

EC BOSTON'S
MONTHLY STUDENT
NEWSLETTER

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The EC Boston Newsletter Team is always looking for students to submit their articles! The next newsletter is scheduled to come out August 26th . Submissions must be made by Friday August 19th to be considered for the August 2011 newsletter.

Questions? Chat with any of our three Student Ambassadors or come to the front desk to learn more about how to take part in our monthly newsletter.

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FROM THE NEWSLETTER CREW

Hi Everyone!

My name is Jin Gyeom but you can call me Haley!

Well this is my first month as a Student Ambassador and its been so much fun getting to know all the new students every week.

I went the other day on the Fisher College walk and it was really neat to see where some of the other students take their classes.

We had a lot of events go on this past month and a lot of great articles so I hope you enjoy!

Feel free to contact Abdullah, Anny, Kirsten, or myself if you have any other questions.

Let's enjoy the rest of this summer!

Haley



The EC Boston Newsletter Crew!

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ECELEBRITY OF THE MONTH



Introducing Ramsay Our ECelebrity for August 2011!

Congratulations to our August ECelebrity of the Month—Ramsay Jalal!

Ramsay is from Saudi Arabia but has spent a lot of time living in Scotland as well so he likes to call himself the "Scotty-Arabian".

This nomination said it best in why the newsletter crew choose Ramsay at this month's ECelebrity:

"He is the epitome of awesomeness!"

Ramsay has been studying here at EC Boston since May 2011.

If you know anyone who you think would be a great person to be considered our September 2011 ECelebrity, please come to the 2nd floor and fill out the nominations form available at the front desk.

Nominations need to be submitted by August 19th and the winner will be announced on Friday August 26th .

EC SOCCER TEAM

By Timothy Johnson, photos by Melanie Lorenz



EC Boston Soccer Team training

The EC soccer team, in existence officially since 3 July 2011, has had practice every weekend since its inception as it trains for upcoming matches. The team has worked hard under the grueling sun. Although not all training sessions have been ultra-serious, the competition increased its intensity and importance this past Saturday, 23 July 2011, at the JFK/UMASS field off of the red line of the Boston subway system.

The team has swelled to upwards of 40 players, as the two coach/EC teachers, Timothy Johnson and Vladi Ninov, play alongside their talented, extremely international crew. The sensational players come from seemingly all the countries of the world. The spectators, who may rightly be called the fans of the team, similarly hail from a little of Everywhere. JFK park on weekends has begun to turn into a bit of a festival, ripe with the flavor of Boston.

As the Red Sox barreled into the heart of the summer and the city still proudly keeps the feel of success achieved by the Bruins (and while the Patriots and Celtics shamefully play hardball politics in the midst of a work stoppage caused by the owners' lockout of the players) – as all this happens, the EC Soccer Team lays in wait for an opponent.

In the meantime the players continue to toil in their effort to improve themselves, for by perfecting a sport one perfects a piece of

life. The players continue to learn the tendencies and skills of each other, a crucial aspect of the game of Football, as it's known all around the world except in America.

Saturday's match took place on the stadium field at JFK, with a Fieldturf surface. The coaches created four teams of between 12 and 13 players each, and the players played in twelve-minute intervals, or mini-matches. About eight goals were

scored, but the fans never rose to their feet as the EC Soccer Team still awaits its first spectacular, crowd-pleasing goal.

The team is currently accepting applications for a statistician. Interested persons can apply to either Fabiana or Kirsten in the second-floor office area.



“The team has swelled to upwards of 40 players”

MY EXPERIENCE AT EC BOSTON

By Mohammed Talakey—Saudia Arabia



Talakey started studying at EC Boston in 2009

My relationship with English started when my father said to me “you should go to school”. It was the age of seven I guess.

“You should go to school” was the first English well-formed sentence I managed to learn. Little by little I found myself learning two more English words. “Yes”

and “No”. After that, it seemed that I became satisfied with the English I had.

At the age of thirteen, I started talking English classes in school. The educational system in my country used to start teaching English courses at the seventh level. “Stand up” and “sit down” were the first verbs I learned there. Now I have been studying English at EC

Boston since 2009. I couldn't imagine how I learned English here. It is unbelievable how I learned so fast. I think the academic atmosphere in Boston is helpful and thanks to all who helped me learned English at EC Boston.

This school is a candle which

is lit to provide light to us!

“My relationship with English started when my father said to me “you should go to school””

MY MONTH AS AN EC CELEBRITY

By Doohun “Juanito” Hwang—Korea

I have had a great time as the first ECelebrity!

This past month I lived like a rock star and I am so sad because I will lose my celebrity status.

I don't want to lose my ECelebrity title!

I will remember forever my month as an ECelebrity because I was the first one!

God bless the next ECelebrity and I want to tell them to have a nice next month!



Juanito was our first ECelebrity

MOVIE REVIEW: THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS

By Ainara Muñoz Torres — Spain



The Pursuit of Happyness is a film starring Will Smith and his actual son, Jaden Christopher Syre Smith. This film is based on the true life story of Chris Gardner, a salesman trying to sell bone densitometers without much success, who lives with his girlfriend and his five-year old son named Chris.

tries to give his family a better life starting an unpaid internship at a prestigious stockbroker's firm. The real problem and the spirit of survival begin when Chris' mother leaves them to live in New York and Christopher and his son are forced to leave their home. At this moment, Christopher has to work and study during the day and pretend to be an ordinary worker with

family and home while he has to deal with poverty and live like a homeless person taking care of his young son during the night.

This extraordinary movie reflects the wishes of a parent who wants to give a better life to his son and his tireless effort to get it. It shows the willpower to achieve a dream and never give up, though it seems impossible. It's a film about a dream, about being positive in life, and especially about being a good

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Almost without money and with insufficient studies, he

father, a father who can deal with everything only for his child, a father who although he has nothing and lives on the street, is able to play and invent an imaginary world just to make an easier reality for his son.

It's a great film with actors who give their best and make you feel every second

of the movie as if you were in their shoes. The Pursuit of Happyness leaves us with the idea that fighting for what we really want in life is worthwhile and that, although things may go wrong, can also go well so ... Why not try? Maybe we can be the next Chris Gardner



Ainara with friends

ROCKPORT TRIP WITH JACOB!



MY FIRST EXPERIENCE IN BOSTON

By Kevin Abela— Malta



Kevin helping out at EC Boston

What better way to start off my new adventure in Boston then going to watch the almighty Red Sox play. The feeling when going up the stairs and seeing the green grass starting to appear with every step taken and thousands of fans surrounding the ground, shouting at the top of their lungs, produced a great atmosphere. With all the Oooh's, aah's, yeah's and boo's my first ball game was one I will never forget.

An activity that I am most definitely looking forward to is the whale watching tour. For someone who is from the Mediterranean this will be a wonderful experience to have.

One thing is for sure and this is that EC Boston has the friendliest staff you can find, great people to talk to and extremely helpful. Front desk always with a smile.

Kevin Abela

EC WORD SEARCH FAMOUS TEAMS IN BOSTON

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Find these famous sports teams here in Boston listed below in this month's Word Search!

- Patriots
- Celtics
- Red Sox
- Bruins
- Revolution

BOSTON!

By Melanie Lorenz—Switzerland

Boston and I, that was not love at first sight. I had just arrived from New York and was still overwhelmed by this huge city, which is completely different than Switzerland. Thus, when I arrived in Boston I was astonished that this city is so small compared to New York. Besides I was jetlagged and the weather was quite bad. It was not a perfect start. The first few days I was still tired, a little bit confused and had to deal

with all the new impressions, so I still didn't love Boston. But then, when I had lived here a few more days I started to see the many wonderful things which Boston has, like the Boston Common or the beach. For example, I really liked the Copley Place where you can see the mix of old and modern architecture.

With time, I got to know Boston better and better and I really like it now. In Boston



Melanie having fun at the Red Sox Game



you can find many different places like the old parts and the bank district. There is a lot of history in this city. Furthermore, the Bostonians are very friendly and open-minded, not like the Swiss.

Boston is not as I imagined. I thought it would be bigger and more busy and greyer. So I was surprised when I saw the

real Boston. All in all, I have stayed here for one month and have started to love Boston and it is great to be back and I am looking forward to discovering more of Boston!

“Furthermore, the Bostonians are very friendly and open-minded”

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RAMADAN

By: Abdullah Al Binnissa—Saudi Arabia

RAMADAN

Quick Islamic Definition:

- Islam: surrender to the will of one god, called Allah (muslims' religion)
- Muslim: believer of Islam
- Five pillars of Islam: obligation duties of all muslims.

What is Ramadan?

One of five pillars of Islam.

- Obligatory month of fasting for adult muslims.
- The Qur'an was revealed during this month.
- Muslims believe that fasting and performing night prayers with sincere faith to having one's sins forgiven.

Ramdan Greetings

Ramdan mubarak : Blessed Ramadan.

Ramdan Kareem: generous blessing of Ramadan.

What does it mean to fast?

- muslims must fast from dawn to sunset everyday
- Food, drink, sexual relation or smoking during the day night hours is not allowed.
- Refrain from using harsh language or insult and respect others.
- Control anger.

Benefits of fasting:

- Helps one to feel compassion for the poor and needy.
- Opportunity to reflect and appreciate faith and family.

When does Ramadan begin?

- Ramadan begins when the crescent moon is sighted. (Monday 08-1-2011 is first day of Ramadan)

EC STUDENTS AT RED SOX GAME!



WELCOME JACKIE!

We would like to welcome Jackie to the EC Boston team! Jackie is here to help with any visa or I20 questions you might have!!!!



Jackie has joined the EC Boston Team!