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Hello and welcome to the Babson Drive-Thru Tour. I know this is a unique situation, but we are so excited that you chose to visit our campus. My name is Nicole Johns and I am a sophomore here at Babson.

I live in Massachusetts, so I’m not far from home, but I love staying on campus. I’m a tour guide here on campus and I also work in the undergraduate admissions office. I will be joining the cross country team in the fall, and I am so excited. Babson has been a very welcoming and kind community, and I really enjoyed my first year here. But, enough about me. I want to bring you through Babson and tell you why it is so great.

Your first stop will be Trim Dining Hall, which is number 7 on the map. It will be on your left-hand side on the corner of College Drive and Map Hill Drive. Please stay straight on College Drive.

Trim Dining Hall
Welcome to Trim Dining Hall. Trim Dining Hall is the only dining hall on campus and serves up delicious meals seven days a week. Trim is also home to some pretty famous Babson traditions from Late Night Breakfast to Tackle the Table. I feel like there’s always something for me to eat whenever I go here. Also, directly connected to Trim, you will find Roger’s Pub, another place students can eat on campus. And, if you’re 21 years or older, you can enjoy a beverage at the bar.

Your next stop will be Kerry Murphy Healey Park. Here, you will see a large globe that you just absolutely cannot miss, and it will be on your right, and it’s number 16 on the map.

Kerry Murphy Healey Park
Here, we have Kerry Murphy Healey Park. Did you know that there are over 77 different countries represented and over 55 different languages spoken on our campus? There are normally flags representing all of our students surrounding this park. Our community reflects the world at large. Here, you’ll live with friends from other countries, join clubs with students who are the first in their family to attend college, celebrate others’ identities, and learn alongside peers with different perspectives. I personally love the culture that I’m surrounded by, and it’s so eye-opening to be within such a community.

Your next stop will be Park Manor South, which is the resident hall on the right and number 53 on the map. Next to that, you will see Park Manor West and the innovation space, which is number 82 on the map.

Residence Halls
Park Manor South and Park Manor West are just two of six residence halls that you may live in as a freshman. Behind them, there’s a large grass area we like to call The Quad, where a lot of our students like to meet and hang out. We also have a club fair here when
you first get to campus in the fall and you get to see every club that Babson has to offer. Of course, I signed up for, like, 10 clubs and only really got to do the few that I had time for, but I’m definitely glad I got the chance to see what each club is like and to see what really interested me.

Arthur M. Blank Center For Entrepreneurship

Your next stop will be the Arthur Blank Center. Please proceed up College Drive and then take a right down Lunder Way. The Arthur Blank Center will be number 47 on the map. The Lunder Admissions Office is number 50. And, Olin Hall, our graduate school, is number 46.

Here, we have the Arthur M. Blank Center. Arthur M. Blank, graduate of ’63, is a founder, a doer, a leader, and a philanthropist. Best known as the co-founder of The Home Depot and the owner of the Atlanta Falcons, he has a broad family of businesses, as well as a family foundation. Blank also is a member of Babson College’s Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs, and is a proud alumnus who believes in the power of giving back. This year, Mr. Blank provided Babson with a $50 million grant, which helps establish the Arthur M. Blank School for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Prior to this major gift, the Arthur M. Blank Center was established on campus. The mission of the Arthur M. Blank Center is to accelerate new ventures of all kinds by providing Babson’s emerging entrepreneurs access to the opportunities, community, and critical resources that they need. They ignite the exchange of innovative ideas that will shape the future of entrepreneurship through our research and through leadership. Even if you don’t want to become an entrepreneur on your own, you will definitely get to experience what it’s like to start a business in a flagship class—Foundations of Management and Entrepreneurship, better known as FME. As a freshman, I got to be the co-CEO of a business and learn what it’s truly like to run one. This is definitely an experience unique to Babson, and I’m so glad that this is something we get to do.

Babson Recreation And Athletics Complex (Brac)

Now, please loop back around and take a right back onto College Drive. Your next stop will be the Babson Recreation and Athletics Complex, better known as BRAC, as well as the Webster Athletic Center, which will both now be on your left and number 30 on the map.

Opening last fall, Babson Recreation and Athletics Complex, otherwise known as BRAC, is a state-of-the-art facility which includes a large new fitness recreation space and multipurpose rooms for recreation and a range of other uses. BRAC is a really cool place because anyone on campus can find something for them, and they can fit it into their own schedule. For varsity athletics, BRAC includes dedicated team rooms for each varsity sport, an improved sports medicine area, and improved administrative spaces to support athletics. BRAC is really a place for anyone who wants to stay active and have fun regardless if it’s on a competitive level or just reaching personal goals. I would say that this is my favorite place to be on campus.
Babson Commons and Horn Library

Now, once you have seen BRAC, please turn around in the Knight Lot on the right and proceed down College Drive. Your next stop will be the Babson Commons and Horn Library, which will be on your right-hand side and number 28 on the map.

Babson Commons is a place for students to come together and is the gateway to the Horn Library. Horn Library offers countless resources that I would say every student should take advantage of once they get to campus. At the center of the Commons is the Bala Iyer Garden, which creates an amazing space for students to gather and to catch up or meet about an upcoming project. As a Babson student, there will be a lot of group projects. Also found here, is the Steven D. Cutler Center for Investments and Finance. And, don’t forget about Centennial Café, which is home to Starbucks. Once you get to campus you’ll definitely see the large debate between Starbucks and Dunkin’ Donuts.

Reynolds Campus Center

But, now if you continue to head down College Drive you will then see our student union center—Reynolds Campus Center. This is number 25 on the map.

The Reynolds Campus Center, which many of our students call Reys, is home to our Student Life Division, a Dunkin’ Donuts, campus store, and so much more. Many students like to meet with friends or student organizations over coffee. This building is pretty much always open, so I feel like I always see a friendly familiar face here. This is also a very popular place to get food during the day or even late in the evening during Late Night Reys.

Hollister Hall

Next stop is Hollister Hall, which is actually connected to the side of Reys. This building is number nine on the map and on the corner of the three-way stop sign.

Hollister is home to the Office of Academic Services, Student Financial Services, the Glavin Office of Multicultural and International Education, and so much more. This is where you will find all the support you need as a student at Babson. The Hoffman Family Center for Career Development is also here, and I recommend that you stop by when you come to campus to stay in the loop about resumes, internships, and your future career paths. They are a very important resource. This is also the building where I had my first Freshman Seminar and where I met a lot of my first friends on campus, so it definitely has a special place in my heart.
Weissman Foundry

Now, please take a right at the stop sign down Map Hill Drive. Continue until you see the Weissman Foundry on your right. This is number 84 on your map.

The Weissman Foundry provides a maker space for Babson, Olin, and Wellesley college students to collaborate in research, art and design, academic and entrepreneurial startups to innovate, experiment, and build. This is a lot of students’ favorite building on campus and is definitely a cool spot to check out. There are a lot of workshops held here that allow you to meet new people and learn how to use the resources the building offers. Probably my favorite thing I did here was a Crepe Night, where I got to meet women from all three schools and we attempted to cook together.

Athletic Fields

Next, please drive up the hill you see on your right and go to the right loop around Coleman Hall, which is number 15 on your map. As you loop around, you will see the athletic fields in the back.

Home to 22 varsity athletic teams, the athletic fields are where our teams practice and play, also where our students come to cheer on their classmates in Defending the Dam. Our varsity teams compete in NCAA Division III and have much success consistently competing in Final Four Tournaments and winning five NCAA championships so far. Yes! Go Babo!

Now, please head back down the hill, and Van Winkle Hall, which is number 18 on your map, will be on your right as you head down. Now, make your way down Map Hill Drive toward the stop sign near the Main Entrance and exit the campus.

Lastly, I just want to say thank you for coming to visit Babson’s campus today. Again, I know it’s not the way you may have liked to tour campus, but I hope that my perspective of Babson helped you have a better idea of what campus may be like. Babson has an incredible community that I am so thankful to be a part of, and I very much hope to see you on campus again. I hope you have a wonderful rest of your day and that you have safe travels home. Bye!