The class of 2000 has shown throughout the year that they know how to have a good time. Seniors can be seen socializing over a few cold ones on any given night at Roger’s Pub, and they showed the city of Boston their stuff at the 2000 hours to graduation countdown party at the Rack in Faneuil Hall. These events have given seniors the opportunity to enjoy their last year at Babson and to share fun times together.

Above: Seniors Katie DiVirgilio, Linda Pizzuto, Meghan Summers, Ashley Nelson and Eric Newmark enjoy themselves at The Rack in Boston. Right: Seniors Jennifer Burt and Irina Velksoberg take a moment out from dancing at the 2000 hour countdown party.
**Yearbook Staff Recognizes Senior Student Leaders**

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The Senior Spotlight is an opportunity to recognize members of the Class of 2000 for outstanding contributions to the Babson Community. The contributions of the students that are recognized this year are numerous and quite varied in nature.

The profiles on these students give insight into what they feel is important about their contributions, and what they think is the best part of Babson College. The Babsonian staff gave a great deal of thought to whom they felt should be featured on these pages, and the competition was great from so many involved student leaders.

**Ryan C. Frere**

Admission Intern
Soccer R.A.

Ryan’s concentrations are MIS and Finance. He is from Southampton, MA, and at Babson he has been involved in Soccer, as a Resident Assistant and as an Admission Intern. Outside interests include Climbing, Skiing, Hiking, Camping. He dreams of one day climbing Mt. Everest.

Ryan’s favorite thing about Babson is the interest that the faculty takes in their students. He also believes that being an RA has been the activity that he feels has had the greatest impact on the Babson community. “By being a member of this team I feel that I have been given the opportunity to help shape our community into what it really is.”

There are two staff members that Ryan feels have made a difference in his time at Babson. The first is no longer here and the second has done a great job helping him get to graduation. The first is Gerri Randlett, “She helped me through the transfer process and put me in position to graduate with the class of 2000.” When she left Chris Merlo took over and picked up right where Gerri left off. “Chris’ optimism about getting me out of here has time sometimes outweighed my own. Without these two people, I would not have been able to graduate as a member of the class of 2000!”

**Jordan Mandel**

Peer Mentor
Lloyd Harbor, NY Sigma Phi Epsilon

With concentrations in Marketing, Management and Asian Studies, Jordan is from Lloyd Harbor, New York. During his 4 years at Babson, he has been involved in the Class of 2000 Steering Committee, Babson Marketing Association, Hillel, Student Ambassador-Connection Program, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Peer Mentor and is a Retired Boxing Team Member. Jordan’s aspiration is creating a REIT under the Investment Property Management Firm he will begin upon graduation.

Jordan believes that the best thing about Babson is the great diversity among the student population that has allowed for amazing experiences and close friendships to develop that have remained over the four years. He says, “It is a great feeling to know you have a friend on the other side of the world.”

Jordan believes that he has had an impact on the Babson community because, “whether it be a CEO speaking to the Babson Marketing Association or running the Class of 2000 Boston Marathon Barbecue, each activity I have been involved in has given to various sectors of the Babson community, that is why I have remained involved, knowing that what I, or anyone else does outside of the classroom, makes an impact upon not only myself but those that work to make Babson ‘our’ community.”

Helping him throughout his time at Babson, Jordan feels that Professor/Dr. Tom Sullivan has been an amazing influence. Having that nonbusiness view he has been able to help him to develop inner strength encompassing respect and love for not only himself but his community. This is something that can easily be overlooked in business. “I thank him for allowing me to delve into that integral part of developing that well-rounded member of society.”
Jessica Burtt
Nashua, NH
The Babson Free Press
Communications
& Management
Peer Writing Consultant

Hailing from Nashua, NH, Jessica concentrated in communications and management. During her four years at Babson, Jessica worked closely with the media organizations on campus, including being Editor-in-Chief of The Babson Free Press, working with The Babsonian Yearbook, Babson College Radio and The Babson Journal. She is also a Peer Writing Consultant at The Writing Center. In addition, she helped start a new organization, The Babson Student Media Council.

She said, “Being a part of an organization like The Free Press has been a phenomenal experience. I will always remember the people I met and the opportunities I had.”

Her greatest aspiration is to learn to relax! She hopes to continue working with media organizations, travel and never stop dreaming.

Jessica believes the best thing about Babson are the friends and memories she has made and hopes that her time at The Babson Free Press had an impact on the entire community.

Although Jessica feels that she has made several strong relationships with the faculty and staff that have helped her make it through her four years, the most influential relationship was with Media Advisor and Associate Director of Campus Life Laura De Veau.

“Laura’s dedication and humor really helped me get through some tough and stressful times and I cannot thank her enough nor will I ever forget her,” said Jessica.

Luke Glass
Chester, West Virginia
Finance/Investments
Cardinal Key MRC Tutor

Luke has concentrations in Finance and Investments. He is from Chester, West Virginia. In his time at Babson, Luke has been involved in many activities, including Babson Boxing, Cardinal Key National Honor Society, Resident Assistant, and as a Math Resource Center Tutor.

One of Luke’s greatest aspirations is to always be happy, no matter the circumstances. When asked what activity he is involved in that has the greatest impact on the Babson community, Luke responded that he believes it is Resident Assistant Condom Distribution.

The staff member at Babson who has had the greatest impact on Luke is Karen Kus because “she talked me into staying at Babson.”
Curran Leahy
Hopkinton, MA
Softball
Blue Key National Honor Society

Currie has concentrations in MIS and Law, and calls Hopkinton, MA home. While at Babson, she has been actively involved in Varsity Softball, as a Peer Mentor, in Dance Ensemble, as J-Board Chair, and as Blue Key National Honor Society President.

One of Currie’s goals is to “give all I can of myself to friends and family, to love my job, and to see the world!” She feels that the best thing about Babson is the people she was given the opportunity to meet, work, and have fun with.

She believes that one of the ways her activities have impacted the Babson community is through her work with the Judicial Board. The activities of the judicial board impact the Babson community significantly. “We act as the voice of the community regarding academic dishonesty and other violations of the college policy. Our decisions, and the way they are received by the community, impact the integrity of the Babson name.”

During her time at Babson, Currie feels that two staff members have had a special impact on her life, and they are Gerri Randlett and Paula Termine.

Ashley M. Nelson
Kappa Kappa Gamma
North Andover, MA
Steering Committee
Board of Trustees

Ashley has concentrations in Management and Entrepreneurial Studies. She is from North Andover, MA.

While at Babson, she has been involved in many extracurricular activities, including: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Steering Committee for the Class of 2000, being a Peer Mentor, serving on the Board of Trustees (PR/Marketing Committee), and as a Work-Study in the Office of Undergraduate Programs.

Her greatest dream or aspiration is to be eternally happy, have a family, die with no regrets, and “to give back to my father and brother as much as they have given to me.”

Ashley thinks the best thing about Babson is knowing that she has made lifelong friends here, “who, no matter where we end up, will always share our memories of the past and dreams of the future together.”

She feels that of her activities, being a Peer Mentor has had the greatest impact on the Babson community. She says, “We, as a group, have the opportunity to make a lasting impression on the first-year students and give back to Babson at the same time. The enthusiasm of the group is something that is unmatched at Babson and I have been lucky to have been a part of it all.”

If there is a faculty or staff member that Ashley feels has made a difference in her time at Babson, it is The Office of Class Deans, past and present. “It has been a pleasure to work with the administration in that office over the past four years. Their efforts to make life at Babson better for the students will not be forgotten.”
Campus Activities

Babson College boasts a large number of activities on campus each ear, and students take advantage of these activities to kick back and have a great time with their friends. Whether it is the Midnight Breakfast, Spring Weekend or Founder’s Day, there is always something new and exciting to do on campus. The following pages highlight some of the most fun and exciting events of the 1999-2000 academic year.

On The Horizon
Orientation

Orientation is the first experience that a student has at Babson. For the Class of 2003, orientation was not just a time to move in, get used to new surroundings and share a room with someone for the first time. Orientation was a chance to get to know new people, attend a Red Sox game, Playfair, a Boston Harbor Cruise, and a number of different events. This year’s orientation was no different as students from all over the world moved on campus for the first time and prepared for the start of their college careers.
The midnight breakfast is a longstanding Babson Tradition. During Finals week of Fall semester, the faculty and administration take the initiative to make a midnight breakfast for the students and serve it up in Trim Dining Hall. This is one of the favorite activities of the semester and gives faculty a chance to interact with students on a more personal level.