



BOSTON COLLEGE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2018–2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings from THE HEIGHTS

Dear Boston College alumni community,

We are excited to invite you to read our Boston College Alumni Association (BCAA) Annual Report to learn more about how the Alumni Association connects alumni to each other and to the traditions that make the Boston College experience so special. This report covers the BCAA's programs and accomplishments from June 2018 through May 2019 and highlights initiatives that bring together our alumni all over the globe.

Nearly 182,000 of us share a truly special distinction: whenever we graduated, wherever we are now, wherever our lives take us, we will always be Eagles. Our goal at the BCAA is to connect this vibrant community and deepen relationships with the University and with each other.

Whether you're based in Boston, San Diego, or Hong Kong, your BC family is never far away. Our alumni councils, networks, class-based programming, and regional chapters make it easy for Eagles to stay connected through volunteering, networking, or sharing areas of common interest. It is our hope that you'll get involved in any way that is meaningful to you.

On behalf of the alumni relations team and the Boston College Alumni Association Board of Directors, we are most grateful to the thousands of alumni volunteers whose dedication and ongoing involvement help to create such memorable experiences for our alumni around the world.

Ever to Excel.



KEVIN J. MCLAUGHLIN '78
President, Boston College Alumni
Association Board of Directors

LEAH M. DECOSTA
Associate Vice President for
Alumni Relations
Boston College



online and in person

WE CONNECTED

Social channels brought our global alumni community together.

SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS



15,700 fans
13,300 followers
150+ groups



14,500 followers



28,787 followers



10 webinars took place from September through May with over 1,600 attendees.

ALUMNI WEBINARS

TWO ONLINE BOOK CLUBS

6 books read each year.



Leadership and Management
900 members

Lifelong Learning
750 members



600+

Events in 2018–19

CONNECTING IN PERSON



6,000+

Alumni attended events for the first time



40,000+

Alumni attended events

AROUND THE COUNTRY

WE GATHERED

Highlights of alumni affinity groups, councils, and spirituality programming

THE COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OF BOSTON COLLEGE

On May 14, 2019, over 70 Bay-area alumnae joined the Council for Women of Boston College at the Olympic City Clubhouse in San Francisco to hear renowned communications expert and best-selling author Lee Woodruff, H'15, P'15, give a presentation titled "The Power of Presence".



AHANA ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL

Reunion Weekend 2019 included the first-time addition of a reception specifically for AHANA alumni. This event was hosted by the AHANA Alumni Advisory Council and brought back over 100 alumni from a wide range of class years and ethnicities along with a number of past and present faculty and administrators. Also announced were the dates for RECONNECT III, July 24–26, 2020. RECONNECT stands as the largest gathering of AHANA alumni to date.



TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COUNCIL

On May 1, 150 alumni gathered to hear from Neil Blumenthal, cofounder of Warby Parker, about the start-up experience and being a disruptor in a well-established field.



NAPLES MASS AND BRUNCH

On March 3, 2019, we gathered more than 400 alumni, parents, and friends for our annual Naples Mass and Brunch in Florida. William P. Leahy, S.J., University president, and Casey Beaumier, S.J., University secretary and director, Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, served as co-celebrants of the Mass.



LAETARE SUNDAY

On March 31, 2019, we celebrated our 68th annual Laetare Sunday, one of Boston College's longest-standing traditions. Over 500 alumni, parents, students, and friends joined us to celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent.

WE GATHERED

ON CAMPUS



REUNION WEEKEND 2019

Boston College and Newton College alumni, parents, and friends returned to campus to enjoy tours, panels, Mass, barbecues, receptions, and class events.



4,700+

Alumni, parents, and friends returned to the Heights

48

Events

5,334

Reunion-year alumni made a gift to Boston College

3

Days

210

Alumni volunteered on a reunion committee

FRESHMAN LEGACY RECEPTION

Nearly 500 alumni parents and their families joined us at the end of move-in day to celebrate their first-year students and welcome them into the BC legacy community.



Senior Legacy Breakfast on May 20, 2019



Freshman Legacy Reception on August 22, 2018 at the Cadigan Alumni Center

SENIOR LEGACY BREAKFAST

500+ alumni parents of the Class of 2019 and their families came back to campus to celebrate their graduating senior and welcome them into the Alumni Association.

AROUND THE WORLD

WE GATHERED

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

BY THE NUMBERS

Total number of regional chapters: 80



GLOBAL DAYS OF SERVICE



*Eagles
for Others*

- April 1–May 12
- 60 service projects
- From helping pack food bags for elementary schools in Hawaii, to assisting in the reforestation of islands in Puerto Rico, to working at a migrant children's school in Beijing, Eagles exemplified what it means to be men and women for others.
- 1,000+ alumni volunteers
- 165 total hours spent volunteering

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

- On Monday, April 6, more than 200 alumni, families, and friends gathered at the Cadigan Alumni Center for crafts and an Easter egg hunt at the first-ever Easter celebration event.
- The 15th annual Winter Wonderland took place on Saturday, December 8. Over 1,500 alumni, families, and friends came out for a morning filled with sleigh rides, crafts, storytime reading, performances, and visits with Santa Claus.

ATHLETIC PARTNERSHIPS

- As part of the launch of the University's first-ever athletics campaign, Greater Heights, over 100 alumni, parents, and friends gathered in select U.S. cities to hear from William V. Campbell Director of Athletics Martin Jarmond and coaching staff.



ALWAYS AN EAGLE

Our annual fall networking program, Always an Eagle, strengthened the power of the BC community away from the Heights.

- September 6–November 13
- 1,144 attendees
- 33 events

WE EXPANDED

ALUMNI GROUPS AND MISSION STATEMENTS

ARTS CIRCLE OF NEW YORK

The newly-formed Boston College Alumni Arts Circle of New York was created by Nancy Dennerly Goslee '95 and Elise Morrissey '97, after they realized that while their alma mater was offering an abundance of regional programming built on career networking and social engagement, no group focused solely on fostering alumni interaction and building meaningful relationships while utilizing the broad cultural offerings of New York. Since its formation in 2018, the Arts Circle has hosted two successful events in New York City; an exhibition at Foley Gallery, owned by Michael Foley '86, and an afternoon at the theatre, hosted by Tony nominee Bryce Pinkham '05.



BOSTON COLLEGE LGBTQ+ ALUMNI COUNCIL

The BCAA is thrilled to welcome the LGBTQ+ community as it's newest identity-based affinity group. The network serves as a forum for dialogue, connection, and education among BC alumni who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or an ally. Events celebrating the network's launch were held in New York City and Boston.



WSC BUSINESS LEADERSHIP FORUM

The Wall Street Council's first Business Leadership Forum focused on the council's new mission of increasing programming centered on leadership and formation and featured a panel discussion with Al Kelly, P'09,'11,'13,'16, CEO, Visa; Nelle Norberg '02, managing director and market manager, J.P. Morgan Private Bank; and Jose Perez '11, Tamroc Partners, as well as a keynote address from Vice President for Mission and Ministry Jack Butler, S.J.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

WE CELEBRATED OUR

Distinguished Volunteer Awards Dinner at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel on April 5, 2019

The Distinguished Volunteer Awards Dinner was an extraordinary celebration of our honorees and the spirit of service that defines Boston College. Our seven award recipients reminded us of the joy that comes from giving back, to both our University and the broader community.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI VOLUNTEER HONOREES

The James F. Cleary '50, H'93, Masters Award
Steven M. Barry '85, P'14, '17

The William V. McKenney Award
Javier J. Rodriguez '93, P'22

The John P. Curley '13 Award
William V. Campbell, H'12, awarded posthumously
Eileen Bocci Campbell accepted the award on behalf of her husband

The John J. Griffin, Sr., '35, H'72, Alumni Association Award
Brendan N. Feinberg '11
Neeraj R. Prathipati '11

The Philip J. Callan, Sr., '25 Young Alumni Award
Kaitlyn M. McGillicuddy '14

The James F. Stanton '42 Senior Class Gift Award
Jacqueline Elizabeth Lacovara '18

(L-R) Jacqueline E. Lacovara, Brendan N. Feinberg, Eileen B. Campbell, Javier J. Rodriguez, Fr. William P. Leahy, Kaitlyn M. McGillicuddy, Steven M. Barry, Neeraj R. Prathipati

WE SUPPORTED

OUR UNIVERSITY



26,547

Undergraduate alumni donors

5,165

Graduates Of the Last Decade donors



1,752

Class of 2019 graduates made their Senior Class Gift, which resulted in **76% participation**



STAY CONNECTED!

There are many ways to engage with alumni and the BC Alumni Association.



Update your information



Attend events



Follow social media



Join your local chapter

EAGLE XCHANGE

Join BC's exclusive global career mentoring platform today at bc.edu/eagleexchange.

- Boost your professional network.
- Gain valuable perspective from the global BC community.
- Fulfill the key role of a mentor to current student(s) or alumni who aspire to be where you are.
- Ask career-related questions through industry-specific groups and discussion forums.





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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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A testament to the formative journey Boston College is best known for, hundreds of maroon and gold ribbons flutter on a railing outside Bapst Library, each bearing prayer intentions set forth by BC students during Espresso Your Faith Week.