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Dear friends,

It's altogether fitting that this year's yearbook be based upon the theme of seasons. As any resident of New England knows, our cold and often dreary winters each year give way to gentle spring rains, warm summer sea breezes, and dazzling displays of autumnal color. At the college, too, there is a natural passing of the seasons as marathon study sessions, the pressure of final exams, and the juggling of work, family and education give way to the realization of new hopes and dreams.

These are the things that happen every year. But as we all know so well, this was no ordinary year for Bridgewater. We've been through so much together and I am again struck by Dickens's line from A Tale of Two Cities — "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." After the year we shared, I feel confident in saying that all of who comprised the college family in 2005-06 - students, faculty and administrators alike - have a much deeper appreciation for the power behind those words.

As I said at spring commencement, decades from now historians will surely look back upon this time and describe it as a year of great adversity and challenge for our institution. They will recall the ways in which a shocked college community twice had to deal with the tragic loss of its own people, and of promising young lives that come to abrupt ends in the dead of the night. They will remember the tribulations our family felt in seeing its pain and misfortune dissected and debased beneath the lens of the public eye, and of the sleepless nights that preoccupied us as we contemplated what might be next.

But perhaps most importantly of all, they will look for indications that we bowed under the weight of these pressures... that somehow the fabric of our institution's historic mission began to unravel against the backdrop of a great tragedy.

It is here that they will begin to understand what all of us today know to be true: The adversity we have faced as a community made us stronger, wiser, and ever more resolved to follow through on the inherent promises of a place like Bridgewater. Standing headstrong in the face of great challenge has been a defining feature of the Bridgewater character since the time of our founding, and using the fruits of our labors to advance some greater good represents the very essence of what it means to heed the Bridgewater calling.

Many of you began your undergraduate careers just as I was beginning my time as president. To have had the opportunity to watch you grow, mature, and push back the boundaries of your own comfort zones has been the greatest reward of my professional career.

I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors, and hope that each new season brings with it good health and great joy.

Sincerely,
Donna Mohler-Forio
President
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
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Student Involvement Fair
Every year, the college holds a convocation ceremony. Traditionally, this event observes the official start of the final year of undergraduate studies for the senior class. Dr. Phillips, a former professor of elementary and early childhood education who served the college for 37 years, said: “Ladies and gentlemen, you have started your investment in the knowledge-based economy. It’s an ongoing process. You know that your education can make a difference in your life, the life of your family and friends, the life of your community, and as we’ve seen, the world.” President Dana Mahler-Faria also addressed the students. He gave words of encouragement and wisdom, which included the following: “When you are empowered, when you are in a position where much is invested in you, that’s a significant and serious responsibility...With that comes the realization that your life is not just about you but it is also about the future, and your ability to carry forward into the future solutions to the issues that concern us all.”
Homecoming 2006
Mr. Greek
Known for his thorough and effective teaching style, Professor Joseph V. Stanford was instrumental in the development of the Finance program at BSC. Prior to joining the faculty in 1985, he had already achieved successful careers in academia and business. Professor Stanford authored several texts and served as an education consultant to several corporations and institutions.

A dedicated teacher, mentor and advisor to thousands of students, Professor Stanford was equally respected by his colleagues as a man of integrity who stood firmly on his principles. Always projecting a friendly and positive attitude, he had a ready smile and humorous anecdotes to share.

Professor Stanford of the Accounting and Finance Department passed away on February 25, 2006. He will be missed tremendously by students and colleagues.
Club Highlight

The Comment

Office of Student Service

Sigma Pi Delta - Study Away Student Association
Snaprers in Action - Student Government Association
Service United Caribbean Cultures - KBBM Radio Yearbook
Geography Club - Alpha Phi - Sigma Phi Beta Phi - Student Life - Career Center
The Comment is the student-run newspaper of Bridgewater State College. Comprised of about fifteen to twenty editors, The Comment publishes eighteen issues per year; each issue is about twenty pages long. The newspaper is made up of four sections: news, opinion, arts and entertainment, and sports. The Comment is always looking for writers and photographers. Articles focus on the BSC community and events occurring around the world. This past year, The Comment covered, among other things, Jackie Nilsson’s tragedy, the stabbing at Our Place Saloon, Greek Week, and Springfest. The Comment helps BSC students remain informed on a variety of interests and issues.
There is a vigor
Fall Sports
Field Hockey
Soccer
Tennis
Winter
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
Winter Commencement
Comedy Competition
Sister Scholar Wellness Tea
One Ton Sundae
Sister Scholar
Elle Chic Fashion Show
The Public Relations Student Association is a student-run organization. Their role at Bridgewater State College is to serve our community. Along with serving BSC, they have also contributed to charities. This past year, they had their annual silent auction. This auction raised $3,394 towards benefiting the SPARK Center. The SPARK Center supports children with AIDS, and were very gracious when receiving the annual donation.
Winter Sports
Basketball
Swimming
Spring
Concert on Campus
Gone Baby Gone,
Making it Right,
& Tides
Benefit Concert for Tibet
Kaleidoscope 2006
Greek Week
VSA's 10th Year

Noite 'D Calebracao
An Evening with Horatio Sanz
Club Highlight

Program Committee
Program Committee (PC) consists of a group of dedicated students who work hard to plan events and activities for the campus community. Their main events are Homecoming and Springfest. They also host comedians, small scale concerts, and off-campus trips to things such as Blue Man Group and Sports Events. This past year, PC also introduced the Bingo series, which proved to be a huge success.
Spring Sports
Softball
Track & Field
Timothy A. Pittman
Jonathan M. Pitts
Michael J. Pray

Stephanie Prince
Sarah B. Procaccini
Michelle K. Puma

Jennifer L. Racine
Christine M. Ranton
Jacob R. Raposo
Spring Commencement
Congratulations to the Class of 2006!
Closing
In Memoriam

Lindsay A. Curtin

Jody M. Martyniak

Jackie Nilsson ’06
Personal Messages

Congratulations Melissa!
We are very proud of all your achievements. You will succeed in everything you do. Best of luck in Graduate School!
We love you always!
Mom, Dad & Matt, Jr.

Congratulations Alex!
We are so proud of you!
Whichever road your life may take you, we wish you happiness & success!
Love,
Mom, Bobby, Christina & Family

Greg,
You have grown up too fast!!
We love you and are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Rich and Jamie

Laura,
Graduation time, class of 2006 you did it! We are so proud of you. May all your hopes and dreams continue to come true. From your first graduation to your last, we have always loved you.

Love & Kisses
Mom & Dad
Dear Emily,

As your graduation approaches, we wanted you to know how very proud we are of you and your accomplishments. Graduating with a degree in business is no small feat, especially when you have also worked so many hours during college to help support yourself. This comes as no surprise to us . . . you’ve always been so responsible and so capable beyond our years. Your reaching this milestone has never been in doubt.

Now, with your degree in hand, use your talents and inspirations to make this world a better place. Devote yourself to God, to your family, and to your occupation, in that order. Accept nothing less than excellence from yourself. And always strive to be happy.

With Much Love and Affection,
Your Dad and Debbie

Dear Matt,

Your graduation is a wonderful and proud moment for us. You not only did it, you did it well. Your strength of character has shown through for as long as we can remember. Follow your heart, and we’re certain your dreams will come true. We love you.

Mom and Dad

Dear Matt,

As your older brother we’ve shared many years together. I’m so proud to see you grow up and become the person you are today. You’ve worked so hard and deserve the best. Congratulations, today is the first day of the rest of your life!

Love,

Harris

Joanna,

We can’t believe how the last 4 years have flown by. You have matured from an adolescent into a loving, caring adult. We are so proud of you.

Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sara, and Brian
We are all very proud of you!!
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Editors, Alyssa Seeto (left) and Jenna Doyle, at the College Media Advisory Conference in New York.
To the Class of 2006,

When I first took on the project of being editor of your yearbook, I wondered how I could fit so much history into so few pages. My staff, advisor, and I then decided that it was best that we put together a book that encompassed more photos rather than text for a classier look. We chose the topic of seasons to represent the different changes each of you went through this year. The theme incorporates the different events of the year and how they affected each and every one of you.

It is my wish that as you look through this book, you remember your favorite and most memorable moments of your senior year. Remember the hard work put into those long days at school; recall those unforgettable nights with friends; and never forget those who left an imprint on you forever.

Congratulations on your accomplishments thus far! I wish you all success and good luck in wherever your future leads.

Alyssa Seeto ’09
Editor-in-Chief