## INTRODUCTION, TRADITIONS, AND CORE VALUES

## **Welcome & How to Use This Student Guidebook**

Bay Path University and Cambridge College are inclusive and dynamic learning communities, whose members value and prioritize your success. As such, we strive to provide you with a high-quality education that is both affordable and accessible, and which includes strong resources to support you both within and outside of the classroom. We encourage each of you to take full advantage of all that is available to you-from tutoring services to co-curricular activities – to maximize your experience.

The academic community is unique. It differs significantly from other communities you may have experienced. At Bay Path and Cambridge College, each community member is asked, and expected, to learn and demonstrate the principles and practices of academic and social integrity necessary for the success of each student and for the University as a whole. In other words, we expect you to approach your life in this community with respect: respect for self; respect for the intellectual and published works of others and giving credit when referencing or using those works; respect for the rights of others even when substantial and serious disagreements exist; and respect for the property of others and that of the University.

The information and policies contained in this Student Guidebook describe in more detail the expectations for behavior inside and beyond the classroom. This information also describes your rights and responsibilities as a student. Rights and responsibilities are inseparable; you cannot have one without the other. Please take time to ensure you understand these rights and responsibilities. This understanding is important to your success.

This guidebook is designed for you. Please know that each student is responsible for reading and following the information contained in the Student Guidebook and for becoming well acquainted with all other policies, rules and regulations.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We look forward to a wonderful year together.

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The Student Guidebook is reviewed and updated on an annual basis. There are times, however, when a specific policy or procedure may need to be updated in response to institutional or external circumstances. As such, we reserve the right to make changes to information provided in this guidebook, without prior notice. Any updates will be communicated to the community in a timely manner, via multiple channels including email, the Canvas Learning Management System, and portal announcements.

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