

BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE

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Message from Dr. Mahesh Daas, President Spring 2021 Decision

Greetings wherever you may be in the world!

It feels like the blink of an eye, and an eternity since I last spoke with you about our [fall plans](#). The BAC was among the first to announce a decision then, and now we are one of the first to share our spring plans. The leadership team is making this early announcement to provide new and returning students, faculty, and staff ample notice and a clear path forward to plan the [spring 2021] semester.

Today I stand under the Great Banyan Tree of Boston in my office overlooking Newbury Street. Although much remains constant, we have also seen changes in our Back-Bay community since the pandemic began. It still rages on and a second surge is underway. Boston has paused reopening some businesses. National and global travel are still in disarray. 48 U.S. states and many other countries see an increase in infections as we head into winter.

One constant remains—at the BAC—people come first. Your well-being is our top priority. This includes helping our students progress on their academic journey in the safest manner possible. We do this as a community with compassion and innovation.

As we did in the fall, in spring semester all instruction, student services and lab resources will be available online through the [BAC Cloud Canopy™](#). Access to campus will continue to be restricted and curated as described on the coronavirus update page on the BAC website. The experience and the knowledge gained from being a [top-ranked college](#) and a pioneer of [online design education](#) helps us ensure your education continues unbound by limitations on in-person gatherings or traditionally defined space. We aim therefore, to provide you options and flexibility to safely obtain uninterrupted education from anywhere in the world.

To support you, we continue investing in technology, increasing access to learning modalities, and providing faculty expertise to all students.

The BAC Cloud Canopy™ and its Cloud Lab™ were launched over the summer and provide faculty, students, and staff access to world-class technology—anywhere in the world. To date, the Cloud Lab™ has been used for more than ten thousand hours and accessed from 10 different countries. The usage of our library's digital resources has shattered all previous records.

We are tirelessly continuing to explore new ways of meeting the needs of our students in different time zones.

Even though we are not physically together, so much is happening that excites and inspires me!

Over the next few weeks and months, you will receive inspiring updates and happenings around the College affirming our aspirations for social justice, resilience, cutting edge technologies, global partnerships—all launching our College to new heights!

So, stay the course—feel confident you have the support of a strong and vibrant Community—ever expanding around the globe.

Never forget that there are no limits to what we can accomplish when we are in this together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahesh Daas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Mahesh Daas, president