Back to Class, Back to the City

Alumni indulge their intellectual curiosity through a vibrant educational adventure

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For students, there’s nothing like the full Boston University experience—stimulating lectures just steps away from bustling Comm Ave, late nights with friends in dorms both storied and modern, forays into the hidden jewels of the city. Last summer, several dozen alumni revisited those treasured memories when they attended the BU Alumni Association’s inaugural residential Alumni College, Sustainability in the City.

From interactive class sessions with superstar faculty from the College of Arts & Sciences and beyond to field trips including a sunset harbor cruise, Alumni College participants were treated to a weekend designed to awaken the mind and connect fellow Terriers, all through the lens of exploring urban sustainability. Those attending stayed for the weekend at StuVi1, one of the University’s state-of-the-art residence halls, and many brought friends and significant others along for what they described as an unforgettable experience.

“You feel like a student all over again, but you bring so much more life experience and wisdom to the table,” says Melissa Taylor (SPH’95). “Alumni College renews that sense of pride you felt on the day you graduated.”

This year’s event, the Alumni College of Arts & Society, will take attendees on a journey through the arts as both a reflection of, and an influence on, people and civilization. Class sessions, performances, and excursions into the cultural life of Boston will provide a rich and utterly unique view of music, dance, literature, and the visual arts—and what they reveal about humanity.

CALENDAR

This is a selection of events from the full alumni calendar. For the full calendar, visit www.bu.edu/alumni/events.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
March 2012
20 Minutes to Becoming a Wine Snob
Join School of Hospitality Administration Dean Christopher Muller for a sampling of a variety of mouthwatering wines.

BOSTON, MASS.
March 28, 2012
Connect for Success
The Student Alumni Association connects BU students with alumni in an evening of professional networking.

NEW YORK, N.Y.
March 29, 2012
Jazz at Lincoln Center
Enjoy a swinging collection of big band hits at Lincoln Center’s Rose Theater, followed by a talk with Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis (Hon.’92).

BOSTON, MASS.
April 2, 2012
BU Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Chorus
Enjoy an annual musical tradition at Symphony Hall.

WORLDWIDE
April 14, 2012
Global Day of Service
The Boston University community is rooted in service—and that tradition has grown every year since BU’s 1839 founding. Join students, faculty, staff, friends, family, and fellow alumni at sites around the world to continue the University’s proud history of service.

BOSTON, MASS.
April 19, 2012
The Changing Landscape of Autism Spectrum Disorder
Join Helen Tager-Flusberg, a College of Arts & Sciences professor of psychology and director of the Lab of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, and Daniela Caruso, a School of Law professor, for a discussion about autism in America.

BOSTON, MASS.
May 2012
An Insider’s Guide to Applying to College
Parents of college-bound teenagers: get the inside scoop! Join BU Admissions for an evening exploring the college application process, from admissions to financial aid.

BOSTON, MASS.
June 8-10, 2012
Alumni College of Arts & Society
Explore society and humanity through the lens of the arts during this three-day program led by faculty from CAS and beyond.

LENEX, MASS.
Summer 2012
36th Annual BU Alumni Day at Tanglewood
Enjoy classical music amid the lush beauty of the Berkshires.

BOSTON, MASS.
Summer 2012
BU Alumni Night at Fenway
Join the BU Alumni Association for a night at the ballpark with the hometown favorite Boston Red Sox!

BOSTON, MASS.
September 21-23, 2012
Alumni Weekend
Join thousands of alumni and friends to reminisce and make new memories. Activities include parties, Back to Class sessions, reunions, campus tours, special events, and much more!

SPAIN
October 11-21, 2012
Alumni Travel Program: Sketches of Spain
Explore the vibrant culture and breathtaking vistas of Barcelona, Pamplona, San Sebastián, Bilbao, and Madrid on this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

GREECE, EGYPT, ISRAEL, CYPRUS, AND TURKEY
November 3-15, 2012
Alumni Travel Program: Ancient Civilizations Cruise
Follow the echoes of ancient civilizations as you cruise the Mediterranean on Oceania Cruises’ Nautica. Immerse yourself in ancient legends, traditions, and cultures.