, movies, and software. The unauthorized copying or distribution of any material created by anyone other than yourself may constitute copyright infringement, which is a violation of federal law and University policy. These prohibited activities include using the Boston College network for sharing music, video, or software without copyright holder permission, whether through peer-to-peer programs (uploading or downloading) or other means.

Boston College’s technology policy, located at: http://www.bc.edu/techpolicy requires all members of the University community to comply with copyright laws and the provisions of licensing agreements that apply to software. In addition, all system users agree in the Boston College Technological and Information Resources Use Agreement to comply with copyright law.

The University imposes significant sanctions for infringing activities, including university probation and loss of network access. In addition, under the Copyright Act, anyone infringing a copyrighted work may be liable for statutory damages up to $30,000 for each work (i.e. each song or movie) infringed and, if willful infringement is proven, that amount may be increased up to $150,000. An infringer may also be liable for the attorney’s fees of the copyright owner. In certain cases, an infringer may also be subject to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment. For significant offenses, these penalties include up to a five-year federal prison term and a fine of $250,000.

In recent years, associations including the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America have served thousands of subpoenas on colleges and universities, including Boston College, seeking to obtain the identities of individuals who have allegedly infringed the copyright of their members through peer-to-peer file-sharing. Boston College is required to comply with lawfully issued subpoenas, and students have had to pay significant sums of money to settle copyright claims in order to avoid further liability.

A number of legal alternatives, authorized by copyright owners, exist for acquiring music and other content online, including iTunes, Amazon, and even Walmart.com. Boston College encourages you to make use of these services rather than engaging in copyright infringement and risking significant penalties.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact BC’s Information Technology Services (www.bc.edu/its) or the Office of the Dean for Student Development (www.bc.edu/odsd).
Calling All Grad Student Parents:
Are you a graduate student with children? If so, we would like to hear from you! The Office of Graduate Student Life is interested in providing programming to suit your needs as a parent and a graduate student at Boston College. Please email us at gsc@bc.edu with ideas, suggestions, or if you would be interested in participating in a grad student/parent focus group.

Other BC Notices and Disclosures:
Links to consumer information notices and disclosures provided in accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) which reauthorized the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The linked Web pages describe how to obtain a paper copy of the particular disclosure.
www.bc.edu/offices/evp/noticesanddisclosures.html

Other Ways to Get Involved in the BC Campus Community...

Links to various campus calendars:

- Nights on the Heights: Student Programming:
  www.bc.edu/offices/studentprograms/programs/latenight.html

- Go Eagles! Athletics Schedules:
  http://bceagles.cstv.com/calendar/bc-calendar.html

- Lowell Humanities Series:
  http://www.bc.edu/offices/lowellhs/

- Arts Calendar:
  https://events.bc.edu/cgi-bin/publish/webevent.cgi?cmd=opencal&cal=cal9&token=

- McMullen Museum of Art Events Calendar:
  http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/artmuseum/events-calendar/

- Music Department Concert Calendar:
  http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/music/calendar.html

Stay connected with us! This newsletter will be sent to you at the beginning of each month. Please email us if you have questions, comments, or anything that you would like us to feature in future newsletters. gradnews@bc.edu
Keep an eye out for us on facebook and twitter, soon to come!