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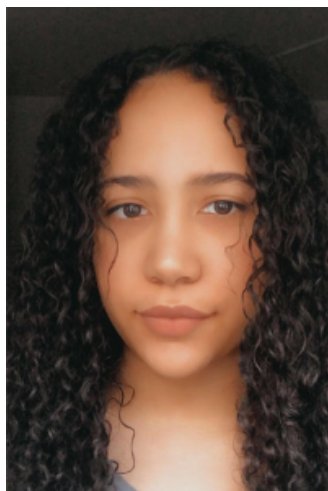
*Bishop Healy Committee  
E-Newsletter | Fall Edition*

Welcome back to the Bishop Healy Committee Newsletter. As we enter into fall we recognize that our students, alumni, and community as a whole are facing unprecedented challenges. Classes have resumed, fully remote, while we are still in the midst of a global pandemic. BIPOC and allies continue to fight for justice and equality in the face of systemic racism. Despite all of this our community came together to support each other. You joined us at the bi-weekly ALANA “happy hours” on Zoom and provided your insights to faculty and staff in listening sessions. Although we were physically distant we found ways to come closer together and we will continue to be here for you.

Read more below to see updates from current students and alumni, what's coming up from Bishop Healy, and how you can get involved!

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## Student Highlight



My name is Melanie Beato and I am a rising sophomore at Holy Cross. I am from the Bronx, NY and I'm pursuing a double major in Anthropology and Spanish. I am planning to minor in Business, Ethics, and Society. Being part of the Holy Cross community inspired me to become a College Transition Mentor this summer. For the last eight weeks, I enjoyed meeting wonderful people and building many strong, life-long relationships at Holy Cross. My only hope for my mentees was to "try it" and do not think twice about it.

Holy Cross offers so many new experiences and opportunities that can seem overwhelming or frightening, but I challenged my mentees to lean into the unknown.

If it were not for this fund I would have not been able to attain the necessary books that I needed for two of my classes. Coming from a low-income background, the lack of money has always deemed to be a problem. Since the Fall 2020 semester is remote, I was afraid that I wasn't going to be able to attain the books I needed for my classes, since my mom has other expenses. Luckily, the Bishop Healy Emergency Fund was able to assist in this matter. By granting me the money needed for books, I have all the resources I need to succeed in all my classes.

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## Alumni Highlight



Sonia Barbosa '95, who has been involved with the Bishop Healy Committee for 25 years, ended her tenure as the committee chair on July 1st, 2020. Sonia came to the US from the Cape Verde Islands in 1979 with her family and settled in Boston. After graduating from Boston Technical High School, she attended the College of the Holy Cross, her first choice for colleges. She majored in Psychology and Africana Studies.

"When I look back at my experience at The Cross, I realize that is where I needed to be, as much as I wish I could have changed many things about my college experience," she says, "No other school would have given me the friendships, the relationships, and the experiences that I had."

Sonia first became involved with the Bishop Healy Committee while she was still a student. As Vice-chair of the Black Student Union, she was invited by Joe Riley to be a member of the BHC. She remained on the committee, taking the role of co-chair in 2018 and chair in 2019. She now serves as the chair of the advocacy committee and a member of the newly established advisory board.

Sonia has been a constant presence on the Bishop Healy Committee, working to support and advocate for alumni and students of color. She has attended nearly every ALANA Tailgate Celebration, encouraging students to meet alumni and get involved with BHC. She notes "My proudest achievements with the committee has been my connection with the

students over the past 25 years. Making time to get to campus and connect with the young women and men was always an important commitment for me...

....To see how many have returned to continue the process of making Holy Cross a better place for ALANA [students] is the most encouraging action I have seen in a decade. This speaks to our need to hang on! To continue to show up on campus and remind everyone that we were there and we are here!"

[READ MORE OF SONIA'S STORY](#)

## Upcoming Events



### Fall stay at HOMEcoming - September 18-20

While we're not able to welcome you back to The Hill in person, we'd still love to see you during Fall Homecoming!

There are many events to enjoy, including the Bishop Healy Networking Event at noon on Saturday!

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## How to Get Involved

### Support the Bishop Healy Emergency and Support Fund

Thank you to all of our alumni who have made a gift to the Bishop Healy Emergency and Support Fund. The impact your generosity has on our community is immeasurable.

If you have yet to make a gift, there is still time to do so! Make your gift to the BHC online, under the designation "Bishop Healy." (Please note that you will be asked for your designation *after* entering your credit card information.)

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### Alumni Job Shadowing Program

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 alumni 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](mailto:loNeill@holycross.edu)

### **Alumni Mentoring Program**

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](mailto:skonneh@holycross.edu)

### **Regional Clubs**

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, check out the [Holy Cross Regional Clubs website](#).

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## **Career Development**

### **Alumni Career Development is Looking for Charismatic Professionals**

Holy Cross Alumni Career Development is looking for suggestions for our [Alumni Career Webinars](#). We are searching for topics and presenters. If you have a topic in mind, want to present, or know anyone (alumni or non-grad) who you think would be a great presenter, send an email to [alumniCareers@holycross.edu](mailto:alumniCareers@holycross.edu).

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## **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](#).



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