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## The GPSP Selection Process at a Glance

Prospective scholars and former Director, Jim Keenan, S.J. (filling in for Director Kathy Bailey who was at a conference).

*By Riley Coopwood '27*

As I neared Devlin 110 at 4:45, the boisterous noise of 64 voices progressively got louder. Opening the doors and walking down the stairs, I got my first good look at the prospective Scholars. Nervous yet excited faces turned to look at us as we descended the stairs, and I saw variations of my past self staring back at me. Just over a year ago, I was sitting in their exact seats. This time, however, I was on the outside looking in.

The Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program Selection Process brings top students from around the world to interview for a coveted position in the GPSP. Once accepted into the Program, students are introduced to a world of opportunities. The GPSP offers students an environment with like-minded, academically and socially driven people from all disciplines. From nursing to political science, premed to education, everyone can make a place for themselves within the GPSP and the Boston College community.

After meeting the prospective Scholars, or “prospies,” current Scholars migrated to the Admissions Office in Devlin for pizza and dessert. Bouncing from group to group, introductions and beginnings of companionship filled the room. Scholars mingled with the prospies, and immediately dove

into their interests and career aspirations. The prospies asked many questions, ranging from majors, to favorite Boston College dining meal, to niche study spaces. After the welcome event started winding down, Scholars staying on upper campus made the treacherous trek up the stairs.

Monday and Tuesday were filled with different collaborative and evaluative exercises. The prospies had interviews with admissions officers, lunches with faculty, mock seminars, and a brainstorming session centered around a social justice topic of their cohort’s choice. Each activity was designed to evaluate how the prospies worked in groups and in a classroom setting.

However, their time on campus was not limited to academics. On Monday night, the group journeyed into Boston for an entertaining night at Lucky Strikes. There, the students let loose and enjoyed getting to know each other in a more relaxed atmosphere with bowling lanes, dart boards, and

potentially signing up for the program. The information was provided by the program.

# **Class of 2027 Travels to Ireland**

On Friday, March 1, Gabelli Presi-

# GPSP Class of 2026 Trip to Costa Rica

By Caroline Ahn '26

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