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.
Welcome to Orientation 2016 at Boston College. We have planned an exciting program to help you begin your college career in a meaningful and successful way.

Orientation is a chance to get to know Boston College and to familiarize yourself with your new surroundings. You will also sample life in a University residence hall and meet many of your future classmates. Some of them will become lifelong friends.

During the next three days, you will meet with deans, faculty advisors, students, and University administrators who will introduce you to the campus community and to the many new and challenging experiences awaiting you at Boston College. Throughout the program, student Orientation Leaders—carefully selected and trained juniors and seniors—will be your guides. They are excellent sources of information and will be happy to answer any questions you may have throughout Orientation. You will also meet with a faculty advisor who will help you construct an academic schedule for the fall semester and assist in registering for the courses you have selected.

Today marks the beginning of a very significant journey. We are here to make sure you get off to a good start. Catch the BC spirit!

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
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

ORIENTATION LEADER GROUP MEETINGS
8:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Group meetings with your student Orientation Leaders.
Corcoran Commons

Monday

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
Meet with Orientation Leaders.
Corcoran Commons

HONORS PROGRAM
9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Students enrolling in the Honors Program in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences meet with Honors Program faculty.
Stokes S286

MEETINGS WITH THE DEANS
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
The deans will provide you with an overview of the academic opportunities available to you, and will discuss degree programs and requirements.
Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences Devlin 008
Carroll School of Management Fulton 511
Cannell School of Nursing Higgins 300
Lynch School of Education Higgins 300

SMALL GROUP ADVISING
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Meet with your Academic Advisor to exchange perspectives on your expectations of academic life at Boston College.

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The road less traveled leads to the path of excellence, yet we may at times settle for less. We are a gifted community and have experienced many advantages in our lifetime. Our Orientation Leaders will facilitate a creative production that will draw a picture of academic life here at the Heights that will help you maximize your academic potential.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

LUNCH
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Corcoran Commons

FACES OF BOSTON COLLEGE
1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Hear the accounts of Boston College students as they share their stories and experiences with difference on the Boston College campus.
Devlin 008

Tuesday

“1 AM” REFLECTIONS ON IDENTITY
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Essential to the Ignatian vision is a unity that requires acceptance and exploration of the diverse elements of our community. Participate in exercises and discussions with other groups as we explore how diversity and experiencing difference among people enhance growth.

REFRESHMENT BREAK
4:00 p.m.
Gasson 100

CHOICES: A LOOK AT BOSTON COLLEGE SOCIAL LIFE
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
A presentation and discussion regarding issues of campus social life. Of particular concern will be the balancing of freedom and responsibility and the unexpected social pressures of college life.
Devlin 008

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Meet with your Orientation Leader to exchange perspectives on your expectations of social life at Boston College.

BARBECUE
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Time to relax and enjoy an outdoor barbecue with classmates and members of the BC community.
Stokes Amphitheater

LIFE AND TIMES AT BOSTON COLLEGE
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
A creative production, presented to you by your Orientation Leaders, depicting issues in the first year that can enhance or detract from your mission to grow and become a productive and involved community member.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

EVENING SOCIAL
9:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
An evening of dodgeball, dance contests, and other activities - including an ice cream social. Appropriate athletic attire required.
Flynn Recreation Complex

breakfast
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Meet with Orientation Leaders.
Corcoran Commons

program rotations
9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
See next page for group assignments.

closing program
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
This is a celebration of the inclusive and evolving community that is Boston College, of which you are now a part. Welcome aboard!
Robsham Theater Arts Center

housing checkout
4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Vanderslice Hall
Tuesday Program Rotations

GROUPS 1-9

REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER CLASSES
9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Welch Dining Room, Lyons Hall

EVER TO EXCEL: RESOURCES AT BOSTON COLLEGE
10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
O’Neill Reading Room

LUNCH
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Corcoran Commons

48HOURS
12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
McGuinn 121

CAREER OR VOCATION?
1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
McGuinn 121

MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS: SERVICE AND SPIRITUALITY
2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Higgins 300

GROUPS 10-18

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GROUPS 19-27

REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER CLASSES
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GROUPS 28-36

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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'n's own blue.

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

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