Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another semester! As the semester begins, the Office of the Dean for Student Development would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the off-campus students returning to the neighborhoods. A very special welcome to those of you who have just returned from studying abroad last semester. We would also like to welcome any new transfer or exchange students to the Boston College community! Please take a look through the rest of this month’s newsletter to learn more about what is going on in the off-campus community and find new ways to get involved!

Meet Kristen O’Driscoll

Assistant Dean for Off-Campus Student Life and Community Engagement

In the fall of 2011, the Office of the Dean for Student Development announced Kristen O’Driscoll as the new Assistant Dean for Off-Campus Student Life and Community Engagement. The Assistant Dean promotes student learning and community engagement and provides resources and supportive services for our students living off-campus. To reach Dean O’Driscoll, stop by Maloney 212, call (617) 552-3470, or email offcampushelp@bc.edu.
As the semester begins, I’d like to take this opportunity to remind all of you of your obligation, as Boston College students, to be responsible and respectful citizens and neighbors while living in the off-campus community. All Boston College students are expected to abide by state and city laws, as well as the student codes of conduct. It is also our expectation that your behavior will reflect favorably on yourself and your family, as well as on Boston College, a Jesuit and Catholic university. Remember, many of the apartments or houses our students live in are across the street from, abut, or are very near our non-student neighbors. Retired couples, families with young children and young professionals, are frequently negatively impacted by elements of the “collegiate lifestyle.”

The Boston College Student Guide (bc.edu/studentguide) states that students will be held accountable for behavior both on and off campus. Disciplinary action can be taken in response to complaints from landlords, neighbors, the BC Community Liaison, or the Boston or Newton Police Departments. Please avoid behavior which could result in arrests and campus disciplinary action that could seriously impact your future.

In addition we want to help assure that your off campus experience is as productive and problem-free as possible. Therefore, please do not hesitate to contact ODSD (617-552-3470), Residential Life-Off-Campus Housing (617-552-3075), the BC Police (617-552-4444) or Community Affairs (617-552-4787) if you have any questions or need assistance. You can also email ODSD directly with issues and concerns at offcampushelp@bc.edu. Thank you very much for your cooperation. Have a great semester!

Paul Chebator, Ph.D.
Interim Dean of Students
Office of the Dean for Student Development
Taste of Off-Campus

Kicking off the 2011-12 school year, ODSD, UGBC, Residential Life, and Community Affairs hosted a tasting fair! With 12 different local restaurants offering free samples, off-campus students had a chance to meet their neighbors, other off-campus students, BC administration, and local police authorities. Goodie bags and t-shirts were handed out by the Eagle Ambassadors and ODSD. Great way to start off the year!

Breakfast Club

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Breakfast Club during the fall semester. Every Sunday after home football games a group of off-campus students could be found wearing their BC volunteer t-shirts while collecting trash in the neighborhoods. Cleanup was always followed by a free and delicious meal at Eagle’s Deli, courtesy of ODSD.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

An exciting pumpkin carving contest took place late in October, bringing off-campus students together for a fun-filled night of treats, pumpkin carving, and awesome prizes.
First Place
62 Kirkwood Road

Second Place
275 Chestnut Hill Ave.

Lights Off The Heights Winners!

BC Student Affairs

Co-Third Place
1682 Comm. Ave.

Co-Third Place
66 Kirkwood Rd.
Community Assistance Program (CAP)

Steve Montgomery is Boston College’s Community Liaison who coordinates the Community Assistance Program (CAP). Steve responds to calls received from the Boston Police or BCPD in an attempt to mediate situations and address community disturbances as a result of student behavior. Steve is in the neighborhoods between 9 pm and 3 am every Thursday through Saturday and other peak activity days. He tours the neighborhoods to prevent, verify, record, investigate, and address complaints about off-campus disturbances from neighbors and the local police. He speaks with students responsible for neighborhood disturbances and discusses community standards and individual and community rights. Steve maintains records of complaints received and response actions taken and then forwards those reports to the Office of the Dean for Student Development for appropriate action. You can reach Steve at (617) 552-6028 or at stephen.montgomery@bc.edu.

Resources For Off-Campus Students

Boston Resources:

Mayor’s 24-Hour Hotline: 617-635-4500; www.cityofboston.gov/mayor24
City of Boston Student Webpage: cityofboston.gov/students
Boston Police (emergency): 911
Boston Police Area District 14 (non-emergency): 617-343-4260
Inspectional Services Department: 617-635-5300; www.cityofboston.gov/ISD
MBTA Information: 617-222-3200; www.mbta.com

Boston College Resources:

Boston College Police (non-emergency): 617-552-4440
Boston College Police (emergency): 617-552-4444
Office of the Dean for Student Development: 617-552-3470; bc.edu/odsd
Office of Governmental and Community Affairs: 617-552-4787; bc.edu/comaf
Office of Residential Life (Off-Campus Housing): 617-552-3075; bc.edu/reslife/offcampus
Submit Your Local Address

Boston College requires that all students living off-campus submit their off-campus address. Go to portal.bc.edu and register your local address by January 20, 2012. Failure to submit your local address could result in a hold being placed on your student account.

This policy is intended to help the University better serve you and your family. With complete and accurate local addresses, we can contact you during emergencies when electronic communications are not working or when family situations require us to speak to a student in person. We will also be able to advocate for non-resident students living in neighboring cities and towns.

For more information, contact Student Services at (617) 552-3300

“BC Students Make Good Neighbors”  

Boston Recycling

The City of Boston now offers “single stream” recycling. You don’t need to separate your recycling and can put it in a trash can or a blue recycling bin clearly labeled “RECYCLING.” Large 64 gallon carts were distributed to residents throughout the city in the fall.

Parking Information

Parking at Boston College is by permit only. To qualify as a commuter and be eligible to park on campus, students must live more than one mile from public transportation. Those living less than one mile from public transportation are not eligible for a commuter permit and do not qualify as a visitor in the garages. Students found doing this may be subject to ticket and/or tow.
Help Seeking Policy

The health and safety of Boston College students is of paramount concern. As a result, all students are expected to seek appropriate assistance for themselves or others in situations where help is needed to ensure proper care of a person who is significantly intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.

In situations where students seek medical attention due to alcohol intoxication or drug ingestion, Boston College will support and encourage this behavior by treating it as a health and safety matter, not as a disciplinary incident. This practice will also be extended to anyone seeking or calling for help on behalf of another student. Students who seek and receive medical attention will be required to complete certain educational and/or counseling initiatives which are intervention and prevention based and will also be subject to all fees related to their medical care.

For a list of signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning, please visit www.bc.edu/ade

How to Get Involved

- The BC Eagle Ambassador program is a student initiative supported by the Office of the Dean for Student Development. Eagle Ambassadors are student leaders who care about the quality of the off-campus living experience, the neighborhood, and citizenship. The goal of the program is to promote a safer, more collaborative community in the off-campus neighborhoods.

- Eagle Ambassadors serve as a resource and point of contact for students living in their neighborhoods and plan and coordinate community building programs and activities throughout the year. Through their efforts, they encourage off-campus students to make positive contributions in the community and discuss and reflect on their role as a community member and neighbor. They attempt to bring students together, build self-help skills, and create the impetus for students to work together and with other community members to improve the quality of life in the off-campus community.

- If you would like to get involved with the Eagle Ambassador program, please email Peter Kwiatek at kwiatekp@bc.edu.
**Reminders on Heating Your Apartment**

- In the units that are heated by the landlord, the heat must be on from September 15th through June 15th.

- The temperature must not be less than 68 degrees Fahrenheit between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 64 degrees Fahrenheit between 11:01 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.. There is a maximum allowable temperature of 78 degrees.

- If you have any concerns about your heat over the winter months, contact your landlord. If you don’t get a response, contact Inspectional Services for the City of Boston at 617-635-5300.

**Upcoming Events**

- January 14, 2012 - BC Men’s Hockey v. Northeastern - 4:00PM - Fenway Park
- January 14, 2012 - BC Men’s Basketball v. V-Tech - 3:00PM - Conte Forum
- January 16, 2012 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 17, 2012 - Second Semester Classes Begin
- January 17, 2012 - BC Women’s Hockey v. Northeastern - 7:00PM - Conte Forum
- January 19, 2012 - BC Women’s Basketball v. FSU - 7:00PM - Conte Forum
- January 20, 2012 - Update Your Local Address on portal.bc.edu
- January 25, 2012 - Last day to Drop/Add
- January 25, 2012 - Last day to Declare Pass/Fail
- January 25, 2012 - Last day for students graduating to verify their diploma name

*To find these and other event happenings around campus, visit www.bc.edu/events*