

Italy Spring Break: Bigoli, Tortellini, e Padre Gesuiti

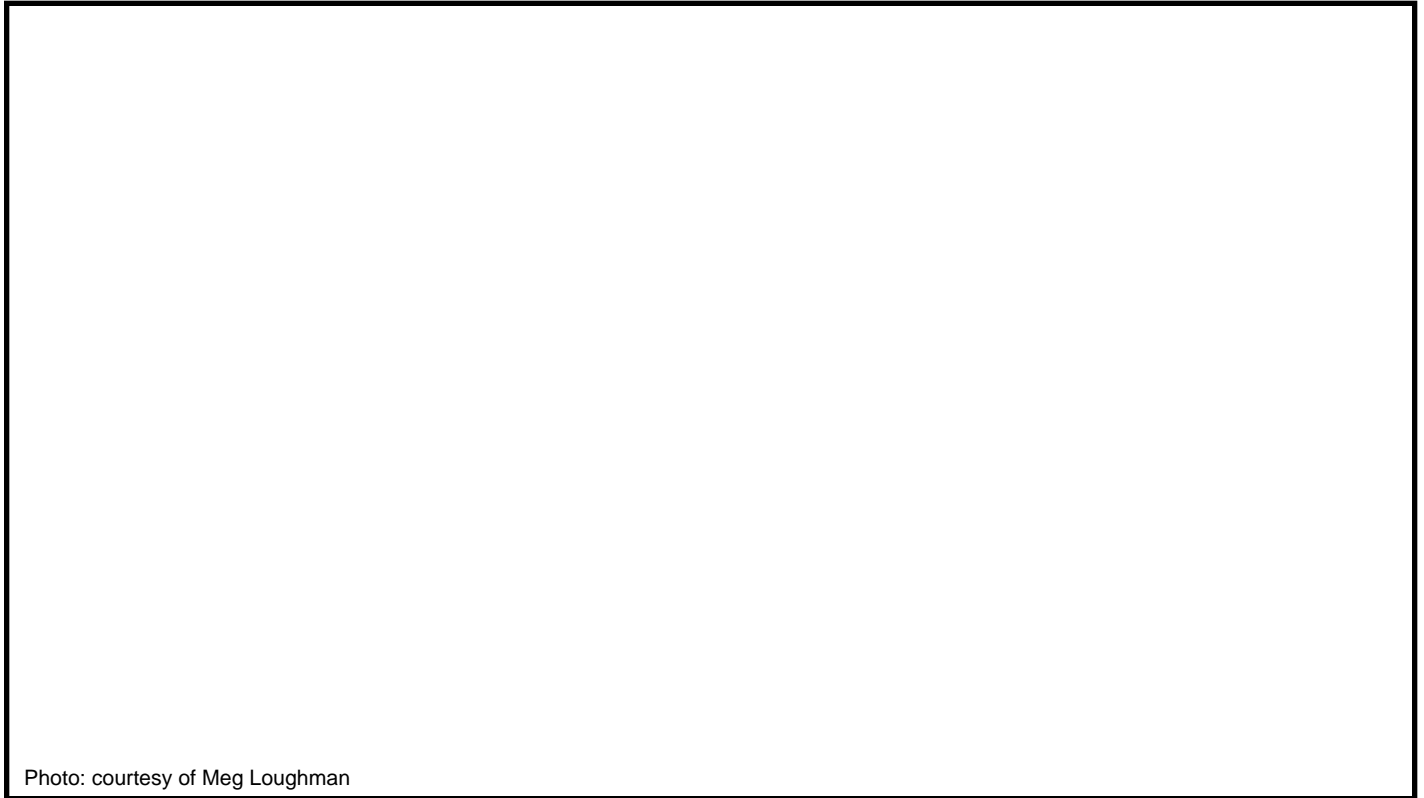


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By Andrew Constantine '19

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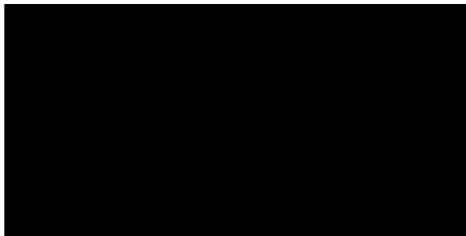
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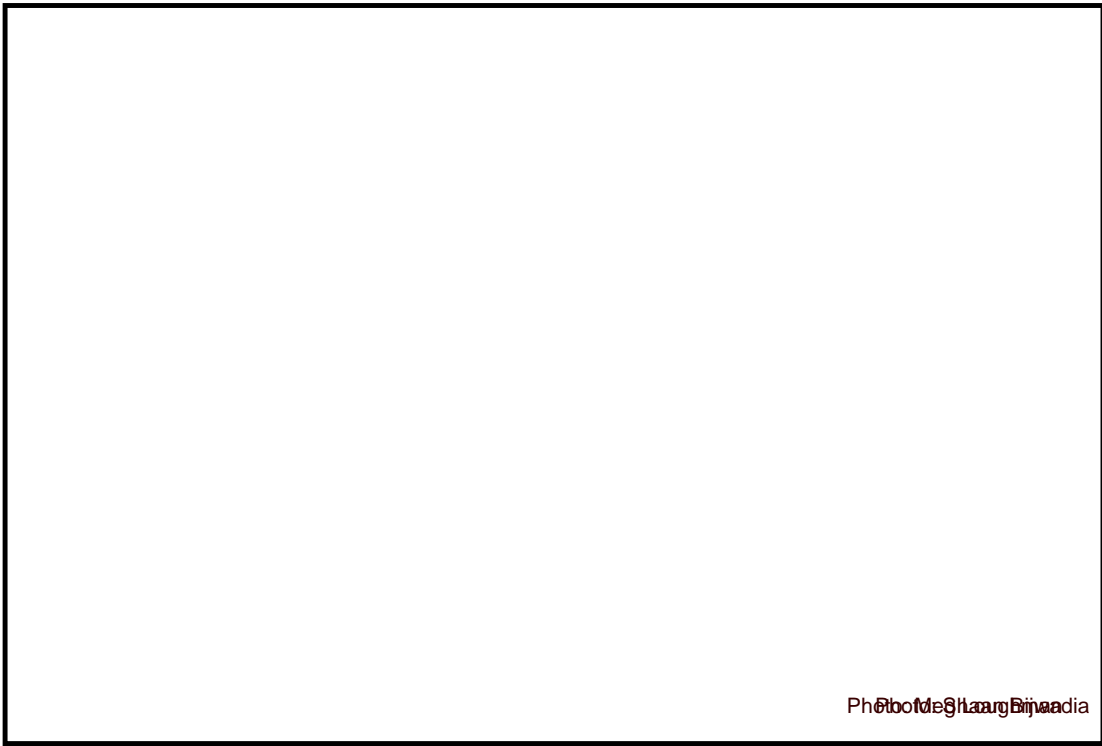
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L-R: Ellie Warner-Rousseau, Sarya Baladi, Sydney Apple, Josh Elbaz, Sageene Francis, Becky Reilly and Katie Gold waiting to go into the Scrovegni Chapel in Padova, Italy

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Katie Gold and a scenic vista of Padua, Italy

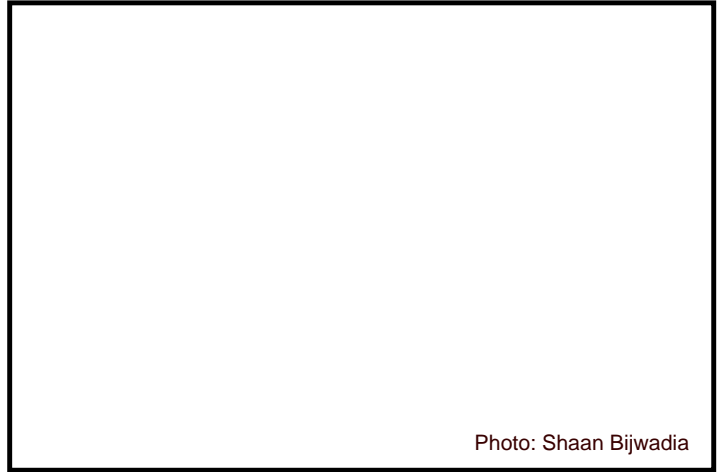
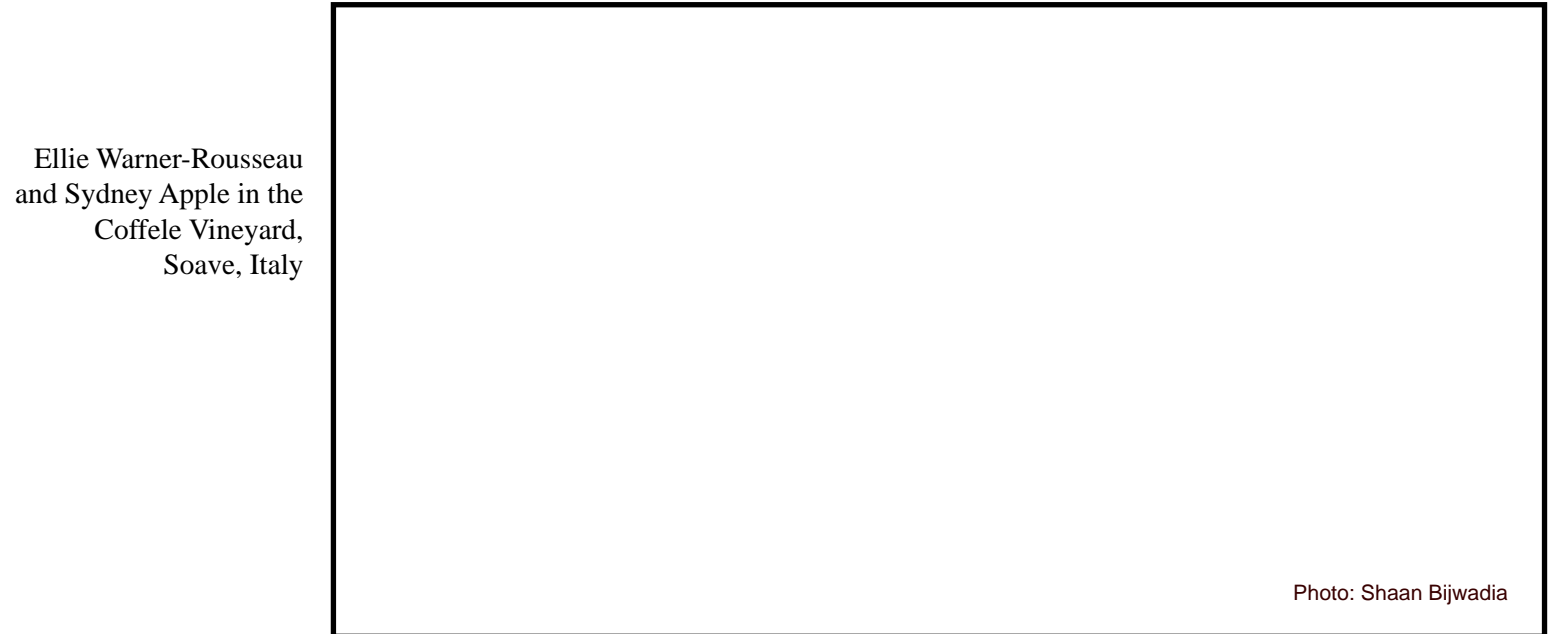


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Daniel Cattolica '15 and Josh Elbaz in Padova, Italy



Ellie Warner-Rousseau and Sydney Apple in the Coffele Vineyard, Soave, Italy

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Alumni Spotlight, GPSP Selection Week Dinner:

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By Becky Reilly '19

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Sophomore Social Justice Project Event: Poetry Slam

By Meg Loughman '19

When it's brought to public attention that our homeland, the quintessential "Land of the Free," leads the world with the highest prison inmate population, our natural response as Americans is to be alarmed—and that's just the reaction that the sophomore class of the Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program is hoping to evoke with their up-and-coming movement on campus. These 19 impassioned students from across Boston College's schools and departments have come together for a common passion: shining a light of awareness on the political and social travesty that is mass incarceration.

During their six-week experience in the Summer Service Learning Program, they volunteered at various sites around the city of Boston, such as local prisons and homeless shelters. Through weekly reflections, the group came to an overwhelming consensus: No matter where they spent their hours volunteering, the immensity of mass incarceration and its effects across socioeconomic lines, struck them profoundly.

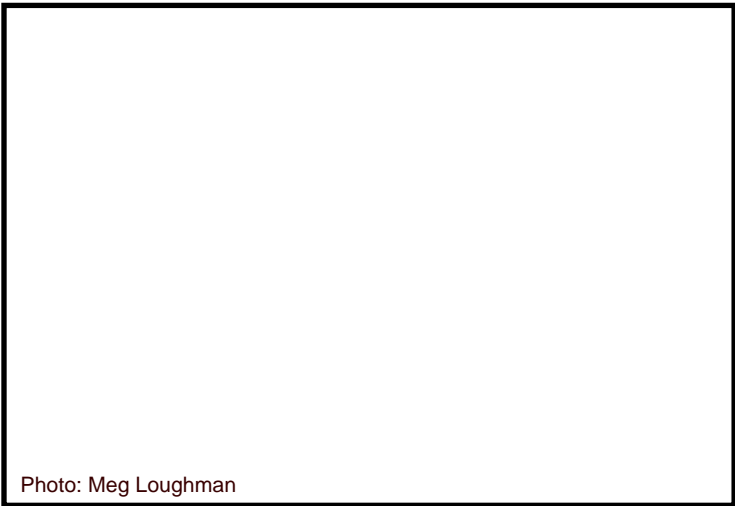


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"I, personally, had never been confronted with the injustice that is mass incarceration before," said Alexandra Mills '18, "so imagine how many other students at BC have no idea what this is either."

Learning About Women's Rights and Other Social Justice Issues in Nicaragua

By John Knowles '18

Fr. Jim Keenan took the GPSP Class of 2018 to Nicaragua so that they would “encounter” the country’s people. This Nicaragua trip is aimed particularly at introducing sophomores to issues of social justice, and works in tandem with the Sophomore Social Justice Project. This year, the sophomores have been tackling the issue of mass incarceration. The sophomores tried to find out more about Nicaraguan prisons, but the people there who know about the present situation of the country’s prisons will divulge nothing. Specific information on Nicaraguan prisons is scarce according to Dr. Mauro Ampie, a civil rights lawyer with whom the Scholars spoke. The Scholars realized they would have

Women's rights at large, however,
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