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The Club Baseball team finished up another extremely successful season. After winning the North Atlantic North Conference Championships for the third year in a row and going on to win the NCBA North Atlantic Regionals, the Eagles punched their ticket to the NCBA World Series for the first time in club history! While there, the team came out strong beating Texas A&M (5-2) in their first game. After falling to the University of Illinois and Texas A&M in their final two games, the Eagles tied for 5th place. The team would not have had such great success if it weren’t for strong performances from their senior class. This class includes President & first baseman John McQuillen (batting .447), Vice-President and third baseman Brett Layman (batting .422 with 1 HR), catcher Colin O’Neill (batting .377 with 7 doubles), and shortstop Jack Patrina (hitting .350), designated hitter Austin Nardi (batting .250), outfielder Tyler Lockard (playing stellar defense), starting pitchers Mike Strabone (0.00 ERA) and James Allentuck (1-0 with 23 IP), and closer Shane Kelly (who earned the elusive nine out save earlier this year). This class of seniors closed out what has been an unprecedented run of success for the Eagles Club Baseball team over the past four seasons. In an interview during the offseason, team Vice-President Brett Layman was quoted as saying, “We’ve got the talent. Now it’s about going out and executing. We really just have to want it more than the other team.” After watching gritty performances by Tyler Lockard (who dislocated his shoulder diving for a ball) and Jack Patrina (who played through a sore ankle), it appears as though Layman’s words inspired his team. Going forward into next year, the Eagles’ roster will continue to be stacked. Sophomores Kevin Haley and Grady Dittmaier have both had excellent seasons and will look to lead the pitching staff, while Marc Pietropoli, Stephen Loreng and Patrick Armand will look to repeat their strong performances from this year.
The Women's Club Basketball team picked up in full swing for the spring semester in early February when they began league play. They competed in two tournaments at UConn and went undefeated at both, improving their regular season record to 17-1. As a result, the team became the NIRSA Northeast League champions and earned entry to the NIRSA National Basketball Championship in Wichita, KS. The team finished out their regular season with three more wins, defeating Harvard and BU on the road and Northeastern at home. With a 20-1 record heading into post-season play, the Eagles were hopeful for their upcoming trip to Nationals. The team began pool play against Georgia Tech where they fell by 10 points in what was a competitive match-up. They came out strong against USC the following morning but despite a back and forth game, the Eagles could not pull out a win and came up two points short. Although the results were not what they had hoped for, the team proved they can compete with some of the best club teams in the nation. It was a devastating end to a very successful season, but the team is still proud of their hard work. Women’s Club Basketball sadly says goodbye to three seniors: Kate, Liz and Heff. Their four years of hard work and dedication to this team will be remembered. The team wishes their seniors the best of luck and are excited for what is in store for the 2019-2020 season!
Fall 2018 was a record-breaking semester for the Men’s Crew team. The Varsity 8+ earned a program-best 7th place finish out of 35 crews in the Collegiate 8+ event at the world-renowned Head of the Charles Regatta, beating every crew in the New England league. With their largest roster in recent history, the team looked to build on the historic success of the fall for the upcoming spring semester. Over 50 athletes and coxswains traveled to Clemson, South Carolina in the first week of March for their annual spring training trip, ending the week with a scrimmage against Temple. After a few more weeks of training back in Boston, the Eagles kicked off the season on the Charles with their annual race versus Harvard Lightweights, Trinity, and Bates. All boats succeeded in sweeping their New England league-rivals, Trinity and Bates. The following day, the team faced off against MIT Lightweights, with a victory in the Second Varsity 8+ and a fraction-of-a-second defeat in the Varsity 8+. The next weekend, the Varsity and Second Varsity 8+ both headed to the west coast for the San Diego Crew Classic. The Varsity 8+ earned a 2nd place finish in the Petite Final, while the Second Varsity 8+ managed a 5th place finish in the Grand Final, beating all of the other club crews. At home, the 3V, 4V, and Freshmen 8+ dominated at the New England State University regatta, sweeping their events. After a clean sweep over WPI, UMass, and Coast Guard in their final dual race of the year, the team began championship racing. They had a strong showing at the New England Rowing Championship, placing 2nd out of 23 teams as well as at the National Invitational Rowing Championship where all of the boats made the Grand Final. They then headed to Gainesville, Georgia for the American Collegiate Rowing Association National Championship, which was highlighted by 5th place finishes in the First and Second Varsity 8+, a 3rd place finish by the Third Varsity 8+, and a 6th place finish in the Novice 8+.

ACRA National Championship Results

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Club Cycling had its most successful season in years during the 2018-2019 season. In the fall, the team competed in the mountain bike season for the third year in a row and also began the process of developing a cyclo-cross team by attending its first ever cyclo-cross race. During their primary season in the spring, the team attended five races. They brought the largest group of racers in years to Philadelphia, PA for their first ECCC race which was then followed by races in Lewisburg, PA, Burlington, VT, and Hanover, VT. They also competed at a non-collegiate USA Cycling event in Hatfield, MA and had a strong showing. A number of riders moved up to higher categories as a result of their finishes throughout the season. Three riders competed in Category C, several more in Category D, and, for the first time in almost a decade, one of their riders competed in a Category B race weekend. He even placed in the top ten at championships! These promising results gave the team confidence that they will be able to send one or more cyclists to the Collegiate National Championships next year, an accomplishment which has not occurred in the recent history of the team. The team placed 34th overall in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference Team Omnium, their highest finish in recent history. The club is rapidly improving and growing and looks forward to more success in the future.
The Club Equestrian team finished out the spring semester as their best year yet! BCET won Reserve High Point Team in the very competitive Zone 1 Region 4 of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association for the 2018-2019 season. The team had weekly lessons with their coach Sheila at their home barn, Hillside Meadows Equestrian Center, in Grafton, MA. After hosting a general interest meeting and tryouts, BCET added seven new members to the team, including six from the class of 2022 and one from the class of 2021. These new riders stepped up and were crucial for the success of the team, especially at a competition held over spring break.

During the spring semester, the Eagles participated in three competitions against 10 other teams in the region and athletes’ individual rides in eight different divisions contributed to the team’s overall success. After finishing the regular season, BCET sent five riders in six events to the Regionals, including Sydney Conti (‘19), Nicole Maloof (‘19), Jennie Manning (‘19), Kasia O’Brien (‘21), and Niamh O’Sullivan (‘21), where every team member rode beautifully. Niamh O’Sullivan won her class and advanced to the IHSA Zone 1 Finals where she placed 9th overall. BCET is very proud of its success and can’t wait for the start of the 2019-2020 season.

Regional Placings

*Sydney Conti—5th Walk-Trot-Center*
*Nicole Maloof—6th Novice Flat*
*Jennie Manning—4th Novice Flat*
*Kasia O’Brien—4th Intermediate Fences*
*Niamh O’Sullivan—1st Intermediate Flat, 6th Novice Fences*
The Club Figure Skating team had a great spring season, bringing home two sets of medals and continuing to establish its presence in the collegiate figure skating world and on the Boston College campus. The skaters came back to campus early from winter break ready to train in Conte Forum for the upcoming 2019 Eastern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships in Worcester, MA. After not placing at the 2018 Terry Connors Synchro Open in December, the team was especially motivated to perform their best and earn a medal at Eastern Sectionals, their biggest competition of the season. The team trained hard, and it paid off. They proudly placed 4th place at Easterns after skating a near perfect program to a 90s hip-hop medley, sporting their brand new retro-inspired dresses. Shortly after taking home the Pewter Medal in Worcester, the Figure Skating team got right back to work, practicing for the 2019 Connecticut Synchronized Skating Classic the very next weekend which was hosted by Wesleyan University. After another great performance, the team placed 1st, proudly bringing gold medals back to Boston College. Rounding out the end of their season, the ladies performed one final time at home in Conte Forum at an event hosted by the Campus Activities Board.
After an up-and-down fall season, Club Golf spent the spring semester focusing on developing their young athletes. Although they did not compete in any tournaments, the team was still active as they practiced weekly at Newton Commonwealth Golf Course to improve their game during the offseason. The team graduated a lot of great seniors last year and will graduate a handful more this year, leaving the heart of the team with their underclassmen. As much as they will miss their seniors, they look forward to getting their young players more experience in the fall. Although they are a young team, they are determined to surpass expectations and improve upon their results from this season. Their goals are to win both NCCGA New England Regional Tournaments and advance to (and hopefully win) the NCCGA National Championship. Additionally, the team is very excited and eager to take advantage of the new golf simulator that will be in the new Margot Connell Recreation Center next fall, allowing them to continue practicing throughout the rough New England winters.
Men’s Club Ice Hockey had a great season, finishing with a record of 18-9-1 and a fifth-place ranking in the ACHA Northeast Region. Some highlights of the season include big regular season wins over UMass-Amherst and Northeastern, who went on to finish second and third, respectively, at the ACHA National Tournament. Moreover, in January, the Eagles took an exciting trip to Austin, TX where they won both of their games against UT-Austin and also had an opportunity to explore historical sites around the city. Unfortunately, the team came up just short of their goal to reach the National Tournament, but they look forward to making another run at it next season with the majority of their guys returning in the fall. The team would like to congratulate its five seniors (Thomas Fitzgibbons, Tucker Marr, Robert Mastrogiacomo, Michael Saleski (C), & Graham Soman) on their stellar careers as Boston College club athletes. The team wishes the best of luck to them in their future endeavors. Their leadership, friendship and presence on and off the ice will be deeply missed. The team would also like to congratulate the following athletes on being named 2019 NECHA all-stars: Adin Farhat ('21), Michael Ball ('21), James Airoldi ('21), Robert Ryan ('20), Lindy Vicari ('20), and Michael Saleski ('19). In addition, special recognition goes out to Lindy Vicari who was named ACHA Northeast Region Player of the Year and an ACHA First Team All-American!

Scoring Leaders:

Lindy Vicari -23 G, 24 A, 47 Pts
James Airoldi -15 G, 11 A, 26 Pts
Michael Ball -9 G, 17 A, 26 Pts
Robert Ryan -10 G, 12 A, 22 Pts
Michael Nygaard -8 G, 10 A, 18 Pts
The Women’s Club Ice Hockey team wrapped up their 2018-2019 season with an impressive record of 14-5-1. The team celebrated big wins both at home and on the road. Some regular season highlights included defeating both BU and Merrimack in Conte Forum, defeating UVM for a hard earned win in Burlington, and competing in the IWCHL Championship. The team claimed the IWCHL Championship for the third year in a row with a huge win against an undefeated Northeastern team. This was a great way to celebrate graduating seniors, Isabella Crawford (C), Grace Liggett (C), Kathleen McNamara, Claire Mills, and Izzy Nolan (C). With the win, the Eagles secured an automatic bid to the ACHA National Tournament, which was held in Dallas, Texas. At the tournament the team faced some tough competition against #1 ranked Minot State, Rowan University, and Northeastern University. The Eagles defeated Rowan (5-0), fell to Northeastern (2-3) in a hard fought overtime battle, and ended their season with a great effort against Minot State (0-5). In addition to the competition in Texas, the team enjoyed exploring Dallas and going to a rodeo in Fort-Worth! Off the ice at home, the Eagles also volunteered weekly with the Belmont Youth Hockey Learn-to-Skate program. The team is looking forward to another exciting season in the IWCHL and ACHA next year, and they can’t wait to continue building upon their success.

Overall Record: 14-5-1
IWCHL Playoff Record: 2-0-0
The Men’s Club Lacrosse team welcomed 26 new members to the team for the 2018-2019 spring season. Led by senior captains Greg Swenson, Jack Gilbert, Declan Ryan, and PJ McIntyre, the Eagles finished with an 8-5 record. The team returned a week before classes began in January to practice twice a day in preparation of their competitive MCLA Division 1 schedule. The season opened with an early February trip down to Georgia where the Eagles faced the University of South Carolina and the University of Georgia. After losing a close first game of the season to #3 ranked USC (9-11), the young team won its first game of the season against Georgia (9-7). Riding the momentum of the first win, the team rattled off six consecutive wins. The wins included two during a trip to Pittsburgh, where the team defeated Purdue (10-3) and Pittsburgh (13-4). Also, to start spring break, the Eagles traveled down to Orlando, Florida, where the team won three games, defeating the University of Florida (13-10), Florida State University (15-10), and the University of Central Florida (17-9). They won their first home game of the season against Central Connecticut State University (17-9) before opening up conference play. After dropping a couple of close games to conference rivals University of New Hampshire (3-16) and University of Connecticut (11-13), the Eagles and defeated the University of Buffalo (11-10). In the final home game of the year, the Eagles lost an overtime thriller to Northeastern (8-9). However, the 8-4 record was enough to earn a spot in the playoffs of the inaugural season of the Continental Lacrosse Conference where the team dropped a hard-fought game against UConn (11-14). The team is ready for another great year under the newly elected leadership of team President, Charlie Utsch and Vice-President, Ian Hunter.
The Women’s Club Lacrosse team had a great 2019 spring, ending their regular season with a 9-4 record. The team started off their season with a 13-12 loss to the University of Delaware. Following this, the Eagles beat Providence College (15-4) and soon after defeated UMass-Amherst (20-7) as well as Syracuse (15-5). The team then flew out to Colorado for the Mile High Tournament where they faced top competition. The Lax Eags ended the tournament 2-2, beating Clemson (19-9) and the University of Utah (10-5). Unfortunately, they fell short to Brigham Young University (11-6) and the University of Virginia (10-6). After a great weekend in Colorado, the Eags beat the University of Rhode Island (19-7). At their only home game the Eagles had an awesome showing against Northeastern University, defeating them 15-4 on Senior Day. Beating all teams in the New England Women’s Lacrosse League (NEWLL), the Eagles landed the #1 seed going into their regional tournament where they again faced Northeastern University. Although the Eags lost the regional championship to Northeastern University (10-9), they received an at-large bid to the WCLA National Championships as the 13th seed. They upset San Diego State University (7-6) in their first game and despite falling to Michigan (10-8) in a close game, continued on to defeat California Polytechnic State University (12-7) & University of California - Los Angeles (9-8), to finish 5th in the country!

### WCLA Division 1 Awards:

- **Goalie of the Year**—Anna Downs ‘20
- **1st Team All-American**—Anna Downs ‘20 & Annie Quinn ‘20
- **2nd Team All-American**—Sarah Conley ‘21
- **All-Tournament Team**—Noelle Love ‘19

5th Place at WCLA National Championship
The spring season for the Men’s Rugby team kicked off in late January with early morning workouts twice a week to practice technique with Coaches Conway, Afifi, and Rockwell. A few weeks later, the club was lucky enough to start getting field time in the new Fish Field House so that all the players could replicate game-like situations well in advance of facing intercollegiate competition. The hard work the players put in early really set them up to have a strong season later in the spring. The 7’s team performed well at various tournaments including the Liberty Rugby Conference Regionals where they played well enough to get the #4 seed in the New England division so that they could play in the Liberty Rugby Conference Championships. At this tournament, the team fell short and went 1-2. This, however, didn’t deter the team as they played well at the Jesuit Cup weeks later, earning victories over Scranton, the University of San Francisco, and Gonzaga in the Plate Trophy Championship. Overall, they placed 5th out of 8 teams. The Eagles are looking to shock teams in the nation with upsets at the Collegiate Rugby 7’s Championship in Philadelphia, PA which they’ll be playing in the end of May. The 15’s team had a strong showing this season as well, going 2-1. They defeated Westfield State and Providence College, showing a lot of promise of how this side will be able to perform when the fall season rolls around. Finally, numerous alumni came back to the Heights for their annual Alumni Game, which the alums won 47-7.
Women’s Rugby

The Women’s Rugby Football Club reached new heights throughout the season in both scrimmages and in practice. Coaches Kenneth Daly and Meghan Daly led the team in initiating a rigorous spring practice schedule. The team began 6:30am practices both Monday and Wednesday to review plays and complete injury prevention exercises in the Plex with the Men’s Rugby Coach, Rob Conway. On Thursday evenings the team put the strategies learned at the Plex into action during scrimmages in the Fish Field House. Rookie members improved their skills and increased their contributions to the team. In the first scrimmage of the spring season, the Eagles traveled to UMass-Dartmouth. Although UMass won by 5 points with a final score of 15-10, the team was ready to improve their skills in the next away scrimmage. In a live-streamed scrimmage against URI, the Eagles came close to winning with a final score of 15-20. During the final scrimmage, BC played against Bishop’s University, a team from Canada. Although Boston College lost 0-22, they played a good game. After a hard fought season, the Eagles experienced great success in the Beast of the East rugby tournament. The weekend kicked off with a win against Southern Connecticut State University. The team then played Vassar in the second game of the day and lost to a strong team. After the loss against Vassar, BC came back with a win against Oswego. With this victory, they earned a spot in the plate championship game against Bryant University. Although they came up short, the team was proud of their success at the tournament. It was an exciting season to follow BC Women’s Rugby, and the ruggers are looking forward to an even stronger season this fall.
After a very successful cross country season in the fall, Club Running had a great indoor and outdoor track season this spring. They competed in a number of indoor and outdoor track meets as well as a half marathon. In January and February some of their speediest members raced at open meets at Boston University, competing against a range of athletes from the club to the DI level. These events included the Terrier Classic Invitational, the Valentine Invitational, and the USATF Northeast Indoor Championship. They also competed at a series of track meets, hosted by their national club league, the National Intercollegiate Running Club Association (NIRCA). Both the men and women had strong showings at the Brown Indoor Invitational, where the men placed fifth and the women placed third. At the Harvard Indoor Invitational, the men placed fifth and the women placed seventh. Transitioning to the outdoor track season, the team then traveled to New York City, NY to compete at the St. John’s University track meet where the men placed third and the women placed fifth. The last track meet was at Merrimack College, where the men placed third and the women placed sixth. The Eagles wrapped their season with a half marathon in Newport, Rhode Island. Despite torrential rain throughout the entire race, the team had an awesome performance. Freshmen Drew Sandifer and senior Paul Park placed third and fourth, respectively. On the women’s side, senior Tina LaRitz placed first and set a course record, and junior Amanda L’Esperance placed fourth! In addition to racing the team loves going on runs to get Sushi, hosting movie nights, and attending on-campus events together. They also held a fundraiser to help raise money for the American Cancer Society, in which they had at least two team members running at all times during a 24 hour period. Club Running had such a great first year as a club sport! Their success on the trails, the track, and the road were made even more rewarding by the friendships and memories that were made along the way.
This spring semester was busy for the Men's Club Soccer team, which was filled with spring league games, indoor futsal practices, and even a charity ride with the Women’s Club Soccer team! Unlike last year, the team decided to enter into a spring league (as opposed to spring friendlies) and played four games. The first two games were a double-header against Harvard A and Harvard B, that ended in losses to both teams 2-1 and 3-1, respectively. The third game was against Tufts A, where they had a heartbreaking 1-0 loss after a missed offside call. The last game was against Tufts B and after three losses you can bet that the team did not want to end the season with a fourth loss. This game ended 7-2 in favor of Boston College, which was a good way to end the season. Other highlights of the semester included Cycle for Survival, a charity bicycle ride with proceeds going towards cancer research. The team had a good showing at the event, raised a ton of money for a great cause, and even got a nice workout in. Overall, it was a good semester for the team. Heading into the summer the boys look to put in work off the field to come into the fall ready for another season.
This spring the Women’s Club Soccer team took some time off from the field, but they still saw each other regularly for runs, pick-up games, and dinners in Lower. Three members of the team studied abroad, in Greece, Ecuador, and Denmark, whom were dearly missed! Some of the team participated in weekly futsal sessions with the Men's Club Soccer team, and they were able to support other teams such as Men's Lacrosse and Women's Basketball in their seasons. They also did some fundraising on-campus, serving hot dogs and pretzels for concessions at Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, and Basketball games. A couple members went regularly to BCX and Sculpt classes in the Plex to stay in-shape as they weren’t on their in-season grind. Their amazing senior captain, Mika Chesnutt, ran the Boston Marathon this spring in an impressive time of 4:07! Most notably, the team participated with the Men's Club Soccer team in a fundraiser called Cycle for Survival, which was a 4-hour cycling event at Equinox downtown. All proceeds from the event went to the Memorial Sloan Kettering fund which is used to research rare cancers. The teams had a blast at the event and together they were able to raise $3,000!
The Men’s Club Squash team started the 2019 spring semester with a strong performance in the Northeastern Round Robin defeating BU (7-2) and Northwestern (7-2) before falling to Northeastern (1-8). The next weekend, the team traveled to the University of Virginia for an ACC Round Robin. The weekend started well for the Eagles with a victory over Sewanee (9-0). This victory was followed by arguably the most competitive match of the season against Richmond which resulted in a 4-5 loss with the Eagles’ #2 and #3 losing in five games, as well as the team had another tough loss (0-9) at the hands of Bucknell. The team's hard work throughout the season earned them the #4 seed in the Serues Cup division at the 2019 Men's Team CWPA National Championship at Yale. In the first round at Nationals they defeated Northwestern (6-3) and then continued the success to defeat Washington University (6-3) in the semifinals. In the finals the Eagles found themselves up against Richmond and once again came up short (2-7). Despite this, the match score was not indicative of how tight the matches were, with three of their players losing in five games and two other players losing in four games. The 2018-2019 season was exciting and will serve as a terrific learning experience for the team. With their entire ladder returning next season, the team expects the 2019-2020 season to be an exceptional year for the BC Men's Squash program.
To start the spring semester Women’s Club Squash visited UVA where they played UNC, John’s Hopkins, University of Richmond, and UVA. They won every match apart from the one against UVA, a Division I Varsity team. The Women’s Club Squash Association (CSA) National Championship was held at Trinity University where they played in the Epps Cup. This is a higher Division than they played in previously, so the competition was tough and the team had the opportunity to play against some top teams they had never played. Unfortunately, they were not able to bring all of their top players due to scheduling conflicts, so they went into Nationals with a slight disadvantage. Despite their losses, the team put up a good fight. Caroline Kacha and Sabrina Didizian won two of their three matches, and Sara Rimmler was victorious in her last match for BC. The athletes were all able to learn so much from playing in a more elite division, and they hope to take this experience and implement it into their matches for the 2019-2020 season!
The Club Table Tennis team had a wildly successful start in its inaugural season. The team, which consisted of 26 talented players, went against all odds defeating both MIT and UMass Lowell to become the first place team in the NCTTA Upper New England Divisional. The team was also invited to the NCTTA Northeast Regionals, which also invited other top collegiate table tennis teams such as NYU, Brandeis, and BU. The success of the team was due to each member’s outstanding dedication and passion for the sport. The team had lively meetings which were focused on game strategy and intense drills. With each practice, the team became stronger and more cohesive. Long term bonds and friendships formed during this year will be kept for years to come. With many of the most talented players graduating, the future of the club sport still remains hopeful as members quickly improve in order to rise to the occasion. While this year has been a phenomenal year for the Club Table Tennis team, they are hopeful that next year will be even more extraordinary!
The Men’s Club Ultimate team started the spring semester with a visit to Tampa, FL for the Florida Warm-up Tournament. The tournament included 33 of the most talented teams in the country. Despite many tough match-ups, the Eagles were able to come away with a few victories. The tournament was a great test for the team as it got its first experience playing against many of the national championship contenders and getting accepted into this tournament shows the direction that this team is headed. Later on in the spring, the team drove down to New Haven, Connecticut for the Yale Tea Cup tournament. The Eagles started Saturday pool play on a great note with a 3-0 start, but then lost to the host team, Yale, to end the day. The team used this as motivation for Sunday’s bracket play when they had a rematch against Yale in the tournament championship. The rainy weather made the final game quite the spectacle as players were diving through the mud to catch disks, and the Eagles defeated Yale (11-8) in the championship to win the tournament. Coming off their high of winning the Yale Tea Cup, they entered the USA Ultimate postseason with notable momentum. The Metro-Boston Conference championship was offered five spots to the next round of the postseason: New England Regionals. Playing rivals Harvard and Northeastern is always a welcome challenge, and the team thrives in these matchups. Despite being ahead for most of the game against Harvard and Northeastern, the Eagles let these two games slip away in the second half. However, the team still managed to finish fourth in the Metro-Boston Conference and advance in the postseason. New England Regionals took place on April 27th and 28th in central Massachusetts. The tournament promised three spots to the D-1 College Championships, and the Eagles were in position to challenge for one of these spots. Unfortunately, the Eagles tournament started with a narrow defeat on the last point against UVM which damaged the team’s morale and led to successive defeats. Despite underperforming at New England Regionals, the team is still proud of how it competed throughout the season.
Women’s Club Ultimate Frisbee came into the spring semester with an increased intensity as the competitive season took off. Both the A and B teams were able to continue to improve on the skills developed in the fall semester, working on game scenarios, plays, and communication on the field in preparation for their respective tournaments. The Eagles attended 10 tournaments in total this year. Most notably, these included the Clutch Classic at Kennesaw State University, the CWRUL Memorial Tournament in Columbus, OH, Live Free or Sky at the University of New Hampshire, and the D1 New England Regionals. The Eagles were able to secure a 5th place finish at both the D1 Metro-Boston Sectionals and the New England Developmental Regionals for A and B team, respectively. The A team also traveled to Granby, MA for regionals and ended their season with some very competitive play and close losses. The B team finished their season at Wellesley College at the No Man’s Land tournament and looks to continue the momentum that the developmental team has formed in the coming fall semester. Overall, the Women’s Club Ultimate Frisbee teams were able to have both a productive and successful season filled with accomplishments and team bonding. The Eagles appreciate all the hard work the seniors put into the team and will miss them next year.
The Men’s Club Volleyball team had another successful season this semester having qualified for the regional tournament and taken a trip to Denver, CO for the national tournament. The team had an undefeated regular season this year, going 14-0 and securing the top seed at the NECVL regional tournament. While at regionals at the University of New Hampshire, the team was able to finish with a 4-1 record and a top three finish. The highlight of the tournament came in the quarterfinals against the University of Rhode Island, in which the team had to battle back from a 1-0 set deficit. The team had a lot of help from their class of seniors and the guys relied on them heavily throughout the season for leadership and maturity. At nationals, the Eagles finished with a 2-5 record in the top division in the country. Finishing 35th in the nation, the team is looking forward to next year to improve on this ranking, and is excited to continue to represent Boston College at the highest level possible. The team would like to thank President Nick O’Grady and Vice President Cade Kelly for a fantastic season and for being the best mentors possible for the underclassmen. Without them and their other amazing seniors, the team would not have had the tight-knit culture it has to this day, and all the guys are very grateful for their commitment to this program.
Women’s Club Volleyball had their most successful semester in program history. In their first two tournaments at UConn and Northeastern, the Eagles made it out of pool play and on to the finals where they beat Northeastern both times! The season started heating up when the team won their final regular season tournament at UNH. After that tournament, BCWCVB received a 12th place national ranking. This ranking provided the team with confidence heading into the NCVF National Tournament, which was held in Denver, Colorado this year. The Eagles played in Division 1 and entered the tournament ranked 3rd in their pool. UC-Berkeley, Iowa State, and University of Colorado were in their pool, and the Eagles secured victories over each team. This put the Eagles in a good position for the second day of play, where they faced Notre Dame and Clemson. Both of these matches were 3-set thrillers, and at the end of the day they were victorious over both. The gold bracket playoffs began on Saturday morning, and the team’s first rival was the University of Cincinnati. In another 3-set match, the Eagles defeated the Bearcats. With this win, they advanced on to the elite eight where they faced the University of Minnesota. Once again, the Eagles played a hard match and came up with the win sending them to the semifinal against Texas A&M. Unfortunately, this was the end of the Eagles’ run, losing 13-25, and 23-25 to the Aggie’s, however BCWCVB finished third in the national tournament, the best in program history! It was a great way for the Eagles to wrap up their season. The graduating class wants to thank everyone who has been a part of this journey with them, and they can’t wait to follow along the successes of the team in the future!
After graduating one senior last year, the Eagles were proud to welcome four new freshman players to the Women's Club Water Polo team. The team began their undefeated season strong, heading to Northeastern in February for their first New England Division conference tournament. The Eagles swept the weekend, winning all four games with a total goal differential of +34. They dedicated the next few weeks to training and scrimmaging at the Plex and throughout the city. In April, the team took on their hometown rivals at their last regular season tournament at Boston University. Again, they left the weekend undefeated after taking down Northeastern, BU, Williams, & Wesleyan. The Eagles were right back at it the following weekend when they traveled to Williams for the CWPA New England Division Championships. They defeated UMass (17-6), Wesleyan (24-13), and then BU (10-5) in the finals to secure the New England Division Championship and earn a bid to the National Tournament at the University of Notre Dame in May. They entered the national tournament with a perfect 11-0 record and started off with a huge victory over Penn State (9-4). Despite losses to UC-Davis, Lindenwood, & MIT later in the tournament, the team was able to finish 8th in the country which is tied for their highest in program history!
Most Valuable Seniors

Awarded to one graduating member of each team who most embodies the character and spirit of his or her program by excelling in athletic competition and contributing to the intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual formation of his or her team. Each winner was nominated by his or her own team, and each has made a unique and lasting impact on his or her team.
Most Valuable Seniors

**Baseball**
Shane Kelly
Closing Pitcher

**Men's Basketball**
Evan Palmer
Club Secretary

**Women's Basketball**
Olivia Heffernan
Club President

**Men's Crew**
Nate Hayes
Team Captain

**Cycling**
Lucius Xuan

**Equestrian**
Nicole Maloof
Club President

**Field Hockey**
Emily Uus
Club Vice President

**Figure Skating**
Sarah Branciforti
Club President

**Golf**
Daniel Collins
Club President
Most Valuable Seniors

**Men's Ice Hockey**
- Mike Saleski
  - Team Captain

**Women's Ice Hockey**
- Bella Crawford
  - Club President

**Men's Lacrosse**
- Gregory Swenson
  - Club President

**Women's Lacrosse**
- Sydney Scherer

**Men's Rugby**
- Noah Hopkins
  - Club President

**Women's Rugby**
- Kelsey Kopazna
  - Forwards Captain

**Running**
- Christina LaRitz
  - Club President

**Men's Soccer**
- Will Twomey
  - Club Treasurer/CSEB Member

**Women's Soccer**
- Annie Sheehan
  - Club Vice-President
Most Valuable Seniors

**Men's Squash**
Harrison Locke
Safety Officer

**Women's Squash**
Sara Rimmel
Club President

**Table Tennis**
Joseph McGrath
Club President

**Men's Ultimate**
Liam Earley
Team Captain

**Women's Ultimate**
Zoe Labat
B-Team Captain

**Men's Volleyball**
Nicholas O'Grady
Club President

**Women's Volleyball**
Katherine Edmondson
Club President

**Men's Water Polo**
Colin Derdeyn
Club President/Team Captain

**Women's Water Polo**
Heather Clark
Club President
The VANguard award is given to the Club Sports Program that has shown responsibility, prioritized safety, and taken care of our club sports vans throughout the course of the year. Congratulations to our 2019 winner, Men’s Crew!
The Program Advancement Award is given to the club sport student leader who has gone above and beyond expectations, giving unselfishly and positively impacted not only his/her individual team, but also the entire program at large. Congratulations to our 2019 winner, Liam Earley from Men’s Ultimate Frisbee!

Liam Earley
Men’s Ultimate Frisbee
The Eagle of the Year award is given to the male and female graduating athletes who are outstanding athletes, leaders, scholars, and citizens, have had a unique and lasting impact on Boston College Club Sports, and truly live out what it means to be an Eagle both on and off the field.

**Christina LaRitz**  
*Running*

Tina has been a tremendous leader and role model for her team. Her passion and dedication is unwavering and she has been instrumental in helping her team advance to the next level. As team president, she has devoted countless hours making sure the team is the best it can be. This has included leading a cohesive E-board to ensure everything is always taken care of administratively as well as taking the time to make sure everyone on the team feels welcome and is appreciated. Despite her impressive list of athletic accomplishments, she is selfless and humble and truly embodies the mission of the club sports program at large. Her top performances helped her team to qualify for both Regional & National Competition, putting BC Club Running on the map as a national contender in their first year as a team. She placed in the top 5 in every race throughout the regular season, was named an All-American after her 6th place finish at the NIRCA Cross-Country National Championship, and set the course record at the Newport Half-Marathon this Spring with an impressive time of 1:25.55. And, she did all of this while writing a 400 page senior thesis. Her accomplishments both on and off the “road” made her an easy choice for this award.

**Colin Derdeyn**  
*Men’s Water Polo*

Colin has an unrivaled work ethic and will leave behind a legacy of success, having played a vital role in the team’s achievements over the past 4 years. He is the quintessential utility player, with unparalleled versatility and selfless support for his teammates. His fierce, competitive energy gives him the advantage against any opponent he faces and can always be trusted to put the team on his back, commanding the offensive attack in close games through clutch shooting and precise passing. As a captain and crucial member of the starting lineup he led his team to an undefeated regular season this year, the team’s 3rd consecutive regional championship, and a 9th place finish at the national championship. He was named to the 1st team of the New England Division 3 times, was recognized as the Most Valuable Player in his senior season, and is also a 2 time All-American. He has been integral in advancing and solidifying the Men’s Club Water Polo program as a consistent contender on the national stage but it doesn’t stop there. His impressive accomplishments in and out of the pool also extend beyond Water Polo as he was also a 4-year member and captain of the Varsity Swimming team.
**Organization of the Year**

**Women’s Lacrosse**

Awarded to the club sports program that has excelled in athletic competition, demonstrated good sportsmanship, and has positively represented BC Club Sports through excellent leadership, team management, and community involvement.
27 teams
184 total events
20 regional tournaments
16 national tournaments
5,664 points scored
956 athletes

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