2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Martin:

The Boston College Varsity Club is pleased to present this copy of its 2019-2020 Annual Report.

The Report summarizes the highlights from the past season, a year in which the Boston College Varsity Club (BCVC) remains focused on the core mission of serving as the Hub for all former athletes to stay connected to the Boston College family.

This past October the BCVC inducted eight members into our Hall of Fame. This ceremony was our 50th year of paying tribute to those outstanding men and women who excelled in their respective intercollegiate sport. The BCVC continues to oversee and is responsible for the entire nomination process through the HOF induction ceremony. Membership into the HOF is the highest honor the Varsity Club can bestow on a former athlete and we remain dedicated to upholding its principles. In addition, the BCVC stages and funds events including networking socials, the Eagle of the Year Award, Senior Graduation Reception and Football Game Day Varsity-Athletic Village.

In keeping with the direction set by Head Football Coach Jeff Hailey – the BCVC is IN and continues our commitment to your vision of PACE – Passion, Alignment Competitive Excellence for putting all BC teams in a position to succeed. The BCVC remains the leader for engaging our former student athletes in making your vision a reality.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of the BCVC Officers, Board Members and Senior Associate Athletic Director Vaughn Williams in advancing the interest of the BCVC over the past year.

We trust this information is helpful to you in assessing the effectiveness and responsibilities of the Boston College Varsity Club. We look to forward to continuing our work with you and being an integral part of your vision for Boston College Athletics.

"ALWAYS AN EAGLE!"

Richard J. Schoenfeld ’74
Boston College Varsity Club President
The Boston College Varsity Club

The Boston College Varsity Club (BCVC) is a unique organization. We represent all student-athletes that have had the distinct honor of earning a Varsity Club letter wearing the Boston College uniform, those who supported the team as managers and those who provided extraordinary support to the BCVC as honorary members.

The BCVC is the oldest sports related club at Boston College having been founded in 1936-37 through the inspiration of the late Father Francis V. Sullivan, S.J. We still remain dedicated to its ideals of preserving traditions, fostering the ideals and advancing the interests, quality and prestige of Boston College athletics.

Annually membership dues are collected to help continue the legacy of BC’s distinct athletic alumni. We are not a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization. Paying membership dues is a way for our members to acknowledge and give thanks for the opportunities presented them. Dues ($50.00) are the primary way the BCVC raises money which is used to help stage and fund events for our members including the Eagle of the Year Award, Senior Graduation Reception, Football Game Day Varsity-Athletic Village and our signature event the BCVC Hall of Fame Weekend Induction Ceremony.

Our motto, “Always an Eagle”, reminds us that we are always part of a varsity team no matter the sport or graduation year. Our commitment to BC is never-ending.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Boston College Varsity Club is to serve as a hub for all former athletes to stay connected to the Boston College family. We encourage the social, intellectual and athletic interest of our members and to continue to foster the tradition and ideals of Boston College Athletics.

The Varsity Club seeks to carry out its mission of service to Boston College and to its Club members in many ways, including but not limited to:

1) Supporting the efforts of other clubs that focus on a particular sport;

2) Sponsoring and/or presiding at recognition events for varsity sports which do not enjoy the support of a formal club dedicated to those sports’ advancement;

3) Directing the affairs of the Varsity Club Hall of Fame, including the formulation of rules, procedures and regulations for election to the Hall of Fame;

4) Hosting periodic social events that promote friendship and esprit de corps among Club members;

5) Acting as a network for fellow Club members and varsity athletes to provide career counseling and other needed advice; and

6) Periodically communicating with members concerning Club activities and other endeavors relating to Boston College Athletics.

Membership in the Boston College Varsity Club is open to all athletes who have been awarded a varsity letter in a recognized sport. A limited number of individuals without varsity letters who are deemed worthy of membership via unanimous vote of the Varsity Club officers are also eligible for membership.

2019 - 2020 Varsity Club Officers

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2019 Varsity Club Hall of Fame

The Boston College Varsity Club continues to preserve the traditions of Boston College athletics by nominating and inducting into the Boston College Hall of Fame, the most accomplished athletes who competed for Boston College.
On May 7, 2019, from Bios prepared by BC Sports Information 22 candidates were presented to the selection. The selection committee was made up of a diverse group including BCVC Past Presidents and BCVC HOF members. From this group of candidates, 8 candidates were selected for induction into the BCVC Hall of Fame. This year’s honorees were inducted into the HOF, on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019, in the Welch Dining Room in Lyons Hall. The class was then recognized at halftime of the Eagles’ football game against North Carolina State on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

The inductees are as follows:

EDWARD CALDWELL BASSETT, JR. ’74 Tennis - Two-time team captain (1973, 1974) - A walk-on who was named the team MVP in 1973 and 1974 - BC’s No. 1 player four consecutive seasons (1971-74) - Went undefeated in 1973 and 32-1 over a two-year span - Set the team record for most wins in a single season with 16 (’73 & ’74) - Finished third in the New England Tournament in 1974 - Went 37-9 as the No. 1 player over three seasons - Prior to his arrival at BC, the team has just won five matches in three seasons - Known as the “Hound” for his dogged determination on the tennis court

BRIAN GIONTA ’01 Hockey - One of the most dynamic players in program history, Gionta was an All-American first-team honoree in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and second team selection in 1998 - Led the team in points in 1998-99 (60) and 2000-01 (54) - Team leader in goals scored from 1999-00 and 2000-01 with 33 goals each season - Upon graduation, he led BC in goals (123), hat tricks (9), second in points (232), eighth in assists (109) and fifth in games played (164) - Earned the 2001 Hockey East Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year award in 1998 - Named to the All-Hockey East first-team (1999-01) - Winner of the Nathaniel J. Hasenfus “Eagle of the Year” Award as the most outstanding male student-athlete in his graduating class - Received the John A. “Snoops” Kelley Memorial Award in 1998 - Received the Walter Brown Award in 2001 - Hobey Baker Award Finalist in 1999, 2000, and 2001 - Played for the United States Olympic team in 2006 and 2018 - Drafted in the third round by the New Jersey Devils and retired from the NHL in 2018 after playing 16 seasons - Won the Stanley Cup in 2003 with the New Jersey Devils

MATHIAS KIWANUKA ’05 Football - Two-time All-American first-team & two-time BIG EAST firstteam honoree - BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year in 2004 with 11.5 sacks - All-ACC first-team honors in 2005 - All-BIG EAST first team defensive team in 2004 - Finished his career with 245 tackles, a school record 37.5 sacks, 65.5 tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and three interceptions in 49 games - Finished the 2005 season with 9.5 sacks and 51 tackles (34 solo) - Tallied a career-high 12 tackles and 3.5 sacks vs. NC State in 2005 - Two-time Team Captain - Recipient of the
William J. Flynn Award, voted by his teammates in 2005 -While at BC, his teams won four straight Bowl games -Drafted as the 32nd overall selection in the 2006 NFL Draft by the NY Giants and played in 120 games, 82 starts and recorded 38.5 sacks with three interceptions -Earned two Super Bowl victories in nine seasons with the Giants

OWEN MURPHY ‘26 Football, Track, Basketball, & Baseball -First BC student-athlete to letter in four varsity sports -Received seven letters in four different sports - three letters in football, two letters in baseball, one letter in basketball and one letter in track -A dependable punter, ball carrier, and halfback, the team went 19-6-1 while Murphy was a member of the squad -Hit over .400 while playing left field on the baseball team -Exelled in the shot put, javelin, and discus on the track and field team -Earned his “B” in track for his versatility in the field events -Recognized as the greatest athlete of the Class of ‘26 - Described as “one of the best all-around athletes in the country today... not only a star on the diamond, but shines just as brilliantly on the basketball court, track, and gridiron.” – Jack Slattery, BC Baseball Coach -Called “the most natural athlete I ever saw.” – Jack Ryder, BC and Olympic Track Coach -Named “the greatest back that ever-entered BC” – Joe McKenny, BC Football Coach

LOU PAPADELLIS ’81 Men’s Soccer -Captain of the 1980 team which won the ECAC Championship -Three-time All New England honoree, All-New England Intercollegiate Soccer League selection and Greater Boston League All-Star -Upon graduation, Papadellis was first in single-season assists (14), career assists (26), single-season points (25), games started (75), consecutive games started (75), assists in one game (3), and career points (46). -As of 2018, remains eighth in single-season points (24), first in single-season assists (14), and second in career assists (26). -Led BC to a 16-3-3 season which is the best single season record in program history -Coached the Men’s Head Varsity Soccer Coach at Natick High School for nineteen years, of which the team qualified for the state tournament sixteen times.

CRAIG SMITH ’06 Basketball -One of the most prolific players in program history, Smith is the all-time leader in rebounds (1,114) and field goals made (921) and second in scoring (2,349) -Led BC in scoring from 2003-06 and rebounding and field goal percentage from 2002-06 -Smith ranks second in field goals made (14), third in field goal percentage (1.000) and fifth in rebounds (17) in BC single game records - Winner of the Nathaniel J. Hasenfus “Eagle of the Year” Award as the most outstanding male student-athlete in his graduating class -A 2006 Atlantic Coast Conference first-team selection, conference All-Tournament team and an AP All-America third-team honoree -An All-Region Team selection at the 2006 NCAA Tournament’s Minneapolis Regional -A 2006 NABC All-American second-team honors & third team honors in 2005 -2005 AP All-America honorable mention honoree -2004 & 2005 Big East All-Conference first-team selection -All-Tournament honors at the 2003 and 2004 Big East Championship -2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie first-team and All-Conference second-team honors -Selected by the Minnesota Timberwolves with the 36th overall pick in the 2006 NBA draft and played for six seasons with the Minnesota Timberwolves, the LA Clippers, and the Portland Trail Blazers (2011-12).

CHRIS SNEE ’04 Football -Earned All-American second-team honors in 2003 and All-BIG EAST first-team selection -Named Sporting News All-America third-team and Big East All-Freshman honors in 2001 -A three-time Bowl Champ, Snee started every game in 2002 and 2003. -In 2001, played in nine games, started final six games including the Music City Bowl vs. Georgia -Helped the Eagles finish third in
Big East in total offense and second in passing offense in 2002 -One of the premier offensive lineman in program history, helped BC’s offense produce a 1,000 yard rusher in 2001 & 2002 -A member of an offensive line that gave up just 15 sacks in 2001 and 13 sacks in 2002 -Selected in the second round of the 2004 NFL Draft as the 34th overall pick by the New York Giants, named to the NFL Pro Bowl four times and he was named an All-Pro for three years. -Earned two Super Bowl victories playing for the New York Giants

KELLI STACK ’11 Hockey -One of the most decorated women’s hockey players in program history -A Patty Kazmaier top three finalist, New England Player of the Year & Hockey East MVP in 2011 -Two-time All-American second-team honoree -Upon graduation, Stack was first in points (209), assists (111), game-winning-goal (22), power-play goals (24), plus/minus (+112) and second in goals (98), hat tricks (4) and shorthanded goals (11). -Three-time Hockey East Player of the Year, four-time Hockey East All-Star and three-time New England All-Star. -2007 Hockey East Rookie of the Year -Two-time Hockey East scoring champion -Led BC to three Beanpot Championships and was named the 2009 MVP -A three-time Hockey East All-Academic Team honoree -A member of the US team that won the silver medal in the 2010 & 2014 Olympic games -A five-time World Champion

**Varsity-Athlete Village**

In partnership with the BC Spirit and the 31 varsity programs the BCVC hosts Varsity-Athlete Village primarily for former varsity athletes and coaches to gather in a centralized location prior to kick off of all home BC football games. Located on Conte Forum Gate C Plaza at the bottom of the Higgins staircase, the village is a convenient meeting place for former varsity athletes to connect with teammates, coaches
and alums. This past year the following teams and coaches participated: Spirit, Women’s Ice Hockey, Baseball, Softball, Football, Track & Field, Skiing, Men’s Soccer and Swimming. The festivities begin 3 hours prior to kick-off.

Annual Meeting

The Boston College Varsity Club’s Annual Meeting was held on April 18, 2019. A Plan of Action was presented as a result of feedback from a meeting, February 19, 2019, of the BCVC Board members and Past Presidents. The Plan of Action focused on working with the Athletic Department to improve visibility for marketing, branding and sustainability.

The 2019-2020 slate of officers was presented and unanimously approved by the BCVC Board. The officers are as follows:

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Since this year’s Annual Meeting, the BCVC has held seven (7) Board meeting primarily to discuss the HOF Weekend Ceremony. Other agenda topics included: membership, finances, social media, outreach, networking and branding.

Dues in the BCVC remain at $50.00. The BCVC primarily uses Constant Contact for its membership outreach as well as through BCEAGLES.com.

This year’s HOF Banquet and HOF Weekend Ceremony was a most successful endeavor with the induction of eight (8) new members. Each inductee received a plaque, photos and a video to
commemorate the event. A plaque on the BCVC Wall of Fame located in Conte Forum will serve as a permanent reminder and place of recognition for each inductees’ achievements.

Approximately 210 tickets were sold and our expenses totaled just over $28,013.00. Our final cost analysis indicates the BCVC broke even. Much of the credit goes to the following individuals, who the BCVC wishes to acknowledge and thank for their unending involvement for this year’s successful event: Ralph Parent, Genevieve Richardson, Cheryl Duddy Schoenfeld, Ray Perrone, Ryan Heald, Derrick Knight, Dennis McCleary, Kiana Swepson and Vaughn Williams as well as the HOF Club who paid for each inductees’ plaque.

Eagle of the Year Award

At the 4th Annual Golden Eagle Award Ceremony held on Friday May 5, 2019, David Hasenfus ’65 of the Boston College Varsity Club presented the Nathanial J. Hasenfus ’1922 Eagle of the Year Award. The award is considered the highest honor bestowed upon a Boston College student-athlete. It is awarded annually to the male and female student-athletes who are outstanding citizens, scholars and athletes. Football’s Zach Allen and Lacrosse’s Sam Apuzzo were this year’s recipients. Each honoree received a noble bronze eagle on an inscribed mahogany base in recognition of this distinction.

The award is named in honor of Dr. Nathanial J. Hasenfus 1922, the late beloved historian of Boston College Athletics and former president of the BCVC.

Senior Graduation Reception

On Saturday May 18, 2019 the Boston College Varsity Club welcomed 186 graduating senior athletes into the BCVC at a special on-campus reception. Richard Schoenfeld, President of the BCVC, addressed
the recipients and their families. To honor the occasion each graduate received a framed Varsity B letter, commemorative scroll, lapel pin and blanket. Membership is open to all graduating varsity athletes who have earned a varsity letter in their respective sport. Each graduating senior athlete also becomes a member of the BCVC for five (5) years.

**Social Media**

The BCVC has a presence on the BC Athletics webpage which can be accessed by starting with BCEAGLES.com through Fans then to the Booster Clubs link. The site contains helpful information regarding Hall of Fame Nominations, Donlon Award nominations and membership.

Working hand in hand with the coordinator of the BC Athletics webpage, BCVC actively posts on Facebook and Twitter media pages, events, club news and game info that would be relevant to our members. The BCVC would like to acknowledge Board Member and Past President Rich Ramirez for his financial contribution in underwriting the cost of Constant Contact.

**Networking Events**

The BC’s Women’s lacrosse celebrated its 40th year history at the Red Bandana BC v. Duke lacrosse game held on Saturday April 6, 2019. A fun and spirited day was had by all in helping to commemorate the first Women’s Varsity Lacrosse team at BC which happened to go to Nationals. Not only were the alumni women recognized for their achievement but before the game the team honored the memory of former lacrosse player Welles Crowther making the day extra special and all topped off with a BC victory 20-12.
On January 2, 2020, the BCVC in conjunction with the BC Football Brotherhood hosted a Birmingham Bowl viewing party at the Stockyard in Brighton, MA. Despite the outcome members of the BCVC, Football Brotherhood and Gridiron Club enjoyed a festive afternoon all in the hospitality of the Tavern Room.

Over 250 Track and Field Alumni descended on the Heights, January 17-18, 2020, for one of the largest Sport Reunion Weekends in Eagles history. Those in attendance included 12 members of the Varsity Club Hall of Fame, the last 2 NCAA Individual Champions, holders of 13 School Records, recipients of 27 All-America Honors and 10 Top 25 Cross County Teams. The weekend began with an open practice in Fish Field House on Friday. Alumni cheered on the current Eagles at a multi team meet on Saturday, and the festivities concluded with a Saturday night reception and dinner at the Park Plaza Hotel.
Mentoring

On March 27, 2019, members of the BCVC participated in the IMG mentoring program to provide guidance, advice and support for student athletes.

Alumni Recognition

On November 23, 2018 Warren Lewis ’50 and HOF 81 was recognized between periods as the last remaining member of 1949 the NCAA Men’s Ice Hockey Tournament champions by the BCVC and the BC Men’s Hockey team.

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Varsity Club Presidents Roster
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1937 Warren McGuirk '29
1938 D. Leo Daley '16
1939 Robert G. Simmons '19
1940 C. Owen Dooley '28
1941-45 Thomas F. Scanlon '20
1946 James J. Heggie, Jr. '31
1947 Thomas Gemell '28
1948 John J. Convery '30
1949 Walter A. Comerford '23
1950 Louis F. Musco '34
1951 Hon. John J. Connelly '30
1952 P. Joseph Killelea, Jr. '34
1953 John J. Mahoney '29
1954 John J. Brennan '33
1955 Joseph Ingoldsby '27
1956 Charles J. Bridley '27
1957 John D. Martin '29
1958 Thomas F. Cavanaugh '26
1959 John B. Morris '38
1960 Walter D. Fitzgerald '44
1961 John J. Farrell, Jr. '50
1962 Henry F. O'Brien '53
1963 Thomas E. Moran '48
1964 Richard P. Charlton '54
1965-66 Daniel T. Brosnahan '54
1967-68 John W. Warren '33
1969 F. Alvin Ricci '32
1970 Frederick A. Meier '32
1971 Lawrence J. Rawson '63
1972-73 Nathaniel J. Hasenfus '22
1974-75 Edward S. McDonald '42
1976 J. Frank Colbert '26
1977-78 Arthur J. Conway '31
1979 Francis R. Liddell '35
1980-81 John V. Murphy '71
1982 John F. Vaucouleurs '41
1983-84 Mark W. Holland '71
1985-86 John J. Connelly, Jr. '58
1987-88 James F. Mulrooney '52
1989-90 Temie Thompson Burke '80
1991-92 Peter J. Cronan '77
1993 Paul R. Connelly '65
1994 Sahag R. Dakesian '49
1995-96 Michael C. Mucci '72
1997-98 John J. Hughes, Jr. '70
1999 Thomas F. Lynch '77
2000-01 Tracey Harney Blaisdell '82
2002-03 Donald J. Croatti '60
2004-05 Raymond G. Perrone '80
2006 Kathryn J. Conny '90
2007-08 Keith E. Barnette '76
2009-11 Christopher S. Conley '91
2012-14 Richard P. Ramirez
2015-17 Ralph A. Parent '02
2017-20 Richard J. Schoenfeld '74