

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT



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Welcome Back!!!

Welcome back to another year at Boston College! The Office of the Dean for Student Development (ODSD) welcomes back all off-campus students to the University community. In this year's first edition of our e-news, we provide you with helpful information about campus and the greater community. It is important to us



BC students helping in the community

that our off-campus students feel connected to the University and that we build a positive relationship with our neighbors. We are

also here to assist you with your living experience and have provided information about several on- and off-campus resources.

A Taste of Off-Campus!

An Event for Off-Campus Students

Join students, staff, neighbors, and local restaurants on September 10 from 5-7 pm on the Brighton Campus at the corner of Commonwealth Ave. and Greycliff Rd. Enjoy **free food from area restaurants** and a chance to meet each other! Welcome Packs for off-campus students will be available at the event (one per apartment—first 300). Come pick up your pack with give-aways and information for your off-campus experience!

BRING YOUR ID!

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT MEETING



Students attend an off-campus event at Roggie's

September 15, 2009—6:30 pm

Robsham Theater

Discussion with BC Administrators, Boston Police, and more!

Come with your questions!

Enter a raffle to win an iTouch! (must be present to win)

Send at least one representative from each address. Attendance will be taken.

Questions? Contact Judy Robinson, Assistant Dean, at 617-552-3470 or judy.robinson.1@bc.edu.

ODSD offers a variety of programs for the Off-Campus Student Population

EMAIL HELPLINE FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS

ODSD's email help line is available so that students can contact ODSD, Residential Life, or Community Affairs with questions, concerns, or issues related to off-campus living. Students can email questions about tenant rights, judicial action, roommate concerns, and more. Email messages will be read and routed to the appropriate department on campus for a response. This email line is for student use only and can be accessed at offcampushelp@bc.edu.

OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Mayor's 24-Hour Hotline: 617-635-4500, www.cityofboston.gov/mayor24

Boston Police Area D-14 (non-emergency): 617-343-4260

Inspectional Services Department: 617-635-5300, www.cityofboston.gov/ISD

MBTA Information: 617-222-3200, www.mbta.com

Off-campus student wins Lights Off the Heights Contest



REPORT YOUR LOCAL ADDRESS BY SEPTEMBER 5



BC requires off-campus students to provide a local address. With complete and accurate local addresses, we can contact you during emergencies when electronic communications are not working or when a family situation requires us to speak to a student in person. We will also be able to advocate for non-resident students living in neighboring cities and towns. To update your address:

1. Go to portal.bc.edu. Log in, choose “My Services.”
2. Choose “Addresses/Phone Numbers” from “Account and Personal Info” column.
3. Click on “Update/Confirm Addresses” link.
4. Update “Local Address and Phone Information” field. If you are commuting from home, please re-enter your home address in the local address field.
5. Submit address update confirmation.

For more information, contact the Office of the Dean for Student Development at 617-552-3470 or odsd@bc.edu.

EAGLE AMBASSADORS WANTED!

The BC Eagle Ambassador Program is a student initiative of the Off-Campus Council. Eagle Ambassadors (EAs) are student leaders who care about the quality of the off-campus living experience, the neighborhood, and citizenship. EAs serve as a resource and point of contact for students living in their neighborhoods and plan and coordinate community building programs and activities throughout the year. They try to bring students together, build self-help skills, and create the impetus for students to work together and with other community members to improve the quality of life in the off-campus community. For more information, contact Judy Robinson, Assistant Dean, at judy.robinson.1@bc.edu. Join us!

Help make the off-campus experience the BEST it can be. Join the Eagle Ambassador Program!

JOIN THE BREAKFAST CLUB! DINE ON US AT EAGLE DELI!

Off-campus students are invited to participate in the BC Breakfast Club. Join us on several Sunday mornings at 11 am, wear your Breakfast Club T-shirt (provided), and volunteer some time to clean up the neighborhoods. Clean up is always followed by breakfast (on ODSD) at the Eagle Deli. The program is sponsored by the Office of the Dean for Student Development. For more information, contact Michael Sirera, Graduate Assistant, at michael.sirera.1@bc.edu.



Off-campus students participate in the Breakfast Club program

WANT TO THROW A PARTY WORTH A MILLION BUCKS?

What is Social Host Liability?

Social Host Liability is the legal term for the criminal and civil responsibility of a person who furnishes alcohol to a guest. Social hosts may be either adults or minors.

Who is considered a "social host?"

The definition of a social host varies from state to state, but generally a social host is one who:

- Furnishes alcohol as an act of hospitality with no motive of pecuniary gain (is not a commercial enterprise, such as a bar or restaurant)
- Has no special relationship, such as an employer, with the guest
- Serves alcohol or condones the consumption of alcohol on property that the host controls, even if the guest brought the alcohol to the residence. In Massachusetts, simply allowing the consumption of alcohol is sufficient.

What is the law in Massachusetts concerning Social Host Liability?

Massachusetts law prohibits the sale, delivery, or furnishing of alcohol to persons under 21. In addition, a social host may under certain circumstances be held liable for injuries caused by a guest who, having consumed alcohol at the host's premises, does harm to himself or herself or to a third party. If the guest is a minor (i.e., under 18), and the host knew or reasonably should have known that he or she was furnishing alcohol to a minor, the host may be held responsible for injuries or damage to the minor or to third parties caused by the minor's alcohol-influenced actions.



& OFF-CAMPUS

UGBC has a number of off-campus resources that students can access at www.ugbc.org. The REP resource helps students find information about off-campus housing and allows students currently living off campus to report problems with their living situation for future students to read. Students currently living off campus should fill out REPs for their living arrangements. Stay tuned to UGBC.org as we update the "Know Your Rights" information specifically for off-campus students.

Nights on the Heights

What is your night looking like? Looking for fun, free entertainment on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday nights? Check out the great events that Nights on the Heights (NOTH) has to offer! Events planned for September include mini golf every Saturday night on Lower Campus, lots of live music, movies, comedians, trivia, and much more! Check out all the events at www.bc.edu/nights.

STUDENT HOUSING TIPS

FROM MAYOR THOMAS MENINO AND THE BOSTON INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Housing Tips—Did You Know?

- Landlords are required to exterminate rodents and insects
- Security deposits cannot exceed the cost of one month's full rent
- In units that are heated by the landlord, the heat must be on from September 15 through June 15. The temperature must be no less than 68 degrees between 7 am and 11 pm and 64 degrees between 11 pm and 7 am.

Rental Housing Resource Center

Whether you're renting your first apartment or have questions about your lease, security deposit, or a dispute with your landlord, Boston's Rental Housing Resource Center has experts on staff to offer advice and a web page just for students. For additional information, call 617-635-5322 or go to www.cityofboston.gov/isd/housing/rental.

Moving In? Some Reminders from the City of Boston

- Any move-in concerns? Call the Mayor's Hotline at 617-635-4500.
- Confirm with your landlord that your apartment has been re-inspected. If it hasn't, contact the City's Inspectional Services Department at 617-635-5322 and request an inspection.
- Trash pick up will take place on September 1. Your landlord is responsible for your "overflow trash" from move-in. Be sure to coordinate with your landlord!
- When moving in, be sure to park in legal spaces. Vehicles in emergency zones or parked illegally could be towed.
- Get a copy of your signed lease and take an inventory (including pictures) of the condition of your apartment.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Steve Montgomery is Boston College's Community Liaison who coordinates the Community Assistance Program (CAP), which is a service of the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs. Steve responds to calls received from the Boston Police or BCPD in an attempt to mediate situations and address community disturbances as a result of student behavior.

Steve is in the neighborhoods between 9 pm and 3 am every Thursday through Saturday and other peak activity days. He tours the neighborhoods to prevent, verify, record, investigate, and address complaints about off-campus disturbances from neighbors and the local police. He speaks with students responsible for neighborhood disturbances and discusses community standards and individual and community rights. Steve maintains records of complaints received and response actions taken and then forwards those reports to the Office of the Dean for Student Development for appropriate action.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Museum of Fine Arts College Night

Last year's College Night at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, was a huge success with over 3,500 students from the Boston area attending. This year College Night will be on Thursday, September 24. Students are welcome to explore the museum and enjoy lively entertainment.

Go to www.mfa.org for more information.

Plex Playground
September 2

BC vs. Northeastern
September 5 · 2 pm · Alumni Stadium

Liturgies—St. Ignatius of Loyola
September 6 · 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 5:30 pm

Night at the Museum, McMullen Museum of Art
September 6 · 7 pm

Student Activities Day
September 11 · 10 am-4 pm · Dustbowl

Welles R. Crowther Red Bandanna 5K Run
September 19 · 2 pm · Alumni Stadium
Go to www.bc.edu/vslc for information

BC Career Fair
September 22 · 3-6 pm · Conte Forum

College Night at the Museum of Fine Arts
September 24



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"BC Students Make Good Neighbors"

Important Note on Parking

Parking at Boston College is by permit only. To qualify as a commuter and be eligible to park on campus, students must live more than one mile from public transportation. Those living less than one mile from public transportation are not eligible for a commuter permit and do not qualify as a visitor in the garages. Students found doing this may be subject to ticket and/or tow.

New Boston Recycling System

The City of Boston now offers "single stream" recycling. You don't need to separate your recycling and can put it in a trash can or a blue recycling bin clearly labeled "RECYCLING." Large 64 gallon carts are being distributed to residents throughout the city. Residents of Allston and Brighton should have theirs delivered in September.