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BISHOP HEALY COMMITTEE

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Bishop Healy Committee
E-Newsletter | Winter Edition

Wintertime is here! Students have just completed their first semester, and are enjoying some time away from campus. Meanwhile, the Bishop Healy Committee prepares for our first retreat at the Joyce Contemplative Center! Welcome to the winter edition of the Bishop Healy Newsletter, an e-publication for Holy Cross ALANA alumni created by the Bishop Healy Committee of the HCAA. Read student testimonials and alumni highlights, learn how to get involved through volunteering and mentorship, and stay up to date on campus news and events!

Our Mission

The mission of the Bishop Healy Committee of the Holy Cross Alumni Association of the College of the Holy Cross is to achieve and maintain a diverse and multicultural campus. A campus that is welcoming to ALANA students and everyone. We are supportive of the administration and ALANA students in the effectuation of our mission.

Visit our page to learn more about the work we do with students and alumni at Holy Cross.

The Bishop Healy Committee is a group of dedicated alumni volunteers and student ambassadors.See who's on the committee here.
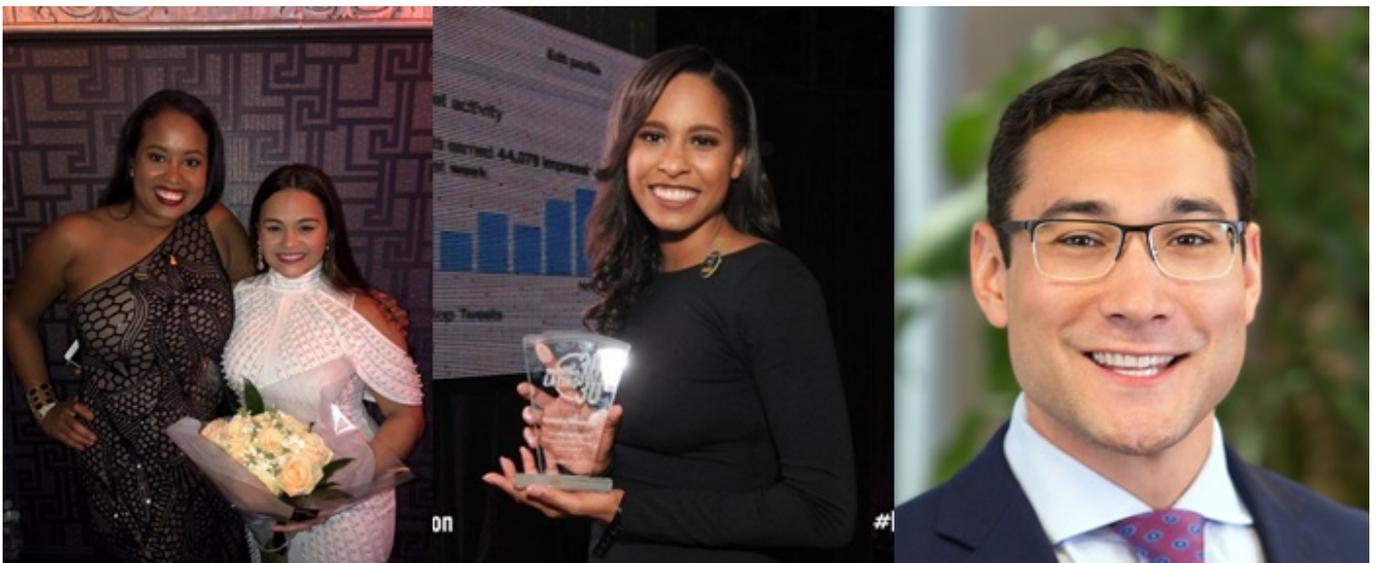
BHC Alumni/Student of Color RETREAT (REGISTER TODAY!): February 22-24, 2019

Join the Bishop Healy Committee as we create a space at the Joyce Contemplative Center for students and alumni of color to come together in community and reflect over the weekend. Schedule to follow.

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Alumni Highlight

Holy Cross for the Win!
Holy Cross Alumnae receive El Mundo 30 under 30 award in 2018

The El Mundo Boston Latino 30 under 30 honors young individuals making an impact on the Massachusetts Latino

community in a variety of fields including, but not limited to, Business, Sports, Community Service, and Fine Arts. The list serves to highlight the growing and invaluable impact of the Latino community in Boston, the state and world.

Yarlennys Villaman '14 and **Kelly Garcia '15** (pictured together on the left) received the honor this past November.

Kelly graduated with a degree in psychology and upon graduation dedicated two years to Teach for America where she began her teaching career as a Special Education Teacher for students in grades 9-12. Since then, Kelly has been dedicated to promoting quality schools across Massachusetts. Most recently, Kelly was elected as the youngest School Committee official in Chelsea and she continues to fight for students' rights to access for education.

Yarlennys graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in Spanish. Yarlennys' commitment to her community is well reflected in the number of awards she has received for her work serving as the commissioner for the City of Cambridge Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship and the creation of her own non-profit organization in the Dominican Republic called Lazos Al Futuro. She continues to strive for every child to deserve the best health care available especially in underdeveloped countries. After graduation Yarlennys also served on the Board of Trustees for two years. She also previously served as the President for the Holy Cross Club of Boston.

This isn't the first time Holy Cross grads have made the list! Past alumni recipients **Kati Fernandez '15** (center) and **Ivan Watanabe '08** (right) received the honor in 2017 and 2016 respectively. Click READ MORE to read their stories.

Congratulations to our impressive Latinx alumni!

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Student Testimonials

"When the semester first started, I feared that I would not excel in my classes because I could not afford books. Luckily, this fund was able to assist in this matter. By granting me the money needed for books, I had all the resources needed for me to do well in each and every one of my classes. Thank you for your support!"

'READ MORE" to hear from our current students on their experiences on campus and how they have benefitted from the Bishop Healy Emergency Fund!

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HC Giving Challenge: Support the Bishop Healy Committee
Become an Advocate

The annual giving challenge will take place Friday, January 25 thru Saturday, January 26th (During Winter Homecoming). Show your support for the Bishop Healy Committee and students of color by becoming an advocate.

What's an advocate?
After you make your gift to the BHC on the online giving portal (GiveCampus:https://www.givecampus.com/), follow the instructions to get a unique link. Share the link on social media, email or text. Spread the word about the challenge, and help us raise funds for the Emergency and Support Fund!

Alumni Job Shadowing Program
Messaging: Every winter and summer break Holy Cross alumni host a current student for a one day visit at their job site. Through this experience students are able to learn more about specific job responsibilities, industries and companies. Students connect with alums like you to learn about your career journey and gain new insight and advice. If you are willing to host a student for a day during one of the breaks, contact Lauren O'Neil at loneill@holycross.edu

Alumni Mentoring Program
Messaging: The Center for Career Development Program is looking for alumni of color or first generation alumni who are interested in serving as a mentor for a Holy Cross Student. Mentors connect with mentees once a month via phone, email or in person (if possible). To learn more about the program and how to sign up contact Shirley Konneh at skonneh@holycross.edu

Regional Clubs
Messaging: Find your local Crusaders (and get involved)! Regional Clubs are a great way to stay connected, get involved as a volunteer and meet alumni & friends in your backyard. To learn more about a regional club in your area, feel free to check out the Holy Cross Regional Clubs website.

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