
BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBOR

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A message from Vice President Tom Keady

Dear Neighbor:

As we embark on academic year 2023-2024, it is once again my pleasure to share the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs' newsletter providing you with information and updates on the establishment of Messina College, a two-year associate's degree program for 100 first-generation students who will live on the Brookline campus starting in 2024, progress in year two of The Academy, a summer enrichment program for Greater Boston eighth and ninth graders run by the Pine Manor Institute for Student Success, as well as construction updates on the completion of the Hoag Basketball Pavilion and other summer projects across campus.

Our office looks forward to working with you on various projects and hosting you at an upcoming lecture, athletic event, McMullen Museum of Art exhibit or at the annual Boston College Arts Festival showcasing student art, theater, dance and musical performances. If you have any questions regarding the information in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me or a member of my office staff at (617) 552-4787 or email the office at gca@bc.edu



Gaelic Roots Series unveils new format this fall

Boston College's acclaimed Gaelic Roots Series will take on a different format this semester while continuing its mission of presenting accomplished performers and experts in Irish, Scottish, American, and related folk music traditions.

Instead of in-person events held in campus venues, Gaelic Roots will offer a virtual "Lunchtime Series" incorporating real-time presentations by noted musicians with pre-recorded performances. These will be livestreamed via the Gaelic Roots Facebook page and YouTube channel and then be made available through the BC Irish Studies Program page.

Two Lunchtime Series events are scheduled thus far, involving two distinguished musician-scholars who are veterans of the Irish music scene: On October 22, Manus McGuire will speak on and illustrate the various regional styles found in Irish fiddling, such as those of Sligo, Donegal, and Clare; on November 5, Gerry O'Connor will discuss and showcase his research on the traditional dance music found in South Ulster, which he published in the book *The Rose in the Gap: Dance Music from the Oriel Region*. Both events will begin at noon.

McGuire has long championed Irish music and its many historical and social links with the U.S. He won the prestigious Fiddler of Dooney national fiddle competition at age 14, and has recorded 14 albums, including three solo fiddle CDs. In addition to performing, McGuire has taught in the U.S.—including at the annual Swannanoa Gathering, one of America's largest folk and traditional music programs.

O'Connor comes from a family with a strong musical legacy, having been taught by his mother, Rose, a descendant of three generations of fiddle players. He co-founded the well-regarded bands Skylark, Lá Lugh, and Oirialla, and has made 14 recordings; he's also collaborated with other leading Irish music performers including members of The Chieftains, Planxty, The Bothy Band, and other groups.



Manus McGuire (left) and Gerry O'Connor will be featured in the Gaelic Roots' virtual "Lunchtime Series" this fall.

-Sean Smith, University Communications

Summer Construction Update

The Boston College Facilities Management team has launched 72 renovation, repair, and renewal projects across the University's four campuses this summer, a hefty load in addition to the usual hectic preparations for summer camps, First Year Experience, and the surge of incoming students in the fall.

Among the capital improvements—most of which are expected to be completed by September and involve 15 different project managers—four major categories were identified, starting with the respective academic upgrades at Gasson and Higgins Halls on the Chestnut Hill campus, and Stuart Hall on the Newton campus.



Pictured: Work on Hoag Pavillion nearing completion

At the new Hoag Basketball Pavilion, the future practice home for BC's men's and women's basketball programs on the northwest side of Conte Forum, work is in progress on women's and men's basketball locker rooms, a nutrition center, strength and conditioning facilities, and a sports medicine space. Named for University Trustee Michaela "Mikey" Hoag '86, and her husband, Jay, who donated \$15 million to the project—one of the largest gifts in the history of Boston College Athletics—the 35,700-square-foot building is expected to be completed by summer's end.

In preparation for the opening of Brookline-based Messina College—the former Pine Manor College, acquired by BC in 2020—a major renovation of Ashby Hall is underway to provide new classrooms, learning commons, a new kitchen/service counter, a chapel, and offices for student services. Beginning in the 2024–25 academic year, the college—part of the University's \$100 million Pine Manor Institute for Student Success initiative to enhance educational opportunity for underrepresented, first-generation students—will annually offer 200 students an associate's degree program with the goal of preparing them to enroll in a bachelor's degree program or begin their careers. As BC undergraduates, Messina College students will have full access to the University's facilities and programs.

-University Communications

Community Assistance Program



Run by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Students, the Community Assistance Program (CAP) continues to enhance the relationship between our host communities and our on- and off-campus students.

Steve Montgomery, the Off-Campus Stu-

dent Community Liaison, works closely with the Boston Police, Newton Police and BC Police, to respond to disturbance calls and address concerns of the community.

Steve monitors areas where large numbers of off-campus students live on weekend nights (including Thursdays), holidays, home football

games, 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 reach CAP on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evenings, contact the Boston College 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

For The Academy, an encouraging second year

The Academy, a cost-free, summer residential enrichment program for Greater Boston-area middle and high school students—one of four components of Boston College’s Pine Manor Institute (PMI) for Student Success initiative—held its second round of week- and two-weeklong sessions this summer, attracting more than double last year’s number of attendees.

More than 100 eighth and ninth grade students from 25 partner schools participated in the July 30-August 12 session, including more than half of last year’s 48 summer program participants, according to Joy Moore, vice president and executive director of the institute.

Just over 50 percent of the students attend public schools, while 40 percent are enrolled in Catholic schools, and eight percent attend charter schools. Communities represented include Allston-Brighton, Brockton, Chelsea, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Lawrence, Mattapan, Quincy, Roxbury, Springfield, and Worcester.

Beginning in the summer after seventh grade and continuing through grade 12, the residential program combines academic preparation in English, mathematics, and science with overnight adventures, field trips, and volunteer experiences.

The Academy students, who stayed in Williams Hall on Upper Campus, began their typical day at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast, followed by an assembly. Morning classes rotated between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), language arts, and electives, including 3D printing, textile arts, photography, cellular agriculture, digital storytelling and more. The evenings included family-style dinners, small-group reflection, campus “walk and talk,” journaling, and quiet time before lights out at 10 p.m.

“We place an emphasis on values,” said Moore. “Each grade level has a set of three values that are integrated into all aspects of our programming. We want to instill the virtues of courage, tenacity, confidence, identity, harmony, and companionship in our eighth and ninth graders. We then build upon these values in grades 10-12 and add compassion, service and solidarity, awareness, curiosity and open-mindedness and finally, transition, responsibility, and self-discipline.”

Throughout the school year, each Academy student’s “success coach” (a BC sophomore, junior, or senior) provides tutoring and mentoring to help them achieve success in middle school and prepare for high school. As those students head to college or other post-secondary institutions and begin their careers, PMI will continue to provide coaching and mentoring for up to two years, a distinguishing characteristic unlike any other enrichment program.

The PMI’s capstone initiative is the launch of Messina College—opening on the former Pine Manor College campus in Brookline in fall 2024—which will offer 100 first-generation students with high financial need a residential college experience steeped in Jesuit values, coupled with resources tailored to help students excel. BC’s ninth school and its first two-year associate’s degree program—named for the first Jesuit school, founded in Sicily in 1548—is designed to offer multiple pathways to success by preparing students to transfer to a four-year institution or for a professional career. Associate degrees in such high-demand areas as general business, health sciences, applied data science, and applied psychology and human development will be offered.

“I can’t wait to welcome our newest Eagles to the Brookline Campus!” exclaimed Messina College Dean Erick Berrelleza, S.J., the son of immigrants and a first-generation college graduate who was appointed last summer. “Messina College brings together the best of what we offer at BC in a two-year, residential experience. The formative education our students will receive will set them apart from their peers in the workplace, and prepare them for impactful contributions to the world around them.”

-Phil Gloudemans, University Communications



A ninth-grader discusses an assignment with staff of The Academy. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

Maggie Galvin received 2023 Community Service Award

Mary “Maggie” Galvin—a self-described “behind-the-scenes person”—found herself in the spotlight recently, when she was honored with the 2023 Boston College Community Service Award for her commitment to improve the lives of children, teens, and adults in the City of Boston.

Organized by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, the award highlights the outstanding contributions of a BC employee whose actions exemplify the Jesuit spirit of service to others. Galvin, assistant director of advancement talent in University Advancement, was lauded for her compassion, leadership, and years of dedicated service at a recognition dinner on May 31.



President William P. Leahy, S.J., with Maggie Galvin
(Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

“Maggie truly embodies the BC motto of being a woman in service to others,” said Office of Governmental and Community Affairs Vice President Thomas Keady, in remarks prior to presenting the award.

Called “Santa’s #1 local helper” by Caseria, Galvin annually rallies her coworkers to contribute to a holiday collection of toys

and clothing to benefit children and teens in need—offering to wrap the contributed gifts herself—and has a following of more than 180 generous friends and colleagues involved in the initiative. She is a force behind Boston College’s annual Christmas Raffle Baskets, which provide families, teens, and hundreds of young children in the state foster care

system with both toys and basic necessities. And she has continued the Christmas collection established by the late Paula Forget of BC Facilities Services, coordinating with local organizations to provide for children who otherwise would not receive a gift during the holidays.

“She has a wonderfully big heart and puts in hours and hours of work on this—‘just because,’” according to Caseria. “Maggie truly embodies Jesuit values by giving and doing for the less fortunate without ever expecting anything in return.”

“Boston College offers so many opportunities to be of service to others,” Galvin said. “I would encourage people to take part because you get back so much more than you give.”

—Rosanne Pellegrini, University Communications

McMullen Museum Fall Exhibit

Gateway to Himalayan Art introduces the main forms, concepts, meanings, and religious traditions of Himalayan art with objects from the collection of the Rubin Museum of Art, New York. The Himalayan region encompasses Indian, Nepalese, Bhutanese, and Tibetan cultures as well as interrelated Mongolian and Chinese traditions.

The exhibition features sculptures, Tibetan scroll paintings (thangkas), ritual implements, medical instruments, and instructional

paintings, as well as a stupa and prayer wheel.

Special installations include displays detailing the process of Nepalese lost-wax metal casting and the stages of creating a thangka. A Tibetan shrine cabinet presents how these objects would be displayed in a traditional house shrine.

In the Daley Family and Monan Galleries

For more information, please visit www.bc.edu/sites/artmuseum



The Boston College Neighborhood Center, located at 480 Washington St in Brighton, provides free educational services to the Allston Brighton community, including tutoring for school-aged children

and English classes for adults.

Please check out our website (www.bc.edu/neighborhood) for updates about our free educational services for the fall semester.