



BOSTON COLLEGE  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
Year in Review 2007–2008



The Boston College Alumni Association strives to advance the mission of Boston College by providing opportunities for alumni to engage in and support the work of the University. Over the past year, the Alumni Association held nearly 500 events and programs involving more than 30,000 alumni, parents, and friends of Boston College, who came together to learn, to serve, to enjoy one other's company, and to reconnect with their alma mater.

You can find news about Boston College and the Alumni Association, as well as updates on special events and programs, at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni). The Alumni and Friends home page has links to the broad range of programs offered to alumni, including chapter activities, Maroon & GOLD alumni programs, the Alumni Online Community, and much more.





# A Life Network

No matter where alumni live now or how long ago they graduated, the Alumni Association helps them stay informed about and involved in the life of Boston College. Reflecting the diversity of the alumni population, more than 750 volunteers helped plan events held on and off campus that catered to a wide range of interests, from cultural and spiritual programs to sports-related and social gatherings.

- More than a dozen alumni volunteers serve on the national Alumni Career Services Committee and 20 additional alumni volunteers organized two career exploration tours to New York City and Washington, D.C.
- More than 350 alumni attended events in Washington, D.C. with former Under Secretary of State R. Nicholas Burns '78, U.S. Congressman Edward Markey '68, and Catholic Relief Services President Kenneth Hackett '68.
- A record number of 5,100 alumni came back to the Heights for Reunion Weekend 2008, and plans are under way to help all classes remain actively connected during their non-reunion years.

The Alumni Association maintains a network of more than 40 regional chapters worldwide to keep alumni connected to Boston College no matter where they live. To get involved in your local chapter, visit [www.bc.edu/alumni/association/chapters.html](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/chapters.html). To learn more about the programs that support your graduating class, such as the Reunion Weekend event pictured above, visit [www.bc.edu/alumni/association/classes.html](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/classes.html).





# Building a Deeper Connection

Alumni affinity programs provide a forum in which alumni can engage with one another and the University around a common or shared interest.

- For the 15th year in a row, the Boston Pops performed at Conte Forum, a signature event of Parents' Weekend. Last year, more than 8,700 people enjoyed the scholarship benefit performance, which raised over \$2 million. Over the past 15 years, 582 scholarships have been awarded.
- The Wall Street Council held its 20th annual tribute dinner, honoring William P. Weldon, P '00, CEO of Johnson & Johnson, who also served as keynote speaker. More than 900 people attended and \$1.5 million was raised in support of the Presidential Scholars Program at Boston College.
- The East Coast Technology Council brought together 70 alumni to learn about the hottest start-ups and best investment opportunities of 2008.
- Nearly 100 members of the West Coast Technology Council met in Palo Alto, California, for a panel discussion and reception with Boston College students participating in the Carroll School of Management's annual TechTrek West course.

Each year, dozens of alumnae mentor Boston College juniors and seniors by offering career advice and leadership lessons. This mentoring program was initiated by the Council for Women of Boston College (CWBC), one of several affinity groups sponsored by the Alumni Association. To learn more about programs like this or to get involved, visit [www.bc.edu/alumni/volunteer.html](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/volunteer.html).





# Men and Women for Others

In keeping with the Ignatian ideal of being “a leaven for good in the world,” alumni sought out numerous opportunities to deepen their spirituality and serve their local communities and the global community as well.

- BC's 57th annual Laetare Sunday, which marks the midpoint of the Lenten season, featured Provost Cutberto Garza as the guest speaker. 350 alumni and guests attended this annual signature event.
- 55 alumni participated in service trips to New Orleans and Jamaica, assisting the St. Bernard Project in its ongoing clean-up efforts in Lower Ninth Ward and helping the Mustard Seed Communities care for orphaned children near Kingston, Jamaica.
- 600 alumni from 15 chapters participated in the third annual National Day of Service, held each April.

Boston College alumni from Brighton, Massachusetts, to Orange County, California, participated in projects in their home communities as part of the 2008 National Day of Service. Alumni participation in this annual tradition has increased by over 20 percent in each of the program's three years. Learn more at [www.bc.edu/alumni/spirituality](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/spirituality).





# Eagle Pride

The 2007–2008 season was a banner year for Boston College athletics. Alumni turned out in droves to cheer the Eagles on to their school-record eighth-consecutive bowl game victory and their third NCAA hockey championship.

- 8,000 alumni attended the seven FanFests on campus prior to the Eagles' home football games.
- 3,700 alumni traveled to Orlando, Florida, to cheer the football team to victory over Michigan State in the Champs Sports Bowl.
- Nearly 400 alumni gathered in Denver to watch the men's ice hockey team skate past Notre Dame to capture the national title.
- More than 4,100 alumni from every region of the country joined in 125 game watches during the football and hockey seasons to cheer Boston College to victorious seasons. BC alumni as far away as London also hosted game-watching events.
- In perhaps the most important statistic, BC led all Atlantic Coast Conference schools last year with 408 student-athletes named to the Academic Honor Roll. We continue to rank among the nation's elite in graduation success rates.

BC student-athletes participate in thousands of varsity athletic events across the country, and alumni worldwide continue to support their alma mater by cheering on the Eagles. For athletic event schedules or to purchase tickets, visit [www.bc.edu/athletics](http://www.bc.edu/athletics). To learn more about game day FanFests, visit [www.bc.edu/alumni/association/football.html](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/football.html). For information about game watches in your area, visit [www.bc.edu/alumni/association/chapters.html](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/chapters.html).





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