

This chapter provides an overview of Boston College’s economic impact and describes a number of the University’s community benefits programs offered in the following areas:

- Economic Impact and Financial Contributions
- Educational Partnerships and Scholarships
- Community Development Assistance
- Volunteer Service Programs
- Cultural Resources
- Athletic and Recreational Programs

Economic Impact and Financial Contributions

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Employment

Boston College contributes to the economic stability of the region by creating jobs for 3,524 full-time and part-time faculty and staff. Table 9-1 shows employees, including graduate student employees, from the host communities of Boston and Newton.

Table 9-1
Employees living in Boston and Newton, Fall 2007¹

City	Employees
Allston-Brighton	703
Remainder of Boston	1,034
Newton	<u>811</u>
TOTAL	2,548

¹ Employee count includes graduate student employees.

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Payroll Taxes

In FY 2007, Boston College made annual payroll tax payments of \$10,560,000 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and \$31,960,000 to the Federal government.

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Sponsored Research

In 2007, Boston College generated \$52 million in sponsored research programs and enhanced its commitment to resolve urgent societal problems through its academic research efforts. Some of these efforts, recognized both nationally and internationally, include advancements in treatments for brain cancer and epilepsy, applications for solar power and optical computing, and educational methods that promote children's math, science and reading literacy. Specialized academic institutes are engaged in research that explores the relationship between religion and society, aging and work, the balance between work and family, methods to ensure retirement security fosociet7rmmunitYeeecuri4os 4overk, tnd

**Table 9-2
Development Impact Project (DIP) Contributions**

<u>Campus Project</u>	<u>Date of Building Permit / Date of Certificate of Occupancy</u>	<u>Total Jobs Exaction Amount (Number of Annual Installments)</u>	<u>Total Housing Exaction Amount (Number of Annual Installments)</u>	<u>Total</u>
21 Campanella Way	March 2001 / November 2002	\$39,372 (2 installments)	\$196,860 (12 installments)	\$236,232
Yawkey Athletic Center	February 2004 / March 2005	\$63,517 (2 installments)	\$317,585 (12 installments)	\$381,102
TOTAL		\$102,889	\$514,445	\$617,334

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Business Development Assistance

Boston College plays an active role in supporting the local business communities in Boston and Newton by offering University research and technical assistance through the academic centers listed below. In addition, staff members from Boston College's

The Center for Work and Family. Since its founding in 1990, the Boston College Center for Work & Family (CWF) has been a national leader in helping organizations create effective workplaces that support and develop healthy and productive employees. The Center provides a bridge linking the academic community to leaders in employment settings who are committed to promoting workforce effectiveness.

Educational Partnerships and Scholarship Aid

Through the dedicated efforts of the Lynch School of Education, Boston College is invested in a number of ongoing partnerships with the Boston Public schools and Catholic schools. These partnership programs address educational research, teacher induction and training, student teacher placements, curriculum development, professional development consultation and community and parental engagement. Over the years, hundreds of Boston College students have volunteered in public, private and parochial schools in Boston, Newton and throughout the greater Boston area.

This section provides an overview of a number of innovative programs offered by the Lynch School of Education and other departments at the University. Additionally, the section describes the financial aid commitment of Boston College to students from Boston and specifically from Allston-Brighton to assist them in attending the University.

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Scholarship Aid

Boston College is committed to providing funds to meet the full demonstrated

**Table 9-3
Educational Aid to the Allston/Brighton Community and Boston**

2006-2007	Allston-Brighton	Boston
Number of undergraduates	122	356
Number receiving any aid	94	273
Dollar amount all aid	\$2,361,567	\$8,352,469
Average aid amount	\$25,123	\$30,595
Number receiving any grant	78	239
Dollar amount all grants	\$1,858,163	\$6,343,758
Average grant amount	\$23,823	\$26,543
Number receiving BC grant	74	232
Dollar amount all BC grants	\$1,654,847	\$5,303,907
Average BC grant amount	\$22,363	\$22,862

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Allston /Brighton Scholarship Program

The Allston/Brighton Boston College Scholarship Program provides 10 academically talented students from Allston/Brighton the financial support to attend Boston College. In order to be eligible for the award, the students must be a permanent residents of Allston/Brighton for a minimum of four years and be accepted for

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Educational Partnerships

Step Up Initiative

and parent engagement as well as provides career advisement, college application assistance and financial aid guidance.

Options Through Education

The Options Through Education Transitional Summer Program (OTE) is a six-week pre-college enrichment program designed for educationally and financially disadvantaged students who are highly motivated, potential achievers. OTE gives these students a leg up on the sometimes daunting transition to college life. It familiarizes participants with Boston College's academic and administrative resources, strengthens their scholastic skill

college and increase the number of qualified applicants for the Allston-Brighton Scholarship Program.. Due to the popularity of the program among students and parents and an average SAT score increase of 140 points, enrollment has increased to 58 students for the fall 2007 session. Participants meet two evenings a week at Another Course to College (ACC) in Brighton, where 18 to 20 Boston College students serve as verbal, math and writing coaches. With over 40 hours of free SAT tutoring and more than 15 hours of preparation for the college search process, success on the SAT's and college admittance became attainable goals. The Boston College program is viewed as a model for other Let's Get Ready sites in Massachusetts.

MACC- Massachusetts Campus Compact Tutoring

Teachers for a New Era

Center for Catholic Education

**Table 9-6
Spring 2007 \$3,000 Community Fund Awards**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Addiction Treatment Center of New England	\$3,000
Boston Connects	\$3,000
Brighton High School	\$3,000
Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice	\$3,000
Children's Organic Garden Science Project with the Conservatory Lab Charter School,	\$900
The Fishing Academy, Inc.,	\$3,000
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Open Door Ministry	\$3,000
Mt. Saint Joseph Academy	\$2,600
St. Columbkille School	\$3,000
The Winship Elementary School Parent Council	<u>\$1,860</u>
TOTAL	\$26,360

**Table 9-7
Spring 2007 \$25,000 Biennial Award**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
West End House Boys and Girls Club of Allston-Brighton	\$25,000

**Table 9-8
Special Grant Awards**

Organization	Grant Amount
Beautification Project Grant: Allston Village Main Streets, "Allston Village Beautification"	\$50,000
Youth Enrichment Project Grant: YMCA of Greater Boston (Oak Square), "Oak Square Community Teen Center"	\$50,000
Civic Engagement Project Grant: Brighton-Allston 200, Inc. "The Brighton-Allston Bicentennial"	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$175,000

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Boston College Neighborhood Center

The Boston College Neighborhood Center, located on Washington Street in the

Veronica Smith Senior Center

Boston College partners with the Veronica Smith Senior Center to provide health screening for seniors and offers programming such as hosting the Center's Men's Club at BC events and lectures and organizing a dance for the seniors featuring the vocal and musical talent of BC students. A tour of the Boston College campus and lunch are offered to thirty seniors in the spring of each year.

Volunteer Service Programs

Boston College emphasizes volunteerism as a vital part of a student's education and personal formation. The number of student volunteers in the Allston/Brighton community alone is estimated at over 1,000 per week and their impacts are significant. For example, a former Executive Director at the West End House Boys and Girls Club estimated that the community service work the organization received saved the Club between \$100,000 and \$125,000 each year. Two of Boston College's most notable volunteer service programs, PULSE and 4Boston, are mentioned below in addition to a sampling of other programs involving both students and employees.

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PULSE

Boston College's PULSE program is a national model for service learning that integrates academics in the classroom with a service internship at one of 51 community service placements in the Greater Boston area. The 400 students

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Children's Hospital through donations from friends and family along with the sponsorships from local businesses. Last year's event set a fundraising record of \$165,000 and since 2003, the Dance Marathon has contribute more than \$300, 000 to the hospital.

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Grads Give Back Day

Each year the Law Student and Graduate Student Associations of Boston College plan a day of community service called Grads Give Back Day. This year, over 100 graduate students volunteered at placements on campus and throughout Boston. The service opportunities ranged from conducting on-campus food and clothing drives, hosting a social for children attending the Campus School, clean-up of the jogging and pedestrian pathways at the Chestnut Hild001 Tc0.0014 Tweays

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Neighborhood Night at the Theater

In conjunction with the Arts Festival, the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs invites 100 neighborhood residents to attend opening night of the student Spring theatrical production at Robsham Theater. Prior to the production, the University hosts a reception where residents and members of the BC community can converse and enjoy light refreshments

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Irish Institute at Boston College

Since its founding in 1997, the Irish Institute at Boston College has hosted more than 100 programs and numerous special events open to the public. Working under the auspices of the Center for Irish Programs, the Irish Institute makes use of cross-campus and local resources to facilitate rewarding personal, corporate, and professional educational exchanges with the goal of promoting a lasting peace in Ireland. The Irish Institute often hosts officials and policymakers from Ireland and Northern Ireland and offers professional development programs in areas such as government, business, and education.

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“Pops on the Heights”

For the past 15 years, the Boston Pops Orchestra has performed at Boston College in a scholarship fundraising gala known as “Pops on the Heights.” As part of this event, the University extends an invitation to 100 neighbors to enjoy dinner and the performance. This year’s event featured renowned conductor John Williams and the event raised a record \$2 million in funds. Since the inception of the program, 522 scholarships have been awarded to needy students.

Sports and Recreation Programs

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Boston College Athletic Tickets

In conjunction with the Athletic Department, the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, reserves a total of fifty tickets per game for residents of Allston-Brighton to attend on-campus football, basketball and hockey games. Tickets are obtained on a first-come, first serve basis by contacting the Office. Table 9-9 indicates the value of the tickets distributed last year:

**Table 9-9
Sports Tickets Provided to Allston/Brighton Residents**

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Number of tickets per home game</u>	<u>Cost to Boston College per home game</u>
Football	50 tickets at \$37 each for 7 games	\$12,950
Basketball	50 tickets at \$20 each for 14 games	\$14,000
Hockey	50 tickets at \$20 each for 19 games	\$19,000
Annual Total		\$45,950

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Flynn Recreation Complex Summer Program

Boston College opens the Flynn Recreation Complex to 30 residents of Allston - Brighton per day, weekdays during the summer. Residents register with the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs and contact the office to use the swimming pool and fitness equipment in the facility. This extremely popular program runs from eat at 8Aftnesough4 12Aeatte Au.6(e5(ficm(Tc0.00s)qemrTD-0.0005 T(\$410.0013 Tw(from e)

