Dear faculty and staff,

The world is home. Yet, none are in a comfort zone. That can be a good thing depending on how we take advantage of this transformational experience!

History is replete with episodes of grave and daunting times that the world endured—yet, we see how humanity also emerged stronger and wiser from those experiences. As difficult as it may appear now, we will eventually move past the current crisis in due time.

We know the post-pandemic world will not be the same as the one we left behind. How we learn from this disruption, and how we evolve as a community will determine if we belong to the future or the past.

Instead of enduring these times, I ask us to embrace the opportunities they open for us.

Instead of holding our breath for the storm to pass, I ask us to become a breath of fresh air.

Let’s ask ourselves how we can build the BAC of the future that we so vividly envisioned!

Let’s ask ourselves how we can shape our desired Cloud!

Let’s ask ourselves how we can serve all our students equally no matter where they live or where they are in their lives!

Let’s turn these current challenges into fuel propelling us into the leading edge of the wave of emerging realities!

I can think of no other place and time, no other institution, and no other group of people than all of you to head BAC to the Future!

Onward and upward,

Dr. Mahesh Daas
This Week's Department Feature: Practice

On Friday, April 3rd ten firms connected with the BAC and participated in Practice Networks 2020 Online. This was the Practice Department’s first virtual career fair in which students and partner firms met via Google Hangout in multiple 30-minute interviews from 9 AM to 4 PM. The firms that participated were the following: Bergmeyer, DREAM Collaborative, Gilmore Landscape Architecture, Goody Clancy, HDR, Isgenuity, PCA, Shepley Bulfinch, Stantec Architecture, and STV. Students shared their resume, their portfolio, and most importantly, their design story with the firm representatives. For some students and firms, this was their first virtual career fair. Many positive connections were made. One firm representative shared that he was very honored for the opportunity to give his professional feedback to the students. The BAC spirit of hard work lives on no matter what!

Additional News + Resources:

BAC is closed on Monday, April 20
Please remember that the BAC will be closed on Monday, April 20 in observance of Patriots Day.

Stay updated with the BAC’s COVID-19 Webpage
As always, please visit our COVID-19 page for the latest information. If you have questions, please direct them to emergencymanagement@the-bac.edu. You can also follow us on Twitter @TheBACBoston for up-to-date and relevant information.

Reminder: Pass/Fail grading policies implemented for spring and summer 2020 semester
All undergraduate and graduate students at the BAC have been informed that after receiving their letter grades for this semester, they will have the option to designate any, all, or none of their courses taken as “Pass/Fail” classes.
Cascieri Lecture featuring Dr. Mahesh Daas’
Thank you to everyone who attended our first ever virtual Cascieri Lecture! If you missed it, click here to watch the recording.

Happy World Landscape Architecture Month!
WLAM is established by the American Society of Landscape Architects and is a month-long international celebration of landscape architecture and designed public and private spaces. Learn how you can participate here! #WLAM2020 #LifeGrowsHere

Join the BAC in the city-wide #LovefromBoston campaign Learn more about the campaign here.

Shout-out to Interior Architecture faculty member, Dr. Diane Kitchell, who has made over 200 face masks!
Check out how she's rallied the community to collectively donate face masks to local hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, grocery stores, post office workers and persons who are high risk. See more here!

The BAC Library’s new database, A&Ae portal, provides easy access to eBooks. Click here to access it!

HR Newsletter
Our new monthly HR newsletter has launched! A special COVID-19 edition was sent earlier this week with resources for you and your families. Stay tuned for the next one!
Check out our latest advertisement in New England Home Magazine!
As we pivot to online programs, the Marketing & Communications team continues to promote our online programs. Grab a copy of New England Home Magazine to check it out!

Hear ye, hear ye! The BAC PAC will be hosting a “royal” tea this **Friday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m.**
Please join us via [Zoom](https://zoom.com) with your favorite afternoon snack or beverage and your most ROYAL contribution! It could be a costume, poem, story, photo, anecdote... whatever says royalty to you! Also, if any pets out there have ROYAL names, we want to see them!! We hope you can make it, we love seeing your smiling faces! Check the calendar invitation for more details.

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