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 Parents/Guardians,

It gives us great joy to welcome your child to Orientation as they begin their four years with us at Boston College.

During Orientation students will be advised on course selection and register for their first college classes, learn about co-curricular opportunities, and begin to get to know their new classmates. The program is designed to introduce first year students to life at BC and help them acclimate to the freedoms and responsibilities that come with being a college student.

We also want to offer a very special welcome to you, the ones whose care and love have prepared your child to begin their college experience here on the Heights. This year’s incoming students are undoubtedly an accomplished group that enjoyed great success in high school both inside and outside of the classroom; but we also know your student’s achievement in high school was due in no small part to the support of teachers, coaches, mentors, and, most importantly, you.

While Orientation is primarily for incoming, first-year students, we also understand that they are not the only ones in transition right now. When a child heads off to college it often impacts the whole family. For that reason we have also designed a comprehensive parent program that complements the student orientation by sharing with you the academic landscape of the university, providing you with insights into the student experience at BC, and offering practical information to answer all of your questions.

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. We are grateful that your son or daughter has chosen to attend Boston College and are excited to welcome them to our University community.

Sincerely,

Michael Sacco, Ed.D.
Executive Director,
Office of First Year Experience & Center for Student Formation
Sunday

CHECK-IN
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Welcome to Orientation 2019.
Thomas More Apartments, First Floor

ASK INFO TECH
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Representatives from Information Technology and the BC Bookstore will be on hand to facilitate laptop pick up, demonstrate technology available to BC students, and to answer your questions.
Thomas More Apartments, Second Floor

MASS
3:00 p.m.
A celebration in the Catholic tradition to mark the beginning of Orientation 2019 and your journey at BC. All are welcome.
St. Ignatius Church

DINNER
Immediately Following Mass
Orientation Leaders will walk students and families 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
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 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

Monday

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

STUDENT PANEL
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Orientation Leaders will speak about their transition to the Boston College community, and the resources and supports that helped them navigate unexpected challenges.
Robsham Theater Arts Center

CHALLENGE OF TRANSITION
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.
Student Affairs specialists from University Counseling Services, University Health Services, the Office of Health Promotion, and Campus Ministry will address topics pertinent to assisting your son or daughter’s entry into college life.
Gasson 100

LUNCH
11:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Carney Dining Room, McElroy Commons

MEETING WITH THE DEANS
1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
Devlin 008
Carroll School of Management
Fulton 511
Lynch School of Education and Human Development
Higgins 300
Connell School of Nursing
Higgins 300

STUDENT ENROLLMENT SERVICES
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 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 dining at BC.
Devlin 008

NOW THAT WE RAISED YOU, HOW DARE YOU GROW UP?
3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Speaker Norm Bossio will 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 this anecdotal session.
WARNING: This presentation may hit very close to home. Sense of humor required!
Robsham Theater Arts Center

PARENT NETWORKING RECEPTION
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Socialize and connect with fellow parents and enjoy some beer, wine, and light refreshments. Brief remarks from Fr. Casey Beaumier, SJ will conclude the day’s program.
Heights Room, Corcoran Commons
Tuesday

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Robsham Theater Arts Center

TRANSLATING EDUCATION INTO CAREERS  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
The role and value of a liberal arts education in today’s job market will be explored by an employment specialist from the BC Career Center.  
Robsham Theater Arts Center

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AT BOSTON COLLEGE  
10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Administrators from the Dean of Students office, Residential Life, the Office of Student Involvement and the BC Police Department will present University policies, resources and opportunities that encourage undergraduates to become contributing members of the BC community.  
Robsham Theater Arts Center

RESIDENCE HALL TOUR  
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
The Office of Residential Life invites you to visit a first-year residence hall on Upper Campus to view a traditional freshman room. Due to space limitations, we ask that you visit the residence hall during the following times according to the first letter of your last name:  
A-G 11:45 - 12:15 p.m.  
H-M 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.  
N-Z 12:45 - 1:15 p.m.  
Upper Campus

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE  
INFORMATION FAIR AND LUNCHEON  
11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.  
Carney Dining Room, McElroy Commons  
Alcohol and Drug Education Program  
Athletic Ticket Office  
Bank of America  
BC Bands  
BC Bookstore and Laptop Program  
BC Police Department  
Campus Mail Services  
Campus Ministry  
Campus Recreation  
Career Center  
Dean of Students  
Dining Services / Eagle One Card  
Disability Services  
Emergency Management  
Environmental Health and Safety  
First Year Formation  
Information Technology Services  
Learning Resources for Student Athletes  
Learning to Learn  
Libraries  
Montserrat Office  
Multifaith Opportunities  
Nutrition  
Office of Governmental and Community Affairs  
Office of Health Promotion  
Office of International Programs  
Office of Student Involvement  
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs  
Parent’s Weekend  
Piece by Piece Movers  
Pops on the Heights  
Residential Life  
Risk Management  
Student Services  
Sustainability  
Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center  
University Counseling Services  
University Health Services  
Women’s Center

CLOSING PROGRAM  
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
A celebration of the inclusive and evolving community that is Boston College, of which your family is now a part.  
Welcome to BC!  
Robsham Theater Arts Center
Orientation has been coordinated by the Office of First Year Experience.

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**ORIENTATION LEADERS** 2019

- Matt Alvarado  
- Amanda Amorosi  
- Chris Arbelaez  
- Michaela Arguin  
- Hart Ayoob  
- Sam Brown  
- Molly Cahill  
- Clara Cahill Farella  
- Dante Cobelli  
- Jaclyn Colgan  
- Helen Fagan  
- Aidan Fitzpatrick  
- Ignacio Fletcher  
- Adri Gonzalez  
- Kieran Harrington  
- Meredith Hood  
- Anna Husson  
- Amanda Ilaria  
- Gabby Jimenez-Thompson  
- Ellie Kalemkeridis  
- Christine Kane  
- Caroline Keil  
- Evan Kill  
- Grace Kilroy  
- Anthony Kim  
- Xiao Yan Liu  
- Rob Martinez  
- Elizabeth McCulloh  
- Lexi Meschino  
- Mike Nelson  
- Josey Nett  
- Lurein Perera  
- Connor Proctor  
- Brendan Pugh  
- Monica Sanchez  
- Sam Schelble  
- Carter Smith  
- Justin Sparrow  
- Gabby Ssewankambo  
- Eric Thompson  
- Sofia Yepes  
- Jacob Yeskis  
- James Zhu
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’ns own blue.

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

Important Dates

Thursday, August 22, 2019
First Year Move-In

August 22 - 26, 2019
First Year Welcome Week Activities

Thursday, September 5, 2019
First Flight, 6 p.m., Linden Lane
First Year Academic Convocation, 7 p.m., Conte Forum

September 27 - September 29, 2019
Parents Weekend

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