
BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBOR

Office of Governmental and Community Affairs

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A Message from Vice President Tom Keady

Dear Neighbor:

As a new academic year approaches, it is once again my pleasure to provide you with the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs' newsletter containing development news, event highlights, the 2015 BC football magnet, important dates for student move-in and other useful information.

In construction news, the new 490-bed residence hall at 2150 Commonwealth Avenue is rapidly taking shape after the start of brick and stone façade work this summer. On the Brighton Campus, the 7,000 square foot glass addition has been added to 2101 Commonwealth Avenue making way for expanded exhibition space, offices and support areas for the McMullen Museum of Art and improved University conference and meeting space. In keeping with the University's 2009 Institutional Master Plan goal of housing 96% of our undergraduates in university-controlled housing, construction started in late August at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue to convert and renovate the existing apartment building into a residence hall for 540 undergraduate students.



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A Letter from Dean of Students Tom Mogan

Dear Neighbor,

As the semester begins, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Boston College's new Dean of Students and to share some thoughts on our work with students around off-campus issues. I began my new position on January 2, 2015 and was informed by my colleagues that I was arriving in the middle of a very mild winter. We all know that this changed quite quickly!

Prior to my arrival at Boston College, I worked at Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania, where part of my role was to serve on a campus-community partnership committee. Therefore, I understand the importance of maintaining a good relationship with our community partners and I hope to further this relationship during my time here. In fact, my family and I will be living next to campus in Newton so I have a vested interest in maintaining positive relations with our neighbors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring responsible student conduct in our surrounding communities. During the first week of classes, the Offices of the Dean of Students and Residential Life sponsor a meeting that is mandatory for at least one representative from all off-campus residences. At this meeting we remind Boston College students of their obligations to be responsible and respectful citizens and neighbors while living in the off-campus community. We reinforce with them that BC's Student Guide states that students will be held accountable for behavior both on and off campus and that disciplinary action can be taken in response to complaints from landlords, neighbors, the BC Community Liaison, or the Boston or Newton Police Departments.

To this end, I encourage you to take advantage of the services provided by Boston College's Community Assistance Program. One of the most enlightening experiences I have had since beginning

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Working with the City of Newton, the University completed the following projects to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety and improve handicapped accessibility: new concrete sidewalks and granite curbing were installed on Hammond Street from Tudor Road to Roncalli Hall, the Commonwealth Avenue bus shelter and sidewalk near the main gate were shifted back from the street on to BC property, deepening the bus pull-off so that a stopped bus

does not obstruct the east-bound travel lane of Commonwealth Avenue and a new handicapped ramp was constructed on O'Neill Plaza creating an accessible route off of Linden Lane to the O'Neill library and lower campus.

The 2014-2015 academic year concluded on an uplifting note with the commencement address of Chicago Archbishop Blase Joseph Cupich who told the Class of 2015 that while a college graduation represents an important milestone in adult life, he urged graduates to "hold onto an important trait of childhood: the innate appreciation of the givenness of life. Children instinctively grasp that life is ever graced and retaining this childhood quality is critical for both meeting personal and spiritual challenges throughout one's life."

As we embark on a new academic year, I look forward to working with you on various projects or seeing you on campus at a lecture, an athletic event or for one of our signature celebrations such as Pops on the Heights or the Arts Festival. If you have any questions or comments regarding information in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me or a member of my office staff at (617) 552-4787.

Sincerely,

Tom Keady
Vice President
Office of Governmental and Community Affairs

Community Assistance Program

Run by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs and the Office of the Dean of Students, the Community Assistance Program (CAP) continues to enhance the relationship between the wider community and Boston College's on- and off-campus students.

Steve Montgomery, the Off-Campus Stu-

dent Community Liaison, working closely with the Boston Police, Newton Police and BC Police, responds to disturbance calls and addresses concerns of the community.

The Liaison monitors areas where large numbers of off-campus students live on weekend nights

(including Thursdays), holidays, and other high activity dates during the academic year.

Students needing help with city services, landlords, and their neighbors should feel free to contact the CAP program.

To contact CAP on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evenings, contact the Boston Col-



lege Police at [617-552-4440](tel:617-552-4440).

You can also contact Steve during the rest of the week at 617-552-6028 or stephen.montgomery@bc.edu

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my new position was to go on a “ride-a-long” with BC’s Off-Campus Community Liaison Steve Montgomery. Through this experience I was able to witness firsthand the important work Steve is doing in the community.

We are pleased to report that during the 2014-2015 academic year, we experienced an overall drop in off-campus incidents from the previous year. We believe that increased outreach efforts and support of the off-campus community – such as the mandatory student meeting and the continued effectiveness of our Community Assistance Program - have played a significant role in realizing this success. In gathering data from students, we also believe that the weather was a contributing factor as the harsh winter and poor weather during typical large party events (such as Marathon Monday) also prevented students from hosting or attending events. Building on the overall success of last year, we hope to see another drop in off-campus incidents during the 2015-2016 academic year.

As I begin my first full academic year at BC, I welcome the opportunity to meet you. I hope our paths may cross at a Community Affairs sponsored event, at one of our many community service projects, at any of the cultural/athletic/ academic events which you may attend at Boston College or maybe even at the local grocery store. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Office of the Dean of Students (617-552-3470). You may also contact Residential Life Off-Campus Housing (617-552-3075), the BC Police (617-552-4444) or Community Affairs (617-552-4787). You can also e-mail the Office of the Dean of Students directly with issues and concerns at deanofstudents@bc.edu.

Sincerely,

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Pomp and Celebration

Eighth-graders from the Gardner Pilot Academy Celebrated their graduation in Robsham Theater last month, an event that included a welcome address by Maureen Kenny, outgoing dean of the Lynch School of Education. Boston College has a longstanding partnership with the Gardner, a full-service community school in Boston’s Allston-Brighton neighborhood that serves nearly 350 students. Among other facets of the collaboration, Lynch School faculty have developed research opportunities with Gardner teachers in curriculum development, instructional strategies and content knowledge base, and BC Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars serve for a year as student teachers—and in some cases go on to be hired full time—at the school.

-Office of News & Public Affairs

Reinhartz to Serve as Corcoran Professor

Adele Reinhartz, whose scholarly interests include the depiction of The Bible in film, has been appointed the 2015-2016 Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations at the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College. A Professor at the University of Ottawa Department of Classics and Religious Studies, Reinhartz plans to spend her tenure as Corcoran Professor completing her book on the Gospel of John and the “parting of the ways” between Judaism and Christianity. She also will organize a conference titled “Fringe Benefits: Marginality and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World,” and present public lectures.

Reinhartz, a researcher in the New Testament and early Jewish-Christian relations who earned her doctorate at McMaster University, has authored such books as *Scripture on the Silver Screen*, and *Jesus of Hollywood*. She also is the general editor of *The Journal of Biblical Literature* and a member of the Royal Society of Canada and the American Academy of Jewish Research.

For more information on the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, see www.bc.edu/cjl.

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Dan Bunch Receives 2015 Community Service Award

Dan Bunch, director of Learning to Learn, is this year's winner of the Boston College Community Service Award, given to a University employee whose actions exemplify the Jesuit spirit of service to others. The award, sponsored by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, was presented to Bunch by University President William P. Leahy, S.J., at Boston College's annual recognition dinner.

Bunch '79 MSW '81, began his professional career at Boston College in 1982 and has served as Learning to Learn director since 1987. Learning to Learn is a program designed to improve students' critical thinking abilities and provide them with the learn-

ing skills and problem solving skills they need to succeed in college and



Boston College President William P. Leahy, S.J., and 2015 Community Service Award recipient Dan Bunch. *Photo by Lee Pelligrini*

beyond. Open to all students, Learning to Learn especially seeks to assist those who may face obstacles to success in a challenging academic

environment like BC, including first-generation college students, students with high

financial need or with a learning or physical disability.

One of Learning to Learn's signature programs is the

College Transition Program which helps about 40 students become acclimated to the college environment during a two-week program the summer before freshman year.

"There are so many students who are first-generation or low-income or underrepresented who need an advocate," said Bunch. "I was one of those students. I enjoy working with them and being their advocate.

"I want to show them that there are so many people here at BC who want to see them succeed," he added.

"My desire to help students is as strong now as it was when I first came here," said Bunch.

--Kathleen Sullivan

Boston College Taste of Off Campus

Please join the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, the Office of Residential Life and the Dean of Students Office at the 8th Annual Taste of Off Campus.

The Event will take place on Wednesday, September 9th from 5-7pm on the Cadigan Center Lawn—2121 Commonwealth Ave.

Sample food from area restaurant and eateries, including (to date) Legal Sea Foods, Del Frisco's Grille, El Pelon Taqueria, Fiorella's Express, Wegman's, Wok N Talk, Treat Cupcake Bar, Thai North Restaurant, Pete's Coffee and Tea, Otto's Pizza, Kung Fu Tea, Crazy Dough's Pizza and Boston College Dining Services.

Football season is here! Please see the enclosed magnet for the 2015 football schedule. Go Eagles!



BC Neighborhood Center



The Boston College Neighborhood Center, at 480 Washington Street, Brighton, provides BC resources, programs and services to the Allston-Brighton community.

In addition to offering free tutoring and ESOL classes, the BCNC recently hosted two employment-related informational workshops in partnership with

BC Human Resources entitled "Interested in Getting a Job in Higher Education?"

For information on future workshops or to register for services, please visit the BCNC website at www.bc.edu/neighborhood or call 617-552-0445.