Dear BAC students,

This week we begin to conclude a historic, dramatic, and demanding spring semester. I am constantly inspired by the tenacity you have demonstrated to reach this point.

And, for the nearly 160 students of the BAC Class of 2020—I wish you congratulations! On behalf of the entire BAC faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and friends, we are proud of your achievement!

Although we have postponed the in-person commencement to later this year, we look forward to celebrating your achievement of graduating and earning your degree. This Friday, May 22, we will host a special recognition event featuring students, faculty, staff, and our trustees.

Over the next few weeks, we will be observing conditions in the city and state to plan a return to our new normal. In coordination with state and local agencies along with the higher education sector, the BAC will make announcements about when, and how we can safely return to some level of in-person activity.

Meanwhile, please continue to use face coverings, maintain safe physical distance, wash your hands, and follow other health and safety measures provided by local, state, and federal agencies.

Let us know anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay safe and be well,

Dr. Mahesh Daas, President
As previously announced, the BAC has adopted a special set of grading policies for all students in light of the COVID-19 crisis, which resulted in all spring classes transitioning to online learning. For those courses designed to be assigned a letter grade, students will be given a final letter grade; however, students have the option to designate any, all, or none of their courses as Pass/Fail courses.

A form has been created, and is available in the Student Forms Portal called the ‘Spring 2020 Pass/Fail Grade Selection’ form.

Once you have been given a final letter grade for a course, you will be able to log into the Student Forms Portal and select to have that class graded as Pass/Fail.

Please keep in mind the deadline of submitting your selection of Pass/Fail courses:

- **May 2020 Graduating Students** have until Wednesday, May 20, 2020 to inform the Registrar if they are selecting any courses for Pass/Fail.
- **Non-Graduating Students in spring 2020** have until Friday, June 5, 2020 to inform the Registrar if they are selecting any courses for Pass/Fail.

Before submitting your choice to select classes to be graded as Pass/Fail, you should speak with your advisor about any potential academic impacts to choosing Pass/Fail or letter grade.

- **Degree Students**: If you have an outside scholarship (non-BAC) make sure to check if that scholarship has any restrictions or rules about final grades prior to making your choice.
- **Continuing Education Students**: If you are taking classes for NCARB, transfer credit, or professional development through your workplace, make sure to check with that institution for any restrictions or rules about final grades prior to making your choice.

Please remember that once you submit a course to be graded Pass/Fail, that decision is final. If you do not submit anything, your grades will stay as letter grades. The full policy on Pass/Fail Grade Selection can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, contact registrar@the-bac.edu.

**Additional News + Resources**

All BAC students -- This is a weird, challenging time. We’re here to talk—about BAC life, or life in general, because not everything fits neatly into a department
Join us for BAC Talks!
We have turned the BAC’s in-person Gala into an exciting virtual event, BAC Talks, featuring thought leaders and panelists who will discuss topics of great relevance to the post-pandemic world. We will stream the event live on June 10th. Please stay tuned for more exciting details.

Cooking Live (From Home) with Boston Magazine!
Join Will Gilson for this week’s Boston Magazine Event Cooking Live (From Home) on Friday, May 22 at 5PM EST. On the menu this week is Citrus Marinated Fish Tacos with Cabbage Slaw and Chipotle Crema! Click here for details.

Congratulations to our 2020 graduates!
The entire BAC community wishes you all the best. Check out these videos from Scott Fulford and Richard Griswold! Stay tuned for more messages from BAC faculty and staff.

or category. You are not alone. Contact Richard Griswold, Richard.griswold@the-bac.edu to help direct your question or concern.

"It Always Seems Impossible Until It’s Done" — Nelson Mandela
$1,000 Scholarship from TheBestSchools.org
TheBestSchools.org is awarding scholarships to students currently enrolled in an accredited online degree program. Full-time and part-time students are eligible for the scholarships. Click here to apply!

ASLA is offering FREE student memberships for landscape architecture students! Click here to register.

Virtual Watercolor Workshops this Summer
Open to all students, staff and faculty free of charge. Participants will have to provide their own
materials and a list will be circulated in advance. Each workshop will consist of two 90-minute sessions on June 16 + 23 and July 8 + 15 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Please contact Scott Fulford if you're interested.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women wants to hear from you!

MCSW wants to know and make sure your thoughts, opinions, and experiences are heard. Join us on Wednesday, 5/20 or Thursday, 5/21 for a one-hour session open conversation. A $20 virtual gift card is their gift to you for your participation in a session and completion of their online survey. [Learn more and sign up here!]

2020 ASLA Awards

Due to disruptions caused by the current pandemic, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is extending the submission deadline for the 2020 ASLA Student Awards to Sunday, May 31, at 11:59 pm PST.
CULTIVATE A MIND

Sign-Up to be a part of the Summer Academy teaching group this year in virtual playgrounds

ONLINE

Since 1973, the Summer Academy has complemented the education of High-School students with hands-on design and material exercises. Going online in 2020, enrolled students will receive the materials through the mail to follow simultaneously the full-scale example being executed by the faculty member. Daily discussions in synchronous webinars will lead the student exercises. Case study building and professional firm visits, for example, through virtual reality will parallel the design/build teams of students in developing and experiencing their projects online.

Be part of the teaching group this summer & earn Practice credits!

To learn more and sign-up, please contact: academy@the-bac.edu

DEADLINE MAY 18, 2020

BAC SUMMER ACADEMY 2020

CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS

Summer registration is open! Classes begin on June 1.
Click here to complete your online registration.
Please reach out to ce@the-bac.edu with any questions.

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.

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