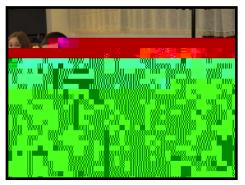


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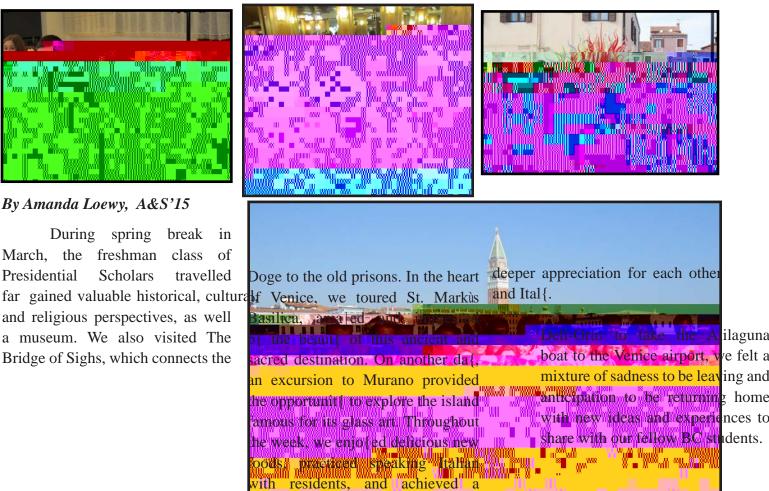
Spring 2012

Freshman Scholars Embrace Italian Culture



By Amanda Loewy, A&S'15

During spring break in March. the freshman class of Presidential Scholars travelled and religious perspectives, as well a museum. We also visited The Bridge of Sighs, which connects the



The Class of 2015 poses for a group photo with the bell tower of San Marco in the background. All photos taken by Jennie Thomas.

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Social Justice Project A Panel on Immigration

By Francesca McCaffrey, A&S'14

On the night of Februar{ 21st, the members of the Presidential Scholars Program, as well as individuals from the greater Boston College communit{, gathered in the Murra{ Function Room to listen to a panel of łve women tell their stories. This panel was the łrst of ł cial event of the sophomore scholarsù social justice project öWhatùs Your Stor{?: Narratives of Immigration÷.

preparation. In the sophomores spent the fall semester interviewing BC students, facult{, and staff who had had experiences with immigration. The result was hours of conversation and pages of interview notes that were then used to shape the vision for the upcoming panel and the s{mposium that took place on March 23rd. Five of the individuals interviewed, students Jinah Kim, A&S ù12, and Mariana Ei|a{aga, A&S ù14, BC Dining staff member Mirela Agaj, and professors Elena Lapitsk{

and Carmen Merolla, accepted the invitation to speak at the panel and share their stories with a larger audience.

Jinah Kim, A&S ù12 and President of BC \imath BC \imath began Caucus, began the evening b{ sharing her a es- to

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By Amanda Loewy, A&S'15

How do {ou travel in Venice, öThe Cit{ of Waters,÷ where no cars, buses, or trains exist? Sight-seeing on foot is one answer, even if that means wearing rain boots during one of the frequent ankle-deep Goods that

Below: Father Keenan and Renzo Pegoraro enjoy the day in Padova

Social Justice Project

On the evening April 13th, the PSP co-sponsored journalist Jose Antonio Vargas to speak at the Asian Paciłc American Heritage Month (APAHM) Opening Ceremon{ as an auxiliar{ event of the Whatùs Your Stor{ immigration narrative of the Class of 2014.

Mr. Vargas is a Filipino-American, Pulit|er Pri|e-Winning journalist living and working in the United States and is the co-founder of the öDe1ne American÷initiative.Hisjournalistic career has included the coverage of the 2008 presidential election, the impact of HIV, and coverage of the Virginia Tech shootings, for which he earned the 2008 Pulit|er Pri|e for Breaking News Reporting.

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Social Justice Project

By Nick Moffa, A&S'14

On Frida{, March 23, the Presidential Scholars Program Class of 2014 held the second event of their Social Justice Project, called öWhatùs Your Stor{? Narratives of Immigration S{mposium.+ It consisted of four different events that took place in the Fulton Honors Librar{. The events included a Ke{note Address b{ Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah, a performance b{ African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American (AHANA) Collective Theater, a talk b{ Rachel Hershberg on the Post-Deportation Human Rights Project, and a panel discussion titled öRunning Awa{ to Home÷ with Victoria Luu (2014), her father Tomm{ Luu, and Br{an Zuluaga.

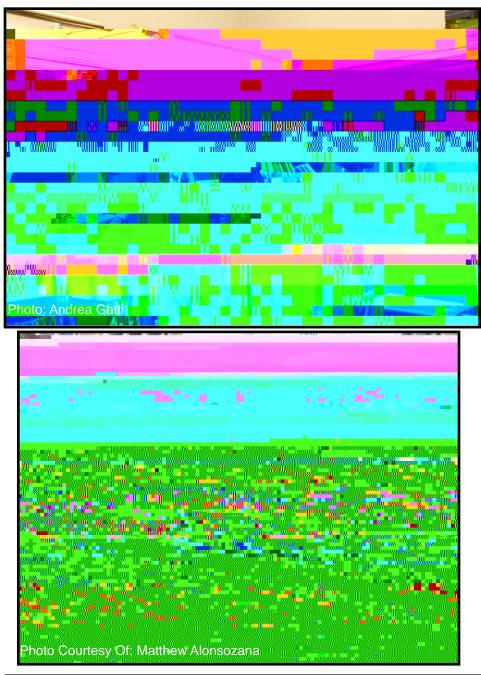
The 1 rst event that took place was the performance b{ AHANA Collective Theater. An entertaining and engaging 1 rst event, it depicted the life of a 1 rst generation immigrant in the United States and his relationships with his parents. It was a light-hearted and fun pla{ that set the tone for the aM

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past {ear: öAfter months of work putting this s{mposium together, I couldnùt have been prouder of the Inal product. The speakers blended the academic and the personal in a wa{ that made the issue come alive in a ver{ honest wa{.+ Overall, the öWhatùs Your Stor{: Narratives of Immigration S{mposium÷ was a great success and a delning and momentous wa{ to end our classus {earlong Social Justice Project. We hope that it made a difference not just in the lives of the people who attended, but in the lives of those who participated; it certainl{ altered our perspectives not onl{ on immigration, but most importantl{ on those immigrants who call the United States home.

AHANA Collective Theater performs at the symposium (top left). PSP Class of 2014 Scholars Alison Wawarzynek, Maggie Scollan, John Wang, Matthew Alonsozana and Sarah Ganton pose near Devlin Hall to promote the panel on immigration (bottom left).

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Karen Kovaka '12 was named a Lill{ Graduate Fellow. The Lill{ Graduate Fellowships support graduate stud{ for exceptionall{ well-qualiłed {oung men and women who have bachelor degrees from Lill{ Fellows Program Network Schools (including Boston College) and who are interested in becoming teacher-scholars at church-related colleges and universities in the United States.

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PSP Awards

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Albert J. McGuinn, S. J. Award

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The Shannon Lowney Award

Given annuall{ to the senior who has excelled in histor{ and has shown a concern for social justice issues, this award is named in honor of the late Shannon Lowne{, a 1991 histor{ major graduate.

Aditya Ashok

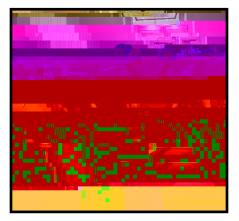
Brendan Connolly, S.J. Award

An award in honor of Brendan Connoll {, S.J. (1913-1974), Director of Libraries at Boston College (1959-1974), a witt{ and deepl{ lo{al man who loved books and respected learning. This award is made to a member of the senior class who is distinguished for the same characteristics.

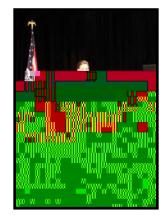
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Congratulations to all award recipients!

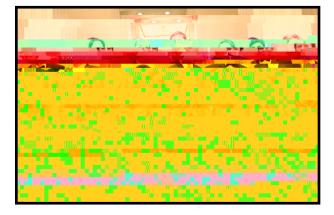
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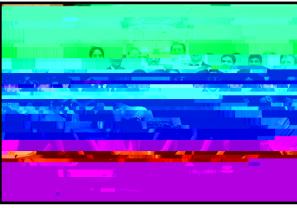


Top left: Seniors Elizabeth Fair, Caroline Beyer, Karen Kovaka and Abigail Letak pose at the Waldorf Astoria before the dinner. Middle: Jessica Seminelli speaks to the guests at dinner. All photos taken by Andrea Gatti.



Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner



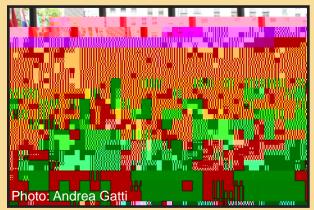


Top right: Seniors Kyle Marra, Michael Cuttler, Zachary Zimmermann, Samuel Hocking, Alexander Goldowsky, Aditya Ashok and Brian Tracz. Bottom center: Seniors pose before dinner.



On April 26, senior Scholars, PSP Director Fr. Jim Keenan, Assistant Director Jennie Thomas and Administrative Assistant Andrea Gatti attended the annual Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner in New York City. Joining the Scholars at the Waldorf Astoria were Fr. Leahy, major donors, and this year's honoree and his wife Mario J. Gabelli, Chairman & CEO, GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Regina Gabelli.

Front row (left to right): Karen Kovaka, Jessica Seminelli, Elizabeth Fair, Caroline Beyer, Abigail Letak. Back row (left to right): Kyle Marra, Aditya Ashok, Zachary Zimmermann, Michael Cuttler, Fr. Leahy, Regina Gabelli, Mario J. Gabelli, Fr. Keenan, Samuel Hocking, R. Brian Tracz, Alexander Goldowsky.





On the morning of April 29, the Class of 2012 and Program Administrators enjoyed the city by walking to lunch at *Becco's*, an Italian restaurant owned by Joe Bastianich '89 and Lidia Bastianich.