Dear BAC Students,

You are almost there! You are at mile 26 of 26.2 miles, running down Hereford Street, about to finish the marathon of a semester!

I know it feels like all of life is graded on a (virus) curve right now. But, remember, we are with you, proud of you, supporting you, and rooting for your continued success—all the way until the finish line and beyond.

As I mentioned last week, the BAC is rolling out new initiatives to help you come #Back2BAC and #StayTheCourse:

1. Continually serving you irrespective of how long the pandemic lasts. As the pioneers in online education, we are the leaders in online education, and you are in the best place.

2. Establishing a BAC Student Empowerment Fund, including additional financial aid, to support your ability to stay enrolled.

3. Launching the BAC Lab in the Cloud initiative to provide access to all the software tools and the processing power you need delivered through the cloud accessible from any device anywhere, even your phone, as if you are working on a BAC lab computer! We are proud to be the first architecture and design school anywhere to do so.

4. Expanding our BAC Gateway program in innovative directions. More on this soon!

5. Accessing BAC advising, digital library resources, Learning Resource Center, Student Assistance Program, mental health resources, etc. both virtually and via phone.

6. Informing you through a multitude of communication tools – student newsletter, social media, email alerts, phone, and on our website!

So, dear BAC students, I urge you to let us know how we can help you come #Back2BAC and #StayTheCourse! And, congratulations on a successful ‘run’ this semester — we will get through this as a team.

Stay well,

Dr. Mahesh Daas, President

Additional News + Resources

"Keep going, BAC faculty are so deeply proud of you. As President Daas stated, you’re at mile 26 of a 26.2 mile marathon (turning from Hereford St. to Boylston St.), and we’re here to coach you to the finish line!" — Scott Harrison, Director of Liberal
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 or category. You are not alone. Contact Richard Griswold, richard.griswold@the-bac.edu to help direct your question or concern.

Your voice matters! By taking a few minutes out of your day to complete this student survey, we are able to make better decisions that impact the entire BAC student community. Thank you!

TAKE SURVEY

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!

New England Home Virtual Events This Week
Join New England for The Marriage of Art & Design on May 7 @ 1:00 with Clinton Smith, Editor at Large for New England Home, and speakers Lori Weitzner and Lisa Hunt! Click here to RSVP.

Wear a Mask Mandatory Order Effective May 6
The Commonwealth of MA has issued a new mandate to wear masks in public starting Wednesday, May 6. Check out this quick tutorial on how to make your own mask at home!
Don’t miss 'The Buzz' every Wednesday!
Every week the Office of Student Life sends out a student newsletter, 'The Buzz'. Be sure to check it out each week for important information, events, and updates!

Design for Human Health During a Pandemic
Discover how BAC faculty and students are using design to respond to COVID-19.
Read the article here!

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

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.
You are not alone!
Members of the BAC Alumni Council want you to know you're not alone! Follow the BAC on social media (@TheBACBoston) to watch special videos created just for you by BAC alumni. #InThisTogether
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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