

walk to the top of the Bellarmino, Fr. Keenan's Roman residence, the Scholars enjoyed an expansive view of the city from the palace's rooftop terrace, which confirmed the fat roof of the Church of St. Ignatius. Afterward, the group had freedom to roam the city for the rest of day.

The next day, the group reconvened and traveled to Vatican

By Jakob Weiss '22

Braving polar vortex temperatures, a talented cohort of 46 high school seniors traveled from around the world to the Heights on Wednesday, January 30, marking the beginning of the 2019 Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program Selection Process (GPSPSP). Over the course of their three-night stay at BC, the finalists followed demanding schedules complete with presentations, interviews, seminars, panels, handshakes, and much more.

As prospies arrived on the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, January 30, they were greeted in the admissions office in Devlin Hall by a handful of current Scholars. A few Scholars took prospies who had arrived early to lunch at McElroy before entrusting them to Luke Murphy '20 and Trevor Jones '20 for an engaging tour of the campus. Wednesday evening's highlights were the famous pizza dinner in the admissions office, at which prospies could meet their hosts and each other, and the even more famous open house dessert social, also held in the admissions office, much to everyone's delight. As always there were ice breaker games and questions, orchestrated by the aforementioned duo.

presentations about the Program
by the co-directors, Dr. Paul

SSJP 2021: The Geography of Opportunity

By Aroub Yousuf '22

A recurring motif within the GPSP is a focus on social justice, with the Sophomore Social Justice Project serving as a culmination of the mission, as its purpose is to facilitate us on the journey towards becoming men and women for others. The sophomore class has the task and privilege of putting their minds together to identify and raise awareness of a social injustice that they believe is prevalent in society today. After reflecting upon the

inequalities that they witnessed during their summer placements, the Class of '21 decided to focus on how where one lives impacts one's opportunities, specifically access to education, affordable housing, and transportation.

At the Dover Retreat back in August, the sophomores gave a presentation to the rest of the Scholars about their proposed plan and took suggestions from many of the upperclassmen and freshmen alike. Their ultimate goal was to inform the Boston College

community about the obstacle at hand so that individuals would be more inclined to address it. The Class of '21 saw their work come to fruition with the Geography of Opportunity Panel that hosted

met with a representative from the Costa Rican Investment Promotion Agency (CINDE), a non-governmental organization that helps encourage international companies to invest in Costa Rica. After learning about the macroeconomic side to Costa Rica's economic success, the class traveled to Cartago, Costa Rica's former capital, to learn about efforts to encourage economic development on a local scale. Following a brief tour of the city

Lynne Santoro Sullivan '95 was named regional executive editor for The Standard-Times/SouthCoast Media Group of New Bedford, The Enterprise of Brockton, The Herald News of Fall River and the Taunton Daily Gazette

Erin Frey Pearson '99 completed her MPH from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health in Chapel Hill this past December (2018), and is now working as a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh

Ari Daniel Shapiro '01 and his wife welcomed their second child, son Raja, in October (2018)

Hannah Nolan-Spohn '05 was awarded the 2019 Debby Jannotta and Shirley Jaffee CFE Teacher of the Year Award in February, by the Chicago Foundation for Education

Caroline Beimford '10 got married in June (2018) to a fellow BC 2010 alum, Josh Idaszak (with a sizeab510 alum, Filln c18.hdf5k (wiord,

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