BOSTON COLLEGE
Orientation 2016

Parent Program
Catch the BC Spirit
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 Companions on the Journey,

St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) was known as a “pilgrim” on a journey in search of God, life and purpose. Those who joined him later became known as companions. So, we at Boston College continue the journey “seeking God (Truth and Love) in all things” as companions.

Welcome to the BC family. There is no greater gift to a community than receiving new life! At BC we are about a formative education that is integrative in nature. By becoming part of our family, as a student, parent, guardian, friend or relative we embark together on a journey of faith, love, conversation and a quest for knowledge. Of course, all this is accomplished throughout our development and growth as individuals. However, at Boston College it is not just about the advancement of the self, but the creation of a global village where we as individuals realize we are interconnected and thus are responsible for one another. This is a Jesuit Catholic education.

Boston College receives young leaders and helps them continue to grow into more highly developed leaders with an all-encompassing vision of an education with a heart, soul and imagination! We are proud and happy to begin this educational adventure with you and look forward to the next four years. No doubt, you will make us better and we hope to influence you and help you reach your potential.

The Jesuits have been involved with education for almost 500 years; let’s continue to learn from each other and seek to find God in all things, which is “Love.” Love transcends all endeavors and allows the intellect to soar “like an eagle.”

In Companionship,

John T. Butler, S.J.
Vice President
For Mission and Ministry

Welcome to Orientation 2016!

There is no greater investment that you give to this world than your daughter or son. Their success is due in good measure to the support and encouragement you have given them to strive for excellence.

It is often said that a parent’s work never ends, and so as your child enters Boston College, your relationship enters into a new era. They have received the invitation to join our community because they have excelled in their previous academic challenges. While at BC, they will expand upon the freedom and responsibility they have already begun to experience and they will do so in dramatic ways. At the same time, your role, though still crucial, is in transition.

During Orientation we will be speaking of the ways students need to adjust to these new freedoms and responsibilities in order to maximize their experience at the University. In order to assist you in being as effective as you can, we have designed a program with a variety of components to enable you to be a partner in your son’s or daughter’s experiences at Boston College.

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.

Catch the BC spirit!
**Sunday**

**CHECK-IN**
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Welcome to Orientation 2016.
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 computing, telephone, or television services.
Corcoran Commons

**LITURGY**
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The beginning of Orientation 2016 and an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist in the Catholic tradition. All faiths are welcome.
St. Ignatius Church

**DINNER**
Immediately Following Liturgy
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

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**Monday**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
8:15 a.m. to 9:00 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.
Devlin 008

**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.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

**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.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

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**Tuesday**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Devlin 008

**TRANSLATING EDUCATION INTO CAREERS**
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
The value of a liberal arts education in today’s job market will be explored.
Devlin 008

**MEETING WITH THE DEANS**
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
Devlin 008
Carroll School of Management
Fulton 511
Lynch School of Education
Stokes S105
Connell School of Nursing
Stokes S105

**COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AT BOSTON COLLEGE**
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Administrators will present University resources and opportunities available to students that encourage undergraduates to become contributing members of the BC community.
Devlin 008

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

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Important Dates

August 24, 2016
First Year Move-In

August 24 - 29, 2016
First Year Welcome Week Activities (various locations)

August 25, 2016
University Welcome, 11:00 a.m., Conte Forum

September 8, 2016
First Flight, 5 p.m., Linden Lane
First Year Academic Convocation, 7 p.m., Conte Forum

September 30 – October 2, 2016
Parents' Weekend

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

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'n's own blue.

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