Dear BAC Students,

Summer is virtually buzzing at the BAC! And, we’re already at the midpoint!

At a staggering 22 percent higher enrollment from the previous summer, I am thrilled to see you have enrolled in record numbers—making steady progress toward your graduation.

Thanks to our expertise offering online design learning, we have been able to accommodate the increased demand for summer courses. In fact, if this summer were to take place in pandemic-free times, we could not have physically accommodated all the students in our facilities! This growth allows us to extend our reach, providing inclusive access to diverse students, which is at the heart of the BAC’s mission and vision.

I am excited to announce our fall semester is shaping up well, too. We are experiencing increased enthusiasm from new and returning students. As the BAC’s academic instruction will be fully online this fall, we are rolling out a series of measures to empower you—this includes increased financial aid as well as waiving student activity and intensive fees.

I encourage students to reach out to the financial aid office if your financial circumstances and needs have changed due to the pandemic. Your well-being and success are our highest priority!

To top it all off, as I announced earlier this month, the BAC will be in a league of its own, well ahead of other schools of architecture and design by providing each of our students access to vital design software and cloud storage online—anywhere in the world. Further, each BAC student will have access to the tools and services needed to continue their educational journey. This is an unprecedented and unique value available only to BAC students.

The entire BAC community is here as your advocate and partner in helping realize your dreams of becoming a design professional. So, please do not hesitate to contact us and let us know how we can assist you along your journey.

Stay well and stay #BACStrong!

Stay safe and stay well,
President Mahesh Daas

Additional News + Resources
Recognizing Juneteenth

Since 1889, The Boston Architectural College, at that time the Boston Architectural Club, has been an integral part of the Boston community. Its long and storied history is interwoven with happenings and moments of great importance in Boston and the Nation.

We stand together in observance of June 19th. It was on this day in 1865 that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. It is important to note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, which had become official January 1, 1863.

Along with Governor Baker’s proclamation that recognized Juneteenth in Massachusetts, our BAC community marked its historical importance in the Nation’s history—acknowledging the current circumstances and tragedies experienced by so many across the country.

UNITED WE DREAM

Statement from The Boston Architectural College President Mahesh Daas, regarding the Supreme Court decision to uphold the program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA.

“This past week, we have seen two vital decisions by the Supreme Court, which directly align with The Boston Architectural College’s Mission and Values. On June 18, the court ruled the Administration may not immediately proceed with its plan to end a program protecting about 700,000 young immigrants known as Dreamers from deportation. On Monday, June 15, the court ruled gay and transgender workers were protected by a landmark civil rights law. Chief Justice Roberts was in the majority in both decisions.

These key victories strengthen our resolve to continue promoting an inclusive, accepting, and accessible learning environment. We know our strength as a community is a direct result of our diverse student body—including a large population of first-generation college students, international students, and minority groups.

Although this is a positive step forward, we have a long way to go to achieve an equitable society. We are in a pivotal time of change—we may still encounter obstacles. So, we will keep you, our global community informed across numerous communication channels.

But, even though these are fast-moving and changeable times, we will strive to blend diverse ways of thinking, build multi-cultural awareness, and empathize with the perspective of persons different from ourselves—these are essential to achieving just, inclusive and innovative design.”
**BAC Merch:**

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**Fourth of July!**

The Boston Architectural College will recognize the Fourth of July on Friday, July 3, 2020. We wish you and yours the very best for a relaxing and safe holiday.

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**REMINDER:**

The BAC Library has created several topical research guides for you!

**Digital Graduation Exhibit**

The BAC continues its celebration of our 2020 graduating class. We recognize each student achievement, hard work, and ingenuity in the face of change. Join with us by enjoying this [digital graduation exhibit](#). #2020graduates #bacgraduate #congratulations
Here. There. Anywhere. You can now watch our discussions inspired by Boston Architectural College’s Global Alumni Leadership Advisors.

Architecture, Race and Culture
This guide explores the legacy of racism, social movements and civil rights as they manifest in the built environment, at the intersection of housing, transit, density, urban development, decay and discrimination.

LGBTQ Architecture
This guide explores LGBTQ issues within the design world. Perfect for Pride month!

But that’s not it!
We have even more guides that can help with your research. Got a recommendation for a future guide? Let us know!

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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