

# Update



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# What's New & Interesting...



Training will begin in April at E-board from 1-3 pm.



AFSCME Local 1067 Night at Fenway. Any interest?



Patriots' Day is a civic holiday commemorating the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War on April 19, 1775.

Previously, it had been celebrated on April 19, the actual anniversary of the battles, but since 1969, the holiday has been observed on the third Monday in April, providing a three-day long weekend in Massachusetts and in Maine, which until the mid 19th-Century was part of Massachusetts. The day also is the first day of a vacation week for public schools in both states.

The day is a public school observance day in Wisconsin. Florida law also encourages people to celebrate it, though it is not treated as a public holiday.

Observances and re-enactments of the battles occur annually at Lexington Green in Lexington, Massachusetts (around 6:00 am) and the Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts (around 9:00 am). In the morning, mounted re-enactors with state police escorts retrace the midnight rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes, calling out warnings the whole way.



Paul Revere's  
Ride

## Concord Hymn

by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Sung at the Completion of the Battle Monument, July 4, 1837

*By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood  
And fired the shot heard round the world.*

*The foe long since in silence slept;  
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;  
And Time the ruined bridge has swept  
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.*

*On this green bank, by this soft stream,  
We set today a votive stone;  
That memory may their deed redeem,  
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.*

*Spirit, that made those heroes dare  
To die, and leave their children free,  
Bid Time and Nature gently spare  
The shaft we raise to them and thee.*



The Shot Heard 'Round the World  
by Domenick D'Andrea

## Important news for Massachusetts drivers!



A new law goes into effect on April 7th regarding the [required use of headlights](#). This is a surchargeable violation, so your insurance can go up if you do not comply! Here's what you need to know about this new law.

### What the New Massachusetts Headlight Law Requires

According to this new Massachusetts driving law, [you must have your headlights on when driving conditions require the use of your windshield wipers](#). So, if you need your wipers (i.e. on a sunny but rainy day), your headlights must be on too. A police officer can pull you over for failing to comply.

### Penalties for Failing to Comply

You can receive a ticket for failing to comply with this new Massachusetts headlight law. The ticket amount itself will be nominal. The more significant factor is that it is considered a minor surchargeable traffic violation. Surcharges result in increased insurance premiums at your next renewal. So, failing to obey this new law can cost you significant money in increased insurance rates, which no one is ever happy about. To save you the headache and additional expense, make it a habit to turn on your headlights whenever you turn on your windshield wipers!

### The Language of the Law

“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 15 of chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— A vehicle, whether stationary or in motion, on a public way, shall have attached to it headlights and taillights which shall be turned on by the vehicle operator and so displayed as to be visible from the

front and rear during the period of 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise; provided, however, that such headlights and taillights shall be turned on by the vehicle operator at all other times when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, visibility is reduced such that persons or vehicles on the roadway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet or when the vehicle's windshield wipers are needed; provided further, that this section shall not apply to a vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand; and provided further, that a vehicle carrying hay or straw for the purpose of transporting persons on a hayride shall display only electrically operated lights which shall be 2 flashing amber lights to the front and 2 flashing red lights to the rear, each of which shall be at least 6 inches in diameter and mounted 6 feet from the ground.”



## PRESS RELEASE!

### SUMMERS NAMED MCLA'S 12TH PRESIDENT North Adams, MA.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) has announced that Dr. Greg Summers, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been selected by the MCLA Board of Trustees to become the institution's 12th president. Summers will succeed Mary K. Grant, who last year left the position to become chancellor at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Asheville.

The Board's recommendation that Summers become MCLA's next president will be submitted for final approval by the Board of Higher Education (BHE), which will vote in a special meeting to be held at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, in the BHE offices, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston.

Thursday night's vote by the board brought the six-month long search to a successful conclusion. The appointment followed a national search facilitated by Archer~Martin Associates consulting firm, and was led by a 14-member Presidential Search Committee that reviewed a group of 59 applicants and selected 13 to interview.

Board of Trustees member, Mohan Boodram, co-chair of MCLA's Presidential Search Committee, said, "Our search committee conducted an intensive search process and engaged in an extensive program of outreach to the campus and alumni community, as well as to colleagues and community partners. Dr. Summers will be a great fit for MCLA and I would like to thank every member of the community for their engagement in the search process. We received many thoughtful comments, and we were impressed by the interest in and commitment to the continued success of MCLA that was expressed by the individuals who reached out to us."

Summers serves as the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, a position he has held since 2011. As UW-Stevens Point's chief academic officer, he provides oversight for the university's four colleges (Letters and Science, Fine Arts and Communication, Professional Studies, and Natural Resources) and a variety of related academic units, including Academic Success, Enrollment Management, International Programs, International Students and Scholars, Information Technology, Continuing Education and Outreach, Research and Sponsored Programs, and Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

Summers' responsibilities include numerous functions related to teaching and learning, including academic planning and program review, accreditation, and assessment of student learning; professional enrichment for faculty and staff, including instructional development, pedagogical innovation, research, and grant funding; and finally, oversight of personnel issues, including those related to hiring, appointment types, and retention, tenure, and promotion.

Since becoming provost, he has played a leading role in crafting the University's new strategic plan, "A Partnership for Thriving Communities," a 21st century reimagining of the Wisconsin Idea that strengthens the university's identity and value, creating a strong foundation for growth in its academic programs, community outreach, and fundraising.

Search Committee Chair Susan Gold said, "We met many great candidates but in the end, Dr. Summers stood out as the next President of MCLA because of his passion and vision for the liberal arts, and his sharp sense of MCLA's trajectory and opportunities."

Summers said, "I'm both excited and humbled at the prospect of joining the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Under the leadership of former President Mary Grant, the college has become one of the nation's top public liberal arts institutions, a reputation built on the hard work of an outstanding faculty and staff dedicated to enriching the students and the communities they serve. I am honored by the invitation from MCLA's Board of Trustees to join this teaching and learning community, and to explore what new things we can achieve together."

Dr. Summers earned a Ph.D. in History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2001, with an emphasis in environmental history. He is author of "Consuming Nature: Environmentalism in the Fox River Valley, 1850-1950" (University Press of Kansas, 2006), and is at work on a second book, tentatively entitled, "The Comforts of Nature: A Brief Natural History of the American Home" (under contract with the University of Washington's Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books Series).

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) is the Commonwealth's public liberal arts college and a campus of the Massachusetts state university system. MCLA promotes excellence in learning and teaching, innovative scholarship, intellectual creativity, public service, applied knowledge, and active and responsible citizenship. MCLA graduates are prepared to be practical problem solvers and engaged, resilient global citizens.

**“Great Progress” on Transfer Pathways Reported to BHE Two-Year Project to Help Students Map Clearer, Faster Routes to Degrees**



\$30,000.

With a whopping 2600 unique and separate campus articulation agreements in place across the Commonwealth, students and their academic advisors can find it difficult, “if not impossible” to navigate the transfer system, DHE Senior Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs Carlos E. Santiago told the Board of Higher Education on Tuesday. The good news for students, as well as sending and receiving institutions, is that Massachusetts is now on the way to replacing a patchwork system of individual transfer requirements with an integrated system that will allow for seamless transfer, particularly from community colleges to state university and UMass campuses, while also promoting the Vision Project “Big Three” goals aimed at boosting college completion rates, Santiago said.

**PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT**

MCLA Presidential Appointment Approved by BHE President-Elect Greg Summers and Commissioner Freeland (right) after the BHE vote, joined by representatives of MCLA (from left): Denise Richardello, Executive Vice President; Cynthia Brown, Interim President; Tyler Fairbank, Board Chair; Susan Gold, Trustee and Search Committee Co-Chair; and Mohan Boodram, Trustee and Search Committee Co-Chair.



On March 10, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education approved the appointment of Greg Summers as the 12th president of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Summers currently serves as the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and will assume the presidency at MCLA in July 2015.

**RECENT EVENT**

*“Big Three” Vision Project Conference*  
On February 27, 250+ campus and DHE delegates met to develop a shared approach to meeting the state’s need for more high-skilled college graduates. The agenda centered on the “Big Three” college completion goals for public higher education outlined in the 2014 Vision Project report, Degrees of Urgency: Why Massachusetts Needs More College Graduates Now. Based on the enthusiastic response from participants, DHE staff are now working to create additional avenues for campus-to-campus collaboration on “Big Three” strategies in the coming months.

**MAKING NEWS**

*The Danger of Neglecting Community Colleges*  
*The Boston Globe Magazine / The Hechinger Report*  
March 4—Boston-based writer Jon Marcus makes the case for Massachusetts’ community colleges: “As a group, the 15 schools in Massachusetts have struggled. It’s time to change that.”

**Central MA Campuses Make “\$30K Commitment” to Students**

*Sentinel & Enterprise*  
March 10—Fitchburg State, Worcester State, and Mount Wachusett & Quinsigamond Community Colleges just launched a partnership guaranteeing that a student can earn both an associate and a bachelor’s degree in four years for no more than

**FAREWELL & WELCOME**



*Best Wishes to Lou Ricciardi & Welcome to Don Irving*  
At its March 10 meeting, the Board of Higher Education bid farewell to outgoing BHE and Bridgewater State University Board of Trustees member Louis M. Ricciardi (left) and also welcomed Lou’s successor elected by the state university trustees, Don Irving, who serves on the board of Fitchburg State University.

**SECRETARY’S MESSAGE**

*Peysers: Higher Ed Needs Long-Term Funding Plan*



Massachusetts Education Secretary Jim Peysers attended his first Board of Higher Education meeting on March 10th. He issued a strong statement of support for the Commonwealth’s public colleges & universities and endorsed the Vision Project goal, also echoed by the 2014 Higher Education Finance Commission, to join the ranks of the nation’s top systems of higher education: “The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to developing and implementing a comprehensive, multi-year, performance-based funding plan for public higher education that will ensure our colleges are competitive with their peer institutions in leading higher education states and our young people have access to a high-quality, affordable college education. Such a plan should equitably address campus needs for per-pupil operating revenue, capital investment and student scholarships. In addition to providing more predictable state revenue for the colleges, the financing plan must ensure more predictable and transparent costs for students and their families.”

**COMMISSIONER SEARCH UPDATE**

*Search for New Commissioner Continues*  
The BHE continues to seek nominations and expressions of interest in its search for a new Commissioner of Higher Education to succeed Richard M. Freeland this summer. The Search Committee is expected to begin interviewing semi-finalists in mid-April.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*March & April - Go Public! College Fairs*  
Events at local high schools to build awareness of top programs and opportunities at Massachusetts public colleges and universities.  
Governor & Mrs. Baker to attend Marblehead High School event!

Tuesday, April 28  
*Board of Higher Education (BHE) Meeting*  
Fitchburg State University  
Fitchburg, MA

Thursday, May 14  
*29 Who Shine Ceremony*  
with Governor Baker  
Massachusetts State House, Boston, MA  
Save the date! We are thrilled to confirm the Governor’s planned attendance.



## Annual Golf Tournament

### Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, July 10th

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Olde Scotland Links

695 Pine Street

Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324



## Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Newsclips

### **BHE MEMBERS | FORMER GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE CHRIS GABRIELI TO CHAIR MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - MASSLIVE.COM**

03/07/2015 - Education reformer and former Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chris Gabrieli has been tapped by Gov. Charlie Baker to chair the Board of Higher Education replacing Charles Desmond. Baker on Tuesday afternoon also announced that Sheila Harrity, superintendent of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District and a former Principal at Worcester Technical High School, would take a seat on the board replacing Keith Peden.

### **GO PUBLIC | STUDENTS, BAKER TO TALK COLLEGE IN MARBLEHEAD TUESDAY - MARBLEHEAD REPORTER**

03/19/2015 - Local high school students next Tuesday will hear first hand about the benefits of attending state colleges and universities from local students and alumni as well as two prominent local residents, Gov. Charlie Baker and his wife, Lauren. The Bakers and Richard Freeland, commissioner of the state's Department of Higher Education, are making their pitch for state schools as part of Freeland's "Go Public" campaign. The campaign, which spotlights flagship programs and majors, is aimed at getting students to think about attending one of the state's 29 two-and-four year institutions.

### **UMASS PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | MEEHAN COULD BE CONTENDER FOR UMASS PRESIDENCY - SALEM NEWS**

03/15/2015 - Marty Meehan stepped off Capitol Hill and into the chancellor's office of UMass Lowell in 2007, causing wariness in some quarters that a connected politician was given a job that should have gone to someone with a background in higher education. But the former congressman's watch has since overseen a period of rapid growth on campus. Enrollment has doubled. Tens of millions of dollars for research, scholarships and projects have flowed into Lowell.

## **BUDGET:**

### **FY16 BUDGET | Some lawmakers worried about Baker's education budget - WWLP.com**

03/25/2015 - Favored spending initiatives that help reduce the strain on Massachusetts schools did not make it into Gov. Charlie Baker's annual budget proposal at levels desired by some of the lawmakers who will play key roles crafting next year's final budget. Baker's budget proposal consolidates grants offered to school districts and eliminates a grant program for kindergarten expansion while increasing the state's funding for local schools. ...Education Secretary James Peyser faced House and Senate budget-writers at a hearing Tuesday at Greenfield Community College, where he maintained the administration's budget is a net benefit to school districts. "There's a significant increase," Peyser told the News Service after testifying. "I mean some districts are going to be up and some are going to be down. There's no question about that."

### **FY16 BUDGET | Ways and Means members talk education at GCC - The Recorder**

03/24/2015 - Before two dozen state legislators, state education commissioners asked for increased investments in education to improve access to higher education, maintain campus facilities, close achievement gaps and stay competitive. State commissioners Mitchell D. Chester, Tom Weber, Richard Freeland, Secretary of Education James Peyser and Christine M. Wilda, senior vice president for administration at the University of Massachusetts, spoke for two hours to the state Joint Committee on Ways and Means on Tuesday at Greenfield Community College on what they'd like to see from the state budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

### **MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | EDITORIAL: MAKING COLLEGE AFFORDABLE - Milford Daily News:**

03/10/2015 - There's no silver bullet for making college education more affordable. What students and their parents need are options and a realistic understanding of what they are getting into when they choose a college. A program announced this week by two community colleges and two state universities in central Massachusetts offers both. The colleges are offering a deal: A four-year associate's or bachelor's degree for no more than \$30,000. If students successfully complete two years at Quinsigamond Community College or Mount Wachusett Community College, they will be admitted to complete their final two years at Worcester State University or Fitchburg State.

### **MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Fitchburg State, Mount Wachusett CC make '\$30k commitment' to students - Sentinel & Enterprise**

03/10/2015 - With student debt burdening young adults across the state, two central Massachusetts community colleges and two state universities are taking steps to make getting a degree more affordable. On Monday, Fitchburg State University, Worcester State University, Mount Wachusett Community College and Quinsigamond Community College launched the \$30k Commitment program at the Statehouse.

### **MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Editorial: Higher ed, lower costs - capecodtimes.com**

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## **COMMUNITY COLLEGES:**

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE | Community colleges are customizing offerings to meet local workforce needs - Boston Globe**

03/08/2015 - Over the past 10 years, David Legg has struggled to fill lower-level lab positions in the quality assurance division of Charm Sciences in Lawrence. Candidates with a four-year degree tend to get bored in the position, while others do not have any training at all, said Legg, vice president of quality assurance at Charm, which makes food-safety, water-quality, and environmental diagnostics equipment. But after he worked with Northern Essex Community College on a training program, students are now emerging with the proper skills to fill those jobs...The state's 15 community colleges have long worked with employers, but traditionally placed a stronger emphasis on providing classes for students

moving on to four-year colleges, according to Richard Freeland, commissioner of higher education in Massachusetts.

## **BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **BRISTOL CC | Sean McCarthy — BCC Beat: Mastering your own domain - southcoasttoday.com**

03/21/2015 - If you've ever wondered if you have a green thumb and you want the sense of pride that comes from giving back to the community, Bristol Community College is offering a course designed to provide you with lifelong skills that will also help others in a variety of ways. With the Master Gardener certificate program BCC continues to produce ambassadors of community improvement. Whether it's vegetables, flowers, trees or shrubs, the Master Gardener program educates participants with the hopes that what they have learned about agriculture will benefit not only with the beautification of the region but by having their knowledge passed on to others.

### **BRISTOL CC | BCC nursing building receives \$514,000 donation in name of 'inspiring' mother - Sun Chronicle**

03/17/2015 - A donation of \$514,400 in memory of an inspiring mother will help fund construction of the nursing portion of a new health and science facility at Bristol Community College in Fall River.

### **BRISTOL CC | Tour by state senators focuses on education at Bristol Community College learning center in Taunton - Taunton Daily Gazette**

03/11/2015 - Bristol Community College President John J. Sbrega told a visiting delegation of state senators on Wednesday he appreciates their continued support, while at the same time urging them to loosen their purse strings. Sbrega spoke in the gymnasium/auditorium of BCC's "satellite learning center" in the former Taunton Catholic Middle School on Summer Street. Fourteen members of the 40-member Senate delegation were in Taunton as part of what was the seventh of eight day long Commonwealth Conversations tour stops that began a month ago.

## **BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **BUNKER HILL CC | BHCC Magazine Brings Home Two National Communications Awards - MarketWatch**

03/26/2015 - BHCC Magazine, a publication of Bunker Hill Community College, won a gold award in the nationwide communications competition sponsored by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR). A second gold award went to a digital illustration for the BHCC Magazine feature, "In a House of Books." The awards honor outstanding achievement in communications. This year approximately 256 colleges submitted nearly 1,800 entries for the contest. Eighty external marketing and PR professionals from around the country review and score the entries. The awards were announced March 24, 2015, at NCMPR's national conference in Portland, Oregon.

## **GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **GREENFIELD CC | 'I see (GCC) as my Prince Charming': Student credits college with changing her life as foundation kicks off campaign - The Recorder**

03/12/2015 - College had been a fairy tale where Guinevere Arthur Vanhorne grew up in Jamaica. Though she was smart in school, college and education wasn't what her family did. Then, she came to Greenfield Community College. "It was always a dream, but here at GCC it became a reality," Vanhorne said. "Here is a Cinderella story. I see this place as my Prince Charming."

## **HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **HOLYOKE CC | Holyoke Community College Receives Grant For STEM Majors - Learn U**

03/23/2015 - Holyoke Community College will be able to award some very lucky students working hard towards degrees in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields with 20 scholarships each year for the next five years. The ability to offer STEM students these scholarships comes as a result of a very generous award of \$625,540 from a grant from the National Science Foundation and is part of the "Holyoke Community College STEM Scholars Program." The grant is expected to fund 20, \$5,000 scholarships each year for the next five years. HCC is expected to receive \$100,000 a year in order to fund the scholarships with any remaining grants funds to pay for expenses incurred through field trips, conferences, educational necessities and even to compensate guest speakers.

## **MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **MASSASOIT CC | Gateway to College: School Committee Approves Partnership with Massasoit Community College - Everett Independent**

03/17/2015 - The School Committee voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Massasoit Community College on Monday night that will seek to help Everett high school students who have dropped out, or are in danger of dropping out, complete their high school diplomas and begin getting college credit toward a degree.

## **NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **NORTHERN ESSEX CC / UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell, Northern Essex Community College work toward agreement to cut tuition costs - Lowell Sun Online**

03/16/2015 - On the heels of several central Massachusetts colleges and universities announcing partnerships aimed at making a four-year degree more affordable, UMass Lowell Chancellor Marty Meehan said a similar agreement is in the works with Northern Essex Community College. Leaders from Fitchburg State University, Worcester State University, Mount Wachusett Community College and Quinsigamond Community College last week announced the \$30k Commitment Program, which guarantees that a student can earn both an associate and bachelor's degree in four years by starting at a community college and transferring to a state university, with the price capped at \$30,000 for the next six years.

## **NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **NORTH SHORE CC | NSCC Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll - Lynn Journal**

03/18/2015 - For its commitment to community engagement, North Shore Community College has received the 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for General Community Service from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

### **NORTH SHORE CC | NSCC offers guidance to high school students - Itemlive.com**

03/18/2015 - Divine Builou wants to launch her own fashion business after she graduates from Classical High School and she thinks North Shore Community College will be a stop on her way to meeting that goal. ...Billed as a business career day, the Tuesday morning seminar took aim at introducing prospective North Shore students to business and finance study programs offered by the college. Giron said North Shore's \$550 per class tuition is one of the reasons he is thinking about attending the college and using it as a springboard to transfer to a four-year school. He wants start a business.

## **MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **MT.WACHUSETT CC | All Smiles For MWCC Dental Program - Acton Oracle Recorder**

03/24/2015 - Mount Wachusett Community College started a dental education program 10 years ago under the direction of Anne Malkasian with the of goal filling a need in the community. Ms. Malkasian celebrated her retirement as director of the program, which in turn celebrated its new home in the Fitchburg Family Community Health Center and a new dental health alumni scholarship, in front of a crowd of supporters, program graduates and faculty. "I think the dream was realized," Ms. Malkasian said. In 2004, area dentists reported a shortage of dental hygienists and asked for MWCC's help in developing training programs, said Ms. Malkasian. With the help of some generous donations from the dental community, they did. A few years later, the college added a dental assisting program.

## **STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:**

### **BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **BRIDGEWATER STATE U | BSU to celebrate 175 years teaching teachers - Bridgewater Independent**

03/09/2015 - It's been 175 years since education reformer Horace Mann opened a teacher training school in the basement of the Old Bridgewater Town Hall. The one-room, a 40-by-50-foot space, housed an inaugural class of just 21 women and a few men, split into three spaces. "Coiled up in this institution, as in a spring, is a vigor whose uncoiling may wheel the

spheres,” said Mann, then the state Secretary of Education, as what is now Bridgewater State University was established. Today, BSU has roughly 11,500 undergraduate and graduate students on its main, 270-acre campus as well as satellites in Attleboro and on Cape Cod.

### **BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Three BSU presidents come together for ‘fireside chat’ - The Enterprise**

03/24/2015 - A moment to remember in Bridgewater State University’s history comes on Saturday, April 6, when its 10th, 11th and 12th presidents gather for a special “fireside chat.” It is one of a series of special events and celebrations from now through October to celebrate the institution’s 175th birthday year.

## **FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **FRAMINGHAM STATE U | Lawmakers scan the stars at Framingham State - Westborough News**

03/02/2015 - In what seemed more like a field trip for grown-ups than an official legislative expedition, state senators visited Framingham State University’s McAuliffe Center Monday afternoon while on a listening tour around the region. ...On Monday, the center welcomed an especially important group of guests: some of the lawmakers who will play an integral role in shaping the state’s next budget, which, by way of Framingham State’s allocation, helps keep the McAuliffe Center running. “I think we had a great opportunity to show how education in the sciences and technology, which is so very important, can be impactful at a very early age,” said the university’s president, F. Javier Cevallos. “That having experiences like this can make a big difference in the future.”

## **MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN**

### **MASSART | Public Art Challenge - Bloomberg Philanthropies**

03/13/2015 - In May 2015, the Public Art Challenge will grant at least three cities up to \$1 million each over two years to support temporary public art projects that celebrate creativity, enhance urban identity, encourage public-private partnerships, and drive economic development. ...The City of Boston proposes to invigorate its harbor by linking four waterfront sites through artist projects. In partnership with the Institute of Contemporary Art and Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the City plans to commission artists Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller to develop an immersive site-specific artwork alongside pop-up exhibitions and installations by regional and local artists that will reimagine these public spaces.

### **MASSART | Alumni gather at MassArt for ‘Gaining Perspective’ - Boston Globe**

03/23/2015 - A pack of Massachusetts College of Art and Design alums and administrators gathered at the school Friday night for “Gaining Perspective: A Visual History of MassArt,” an exhibition that celebrates the evolution of the school over 142 years. Guests included acting president Kurt Steinberg, former president Kay Sloan, class of ’67 grad (and former director of global design for packaging at Procter & Gamble) Pamela Parisi, sculptor and ’06 MFA grad Nathalie Miebach, Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, and MassArt Board of Trustees chair Richard Marshall.

## **SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **SALEM STATE U | Salem State puts focus on careers - Boston Herald**

03/24/2015 - (Audio) Jamie Satter of Salem State University joined Tom Shattuck and Adriana Cohen on Herald Radio’s “Boston Herald Drive” yesterday to discuss the school’s graduate studies program and open house set for Saturday.

## **WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **WESTFIELD STATE U | Westfield State University science center steel frame rises; live webcam set up - masslive.com**

03/11/2015 - Steelworkers are erecting the frame for Westfield State University’s new \$48 million science center this month. “We’ve been waiting for some decent weather, and now that we have some, steel is being delivered to the site two or three times a week,” said Curt Robie, associate vice president for capital planning at Westfield State.

### **WESTFIELD STATE U | Westfield State University to establish Physician Assistant program - masslive.com**

03/25/2015 - Westfield State University announced on Wednesday it is developing a new graduate degree program in Physician Assistant Studies, which, pending accreditation, would be the first public PA program in New England. The university

has hired educator administrator and practicing physician assistant Jennifer Hixon, who was the founding director of the PA program at Bay Path University, to develop the program at Westfield.

### **WESTFIELD STATE U | Reach to Teach - BusinessWest**

03/24/2015 - Like most urban centers in this country, Springfield struggles to have its teaching force match — or even approach — the diversity and demographic nature of the students sitting in the classrooms. But unlike most of those cities, it is taking a unique, aggressive, and highly imaginative approach to addressing that critical issue. It's called Reach to Teach, an ambitious partnership with Westfield State University, renowned for its education programs throughout its 175-year history (in fact, it was once known as Westfield Teachers College). The program, launched in February, seeks to recruit, mentor, and train Springfield middle- and high-school students of color and eventually return them to the classrooms of their youth through guaranteed employment in the city's public schools.

### **WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### **WORCESTER STATE U | Worcester State to Host One Day Giving Challenge - GoLocalWorcester**

03/25/2015 - Worcester State University will hold its Second Annual Day of Giving Challenge, a one day online fundraising campaign, on April 1. The university's goal is to receive 300 gifts by utilizing social media. Each gift will be doubled by a group of donors from WSU's Board of Trustees, Alumni Advisory Board, and the Worcester State Foundation Board.

#### **WORCESTER STATE U | Brakes put on parking lot plan at Worcester State University - Worcester Mag**

03/17/2015 - After months of keeping the plan under wraps, City Manager Ed Augustus Jr. revealed details of a proposal to pave a field behind Chandler Magnet School, turning it into a parking lot and creating space so commuting Worcester State University students don't clog up the neighborhood. Shortly after the official announcement, however, the plan was scuttled after a massive grassroots outcry from the community.

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## **Higher Education Trends**

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Austin Community College's promising experiment with personalized remedial mathematics - insidehighered**

03/20/2015 - Administrators and instructors at Austin Community College decided to go big when they tried a new approach to remedial math — like 600 computer stations in the nation's largest learning lab big. "We wanted to do something very bold," said Richard Rhodes, Austin's president. "After all, we're in Texas." Most students arrive at community colleges with remedial needs in math and English. And relatively few ever complete their developmental course work, often dropping out of college completely.

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | House Would Cut Student Aid More Than Budget Blueprint Reveals - Chronicle of Higher Education**

03/19/2015 - Turns out the budget outlook for student aid is even bleaker than it seemed. On Tuesday, Republican leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives released a spending blueprint that would freeze the maximum Pell Grant for 10 years and roll back some recent expansions of the program. On Wednesday they revealed that their plan would also abolish the in-school interest subsidy on Stafford loans, reverse a recent expansion of income-based repayment, and end public-sector loan forgiveness.

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | High Tenn. Promise participation numbers boost FAFSA completion rates in state - insidehighered**

03/17/2015 - Tennessee's free community college program is exceeding expectations. Demand remains high and the state's completion rates for federal aid applications are up, which is putting colleges on notice about a likely influx of students. "We couldn't be happier where we are," said Mike Krause, executive director of the Tennessee Promise program.

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Scaling Student Support: Confessions of a Community College Dean: By Matt Reed and Susanna Williams - insidehighered**

03/16/2015 - In the Wild West future of unbundled higher education that has been proposed in various forms by Kevin Carey, Anya Kamenetz, and Jeff Selinger, the targeted student seems to be a solo outlaw, a confident autodidact who hungers for the unbound autonomy of a "DIY" bespoke education. Those of us who have actually taught students and worked on campuses know how this kind of student is lovely to find but exceedingly rare. Most of our students are more like townspeople — good citizens of various backgrounds who have other demands on

their time and need a community to support their success. In an era of educational disinvestment, however, that kind of support is extremely expensive and difficult to scale beyond individual institutions. In the spirit of Mr. Carey's latest book, however, we thought we'd take a turn at reimagining higher education- - beyond unbundling.

### **HIGHER EDTRENDS | Column: By Jill Barshay: The student debt crisis may be largely about the smallest borrowers - The Hechinger Report**

03/16/2015 - Last month, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported that student loan balances rose to \$1.16 trillion dollars and that 11.3 percent of that is in delinquency — that is, not being paid back. The New York Fed is worried that this debt is preventing students from becoming self-sufficient adults who can live on their own. “Student loan delinquencies and repayment problems appear to be reducing borrowers’ ability to form their own households,” wrote Donghoon Lee, research officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in a press release accompanying the Feb. 17 report.

### **HIGHER EDTRENDS | Is Arizona State University the model for the new American university? - Hechinger Report**

03/11/2015 - The students spread out on the grass at Arizona State University look far too young to actually go here, or even to be thinking about college. In fact, they're sixth-graders from a middle school in the largely Hispanic, low-income neighborhood of West Phoenix, pausing on a tour of the campus for a brown-bag lunch under the desert sun....After more than a decade of remaking itself, the university has become a model of what higher education in America should be, according to a new book by its outspoken president, Michael Crow: a place judged not by who it turns away, but by who it accepts, and how many of its students ultimately graduate.

### **HIGHER EDTRENDS | Gates Foundation announces four priority policy areas on college completion, with data system to come - insidehighered**

03/11/2015 - After spending roughly half a billion dollars on the college completion agenda during the last seven years, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is ready to be more assertive about what it thinks should happen in four key areas of higher education policy. The foundation lays out what an official there calls its “strategy reboot” in a newly released document. It describes a focus on data and information, finance and financial aid, college readiness, and innovation and scale.

### **HIGHER EDTRENDS | Compilation on Student Success at Community Colleges - insidehighered**

03/04/2015 - Inside Higher Ed is pleased to release today The Quest for Student Success at Community Colleges, our latest compilation of articles. As with other such print-on-demand booklets, the compilation groups together pieces that explore different strategies used by faculty members and institutions -- and efforts to track their success.

### **HIGHER EDTRENDS | The Odd Couple: Robert DeLeo and Stan Rosenberg - Boston Magazine**

APRIL 2015 - Last summer, I reported that Robert DeLeo, the speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, had his eyes on a remarkable power grab: eliminating term limits for his own position, allowing him to reign as Speaker for Life. At the time, DeLeo and his top lieutenants denied that such a tactic had ever even occurred to them. Perish the thought. ...A few brave House members spoke out against the change, and were later punished with unimportant committee assignments. That's how power works in DeLeo's House. Across the hall, the new state Senate President, Stan Rosenberg, has also overseen a few new rule changes, but his have been noticeably different. While DeLeo is amassing power, Rosenberg is happily giving it away, introducing rules to make the Senate more transparent and less centralized under his direct control.

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Debunked: \$1 trillion in student debt and other myths about the liberal arts - The Hechinger Report**

03/26/2015 - At a time when critics question the value of a college education, a degree in the liberal arts is under more scrutiny than ever before. The study of history, literature, psychology, philosophy and other fields, critics claim, is a luxury we can no longer afford. Scarce public tax dollars, if used at all, should focus on the hard sciences, such as engineering and technology. But the critique of liberal arts education is founded on three widely held views that are, quite simply, wrong.

### **HIGHER EDTRENDS | Nearly half of four-year college graduates attended two-year college - insidehighered**

03/26/2015 - Nearly half of all students graduating with a four-year degree in the 2013-14 school year had some experience within a two-year institution. That detail is a part of a new report released Wednesday by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, which found 46 percent of all students who completed a 4-year degree had been enrolled at a 2-year institution at some point in the past 10 years.

**HIGHER EDTRENDS | Newer studies say online instruction neither harms nor benefits the average university student - The Hechinger Report**

03/23/2015 - Does online learning work? Do college students learn better, or at least as well, from computer instruction as they do from a human teacher? That's a question asked over and over again by not only students, parents and professors, but also by academic researchers. It's especially important because universities are offering more and more of their courses online. Almost 5.3 million university students took at least one course online in the 2013-14 academic year, a 4 percent increase from the previous year, according to a Babson Survey Research Group report citing federal data.\*

**HIGHER EDTRENDS | Closing the gap between school and work - USA Today**

03/23/2015 - Dressed in hospital scrubs, Manida My heard "code blue" and saw her patient's heartbeat on the monitor: "At first, I was really nervous. My heart was racing," said the 17-year-old, a senior at Lakewood High School in Long Beach, Calif. "I realized I had somebody helping me and I was more confident . . . Even though it was kind of scary, it was a good kind of thrill." My was one of 21 Long Beach students assigned a role — such as doctor, nurse, phlebotomist— and given a mentor to treat 'Johnny', a simulated patient at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. The class is an example of how schools are combining rigorous college preparation with hands-on learning a concept that is growing in popularity around the U.S. Proponents say such programs are reversing drop out rates for high-risk students.

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