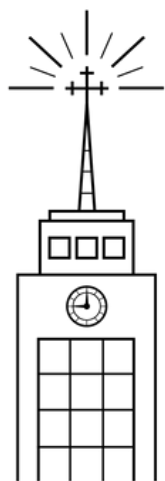




BC HIGH

Alumni Newsletter

March 2025



ILLUMINATING EXCELLENCE

The Campaign for BC High

Dear Alumni,

In October 2023, Boston College High School launched Illuminating Excellence, the most ambitious fundraising initiative in our history. This bold campaign will give BC High the resources needed to provide young men with a life-changing educational experience that fosters their intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth.

I'm pleased to share [this report](#) highlighting the amazing progress we've made toward achieving our \$125 million goal, including the stories of donors who have so powerfully affirmed our Jesuit, Catholic values through their generosity. More than 6,000 donors have already made our light radiate brightly by joining the campaign; we are deeply grateful for this extraordinary show of support.

In the spirit and tradition of the Mite Box, we continue to welcome gifts of all sizes to Illuminating Excellence, which will help our home on Morrissey Boulevard endure as a shining beacon of goodness, courage, and compassion.

With sincere gratitude,

Grace Cotter Regan P'12
President



Campaign Progress by the Numbers

6,067 donors have contributed
\$112 million

to the *Illuminating Excellence* campaign so far

\$12,983,047
in estate gift commitments

143

new scholarships
established during the
campaign

1,692 alumni and parent
volunteers



2,276

students supported through financial aid

42,000 sq. ft.

dedicated to wellness in the Patrick F. Cadigan '52
Family Foundation Wellness Complex

[Learn More About Illuminating Excellence](#)

*Since this piece was published, the campaign total has reached \$116 million.

From the Boulevard

Register for Reunion

Only 52 days remain until the celebrations commence! Don't miss your chance to reconnect with old friends, relive cherished memories, and honor your milestone reunion.

We can't wait to welcome you back to the Boulevard!

May 16, 2025 – Class of 1975 50th Reunion Celebration

May 17, 2025 – Grand Reunion celebrating the Classes of 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020

[50th Reunion Registration](#)

[Grand Reunion Registration](#)

Join Us for a Special Baseball Celebration on Saturday, May 3!

We are excited to celebrate the **2009 State Championship Baseball Team** at our Varsity home game against Wachusett Regional on **Saturday, May 3.**

All alumni, their families, and friends are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun, camaraderie, and Eagle pride as we cheer on our team and reconnect under the Alumni Tent.

Festivities begin at 3 p.m., with the first pitch at 4 p.m. at Monan Park.

Don't miss this special celebration—let's come together to honor our championship team and support our Eagles!

[Celebrate our Champions!](#)



[Join us in the Big Apple](#)



[Connect in the Capital City](#)

On the Boulevard



Our BC High community gathered for a prayerful Ash Wednesday liturgy on March 5, marking the beginning of Lent. We were honored to have Archbishop Richard G. Henning preside over the Mass, reminding us of the call to reflection, renewal, and grace.

As we journey through Lent, we're pleased to offer the following resources to our community. We hope these prove to be an aid for deepened engagement in this holy season of reflection and renewal.

[Lenten Reflections](#)

[Holy Tuesday Mass](#)

[Good Friday Community Walk](#)



On Wednesday, March 19, generations of BC High pride were on full display. As grandfathers, fathers, and current students gathered in Cadigan Atrium for the annual **Legacy Breakfast**. The 120 Eagles of past and present in attendance were a testament to the strength of the BC High brotherhood.

The highlight of the morning was an insightful father-son panel moderated by Head of Day House **Mike Gardner**. Panelists **John '86** and **Michael Carroll '25**, **Dave '94** and **James Cronin '29** discussed the role BC High has played in their lives and the impact it has made forming them into Men for Others.

[View Photos from the Legacy Breakfast](#)



2025 SPRING SPORTS

Click here to see our updated schedule!



BC HIGH

FAMILY SERVICE DAY

SPONSORED BY THE BCHPA

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

The BC High Parents' Association is proud to partner with the City of Boston for the 10th annual Love Your Block neighborhood clean-up. We invite anyone in the BC High community to join us for this wonderful morning of fellowship and service as we help a few of our Dorchester neighborhoods. Tools and supplies are provided by the City and trash is collected at the end of the morning.

8:00 a.m. Mass - Loyola Chapel, BC High

8:45 a.m. Leave for Clean Up Sites

Victory Road Park
69-81 Victory Road.
*parking is available

Brunswick - King Play Area
270P Columbia Road
*parking is available

Andrew Square
383 Dorchester Avenue
*street parking available



VOLUNTEER: Click [here](#) to sign up

QUESTIONS: Contact Betsy Emsing, P'22, '25, '26, bemsing@doctech.net

Beyond the Boulevard



Eagles Flock Together!

On Thursday, March 20, over 15 alumni gathered at Sip Café for the first-ever Boston Eagle meetup. It was a great occasion to reflect upon shared memories at BC High and make new connections with other Eagles.

Special thanks to GOLD Leadership Circle members **Mickey Chapple '14** and **Owen Thomas '18** for their work in organizing this event.

Interested in attending the next one? Follow us on Instagram [@bchighalumni](#) to stay up-to-date on all things alumni!



Congratulations to our Eagles on their Personal and Professional Milestones!

Professor David Twomey '56 will present "Growing up in Irish Catholic Boston (1939 and beyond): Five Children guided by Mom and Dad, the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Jesuits -- BC High and Boston College. Some light hearted reflections; and some very profound Thank You's" on Wednesday, April 9 as part of Boston College's School of Management's [Last Lecture Series](#)

Kevin Ryan '65 will be honored by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. in recognition of his service during its Madonna Della Strada Award Ceremony on Sunday, April 27.

Dr. Leonard Guarente '70 was featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal digital edition for his research on anti-aging.

Dennis Lehane '83's project Firebug is set to premiere on June 27 on Apple TV+, additionally, his novel Small Mercies has had its rights acquired by Apple.

Chas Dorman '99 was recently promoted to Associate Director of Athletics for Communications at Princeton University.

Gerry Halfhide '99 officially retired from the Army after 23 years of service to our country.

Alex Vannoni '03 started a new position as the Head of Healthcare product at WHOOP.

Matt Flynn '08 married Julia Williams on September 20, 2024, in Boston. His brothers, **Mike '05** and **Mark '20**, stood by his side, and 17 other alumni were also in attendance for the celebration!

Yousif Hanna '12 recently had his AI platform, OXKAIR, named one of Poets and Quants' 2024 Most Disruptive MBA startups. OXKAIR minimizes inefficiencies in the healthcare claims system to promote a greater focus on patient care.

Ozzy Trapilo '20 participated in the NFL Combine on March 2.

Share Your News and Highlights

In Memoriam: Celebrating the life of Father Richard Gross, SJ

The BC High community is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Father Richard Gross, a beloved member of our community whose faith, kindness, and dedication touched countless lives.

Father Gross' commitment to service and his unwavering compassion will remain in our hearts as we honor his memory.

We invite you to join us in celebrating his life and legacy at his funeral:

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9 a.m. Visitation followed by 10 a.m. Mass
Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Campion Center
319 Concord Road, Weston, MA 02493

A livestream link is forthcoming and will be made available to the community closer to the service date.