Dear Boston College alumni community,

We are excited to invite you to read our Boston College Alumni Association (BCAA) Annual Report to learn more about how the Alumni Association connects alumni to each other and to the traditions that make the Boston College experience so special. This report covers the BCAA’s programs and accomplishments from June 2018 through May 2019 and highlights initiatives that bring together our alumni all over the globe.

Nearly 182,000 of us share a truly special distinction: whenever we graduated, wherever we are now, wherever our lives take us, we will always be Eagles. Our goal at the BCAA is to connect this vibrant community and deepen relationships with the University and with each other.

Whether you’re based in Boston, San Diego, or Hong Kong, your BC family is never far away. Our alumni councils, networks, class-based programming, and regional chapters make it easy for Eagles to stay connected through volunteering, networking, or sharing areas of common interest. It is our hope that you’ll get involved in any way that is meaningful to you.

On behalf of the alumni relations team and the Boston College Alumni Association Board of Directors, we are most grateful to the thousands of alumni volunteers whose dedication and ongoing involvement help to create such memorable experiences for our alumni around the world.

Ever to Excel.

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Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations
Boston College

KEVIN J. MCLAUGHLIN ’78
President, Boston College Alumni Association Board of Directors
online and in person

WE CONNECTED

Social channels brought our global alumni community together.

SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

- Facebook: 15,700 fans, 13,300 followers, 150+ groups
- Twitter: 14,500 followers
- LinkedIn: 28,787 followers

ALUMNI WEBINARS

10 webinars took place from September through May with over 1,600 attendees.

TWO ONLINE BOOK CLUBS

- Leadership and Management: 900 members
- Lifelong Learning: 750 members

CONNECTING IN PERSON

- 600+ events in 2018–19
- 6,000+ alumni attended events for the first time
- 40,000+ alumni attended events
LAETARE SUNDAY
On March 31, 2019, we celebrated our 68th annual Laetare Sunday, one of Boston College’s longest-standing traditions. Over 500 alumni, parents, students, and friends joined us to celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent.

NAPLES MASS AND BRUNCH
On March 3, 2019, we gathered more than 400 alumni, parents, and friends for our annual Naples Mass and Brunch in Florida. William P. Leahy, S.J., University president, and Casey Beaumier, S.J., University secretary and director, Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, served as co-celebrants of the Mass.

AHANA ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL
Reunion Weekend 2019 included the first-time addition of a reception specifically for AHANA alumni. This event was hosted by the AHANA Alumni Advisory Council and brought back over 100 alumni from a wide range of class years and ethnicities along with a number of past and present faculty and administrators. Also announced were the dates for RECONNECT III, July 24–26, 2020. RECONNECT stands as the largest gathering of AHANA alumni to date.

THE COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OF BOSTON COLLEGE
On May 14, 2019, over 70 Bay-area alumnae joined the Council for Women of Boston College at the Olympic City Clubhouse in San Francisco to hear renowned communications expert and best-selling author Lee Woodruff, H'15, P'15, give a presentation titled “The Power of Presence”.

TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COUNCIL
On May 1, 150 alumni gathered to hear from Neil Blumenthal, cofounder of Warby Parker, about the start-up experience and being a disruptor in a well-established field.

AROUND THE COUNTRY WE GATHERED
Highlights of alumni affinity groups, councils, and spirituality programming
Boston College and Newton College alumni, parents, and friends returned to campus to enjoy tours, panels, Mass, barbecues, receptions, and class events.

4,700+ Alumni, parents, and friends returned to the Heights

48 Events

5,334 Reunion-year alumni made a gift to Boston College

3 Days

210 Alumni volunteered on a reunion committee

FRESHMAN LEGACY RECEPTION
Nearly 500 alumni parents and their families joined us at the end of move-in day to celebrate their first-year students and welcome them into the BC legacy community.

SENIOR LEGACY BREAKFAST
500+ alumni parents of the Class of 2019 and their families came back to campus to celebrate their graduating senior and welcome them into the Alumni Association.
GLOBAL DAYS OF SERVICE

Eagles for Others

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

BY THE NUMBERS
Total number of regional chapters: 80

- 1 in Canada
- 64 in the United States
- 2 in Central and South America
- 4 in Europe
- 7 in Asia
- 2 in the Middle East

- April 1–May 12
- 60 service projects
- From helping pack food bags for elementary schools in Hawaii, to assisting in the reforestation of islands in Puerto Rico, to working at a migrant children’s school in Beijing, Eagles exemplified what it means to be men and women for others.
- 1,000+ alumni volunteers
- 165 total hours spent volunteering

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

- On Monday, April 6, more than 200 alumni, families, and friends gathered at the Cadigan Alumni Center for crafts and an Easter egg hunt at the first-ever Easter celebration event.
- The 15th annual Winter Wonderland took place on Saturday, December 8. Over 1,500 alumni, families, and friends came out for a morning filled with sleigh rides, crafts, storytime reading, performances, and visits with Santa Claus.

ATHLETIC PARTNERSHIPS

- As part of the launch of the University’s first-ever athletics campaign, Greater Heights, over 100 alumni, parents, and friends gathered in select U.S. cities to hear from William V. Campbell Director of Athletics Martin Jarmond and coaching staff.

ALWAYS AN EAGLE

- Our annual fall networking program, Always an Eagle, strengthened the power of the BC community away from the Heights.
- September 6–November 13
- 1,144 attendees
- 33 events
ARTS CIRCLE OF NEW YORK
The newly-formed Boston College Alumni Arts Circle of New York was created by Nancy Dennery Goslee ’95 and Elise Morrissey ’97, after they realized that while their alma mater was offering an abundance of regional programming built on career networking and social engagement, no group focused solely on fostering alumni interaction and building meaningful relationships while utilizing the broad cultural offerings of New York. Since its formation in 2018, the Arts Circle has hosted two successful events in New York City; an exhibition at Foley Gallery, owned by Michael Foley ’86, and an afternoon at the theatre, hosted by Tony nominee Bryce Pinkham ’05.

BOSTON COLLEGE LGBTQ+ ALUMNI COUNCIL
The BCAA is thrilled to welcome the LGBTQ+ community as it’s newest identity-based affinity group. The network serves as a forum for dialogue, connection, and education among BC alumni who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or an ally. Events celebrating the network’s launch were held in New York City and Boston.

WSC BUSINESS LEADERSHIP FORUM
The Wall Street Council’s first Business Leadership Forum focused on the council’s new mission of increasing programming centered on leadership and formation and featured a panel discussion with Al Kelly, P’09,’11,’13,’16, CEO, Visa; Nelle Norberg ’02, managing director and market manager, J.P. Morgan Private Bank; and Jose Perez ’11, Tamroc Partners, as well as a keynote address from Vice President for Mission and Ministry Jack Butler, S.J.
Distinguished Volunteer Awards Dinner at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel on April 5, 2019

The Distinguished Volunteer Awards Dinner was an extraordinary celebration of our honorees and the spirit of service that defines Boston College. Our seven award recipients reminded us of the joy that comes from giving back, to both our University and the broader community.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI VOLUNTEER HONOREES

The James F. Cleary ’50, H’93, Masters Award
Steven M. Barry ’85, P’14, ’17

The William V. McKenney Award
Javier J. Rodriguez ’93, P’22

The John P. Curley ’13 Award
William V. Campbell, H’12, awarded posthumously
Eileen Bocci Campbell accepted the award on behalf of her husband

The John J. Griffin, Sr., ’35, H’72, Alumni Association Award
Brendan N. Feinberg ’11
Neeraj R. Prathipati ’11

The Philip J. Callan, Sr., ’25 Young Alumni Award
Kaitlyn M. McGillycuddy ’14

The James F. Stanton ’42 Senior Class Gift Award
Jacqueline Elizabeth Lacovara ’18

(L-R) Jacqueline E. Lacovara, Brendan N. Feinberg, Eileen B. Campbell, Javier J. Rodriguez, Fr. William P. Leahy, Kaitlyn M. McGillycuddy, Steven M. Barry, Neeraj R. Prathipati
OUR UNIVERSITY

WE SUPPORTED

26,547
Undergraduate alumni donors

5,165
Graduates Of the Last Decade donors

1,752
Class of 2019 graduates made their Senior Class Gift, which resulted in 76% participation
There are many ways to engage with alumni and the BC Alumni Association.

- Update your information
- Attend events
- Follow social media
- Join your local chapter

EAGLE XCHANGE

Join BC’s exclusive global career mentoring platform today at bc.edu/eagleexchange.

- Boost your professional network.
- Fulfill the key role of a mentor to current student(s) or alumni who aspire to be where you are.
- Gain valuable perspective from the global BC community.
- Ask career-related questions through industry-specific groups and discussion forums.
Kevin J. McLaughlin ’78, President
Ileana Jimenez Garcia ’87, Vice President
Eric J. Silva ’00, Vice President
Jennifer L. Theiss ’06, Vice President
Gloria “Glori” Alvarez ’88, P’16, Board Member
Danielle V. Auriemma ’10, MA’13, Board Member
Kathryn “Kate” Balch ’08, Board Member
Tamika Deneen Barnes ’99, Board Member
Wynndell Bishop ’00, MBA’06, Board Member
Susan Choy ’11, Board Member
Christopher “Kip” Doran, ’68, P’00, ’03, Chair, Past Presidents Council, Board Member
Kathy Powers Haley ’76, P’10, ’16, Trustee Representative, Board Member
Jeni Jefferson Hansen ’00, Board Member
Timothy “Tim” R. Morse ’91, P’18, ’20, Board Member
Kevin E. Pearson, Esq., ’90, MEd’91, JD’98, Board Member
Neeraj Prathipati ’11, Board Member
Ned C. Roseberry ’93, Board Member
Cathy Savage-Eysie ’85, Board Member
Arnold “Arnie” C. Sookram ’91, Board Member
Diane M. Van Parys ’80, Board Member

A testament to the formative journey Boston College is best known for, hundreds of maroon and gold ribbons flutter on a railing outside Bapst Library, each bearing prayer intentions set forth by BC students during Espresso Your Faith Week.