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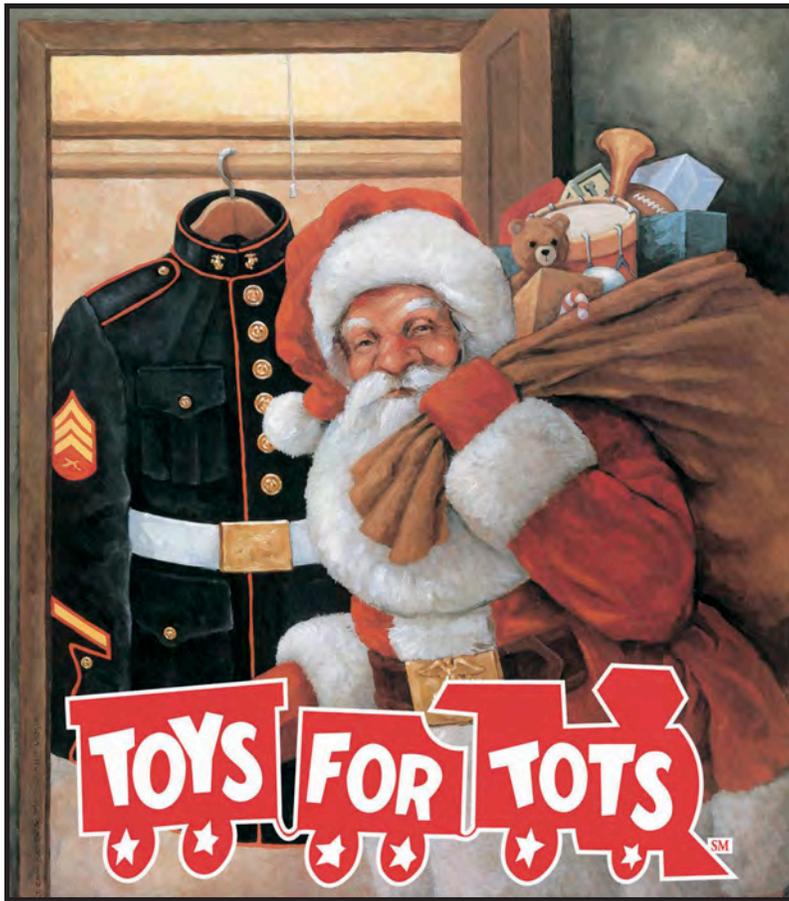
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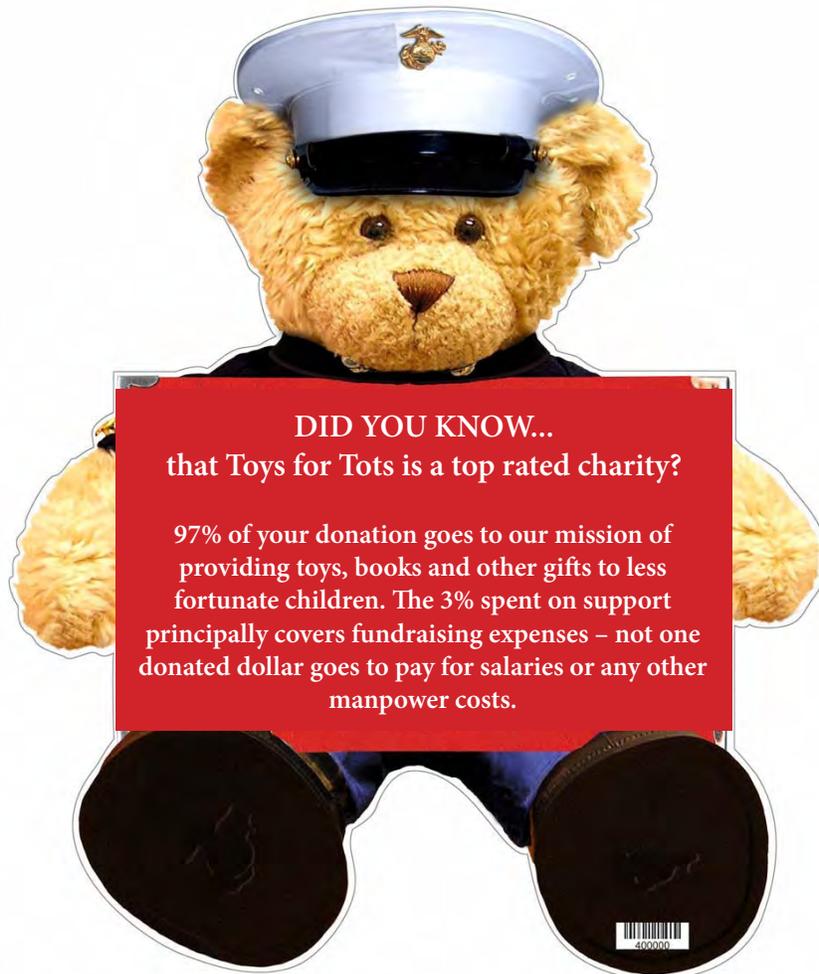
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Thank you to all staff representatives, stewards, and Council 93 for their continuous hard work all season long... ~President Hanley

**Wishing all of the members of AFSCME Local 1067 at
Massasoit Community College a joyous and health holiday season!**

**Sheila Kearns
Chief Steward Unit I/
Parliamentarian**



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

- Critical team is in effect
- ULP filed against BHE for failure to meet for Step IV grievances.
- Short-term Win at RCC - State auditors rule they must bid the IT work. Local 1067 will be working with International to bid on the work.
- Please remember to support our Union Brothers and Sisters of MCCC in their Work-to-Rule job action!
- Reminder - School of the month begins in January, first up: Berkshire Community College!
Submit information to Sheila Kearns @ skearns1@massasoit.mass.edu

President Hanley would like to thank
all those that supported him in his
re-election as Vice President
of Council 93.



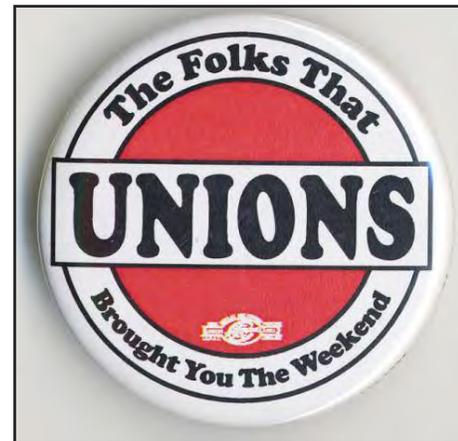
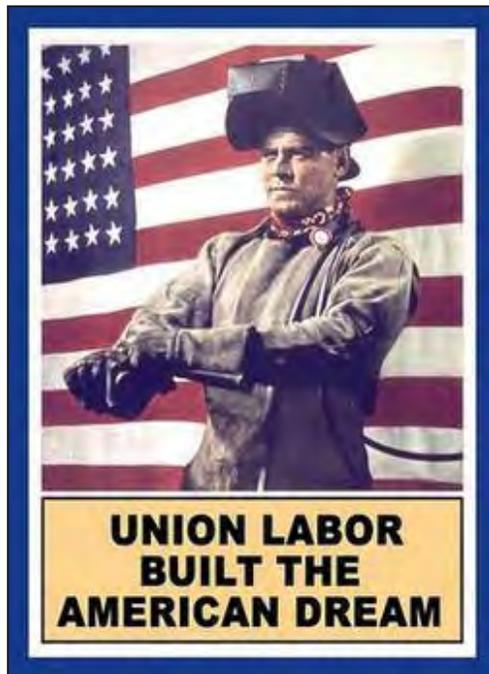
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Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Newsclips

PUBLIC HIGHER ED | Fall enrollments drop at public colleges in Central Mass. - telegram.com

10/28/2015 - Affected by a dip in the number of high school graduates and changes to the economy, several local public colleges are projected to have lower enrollments this fall, according to the state's Department of Higher Education. Worcester State University, after years of increases, saw its first decline in its fall undergraduate headcount since 2007, as enrollment dipped from 5,563 last year to an estimated 5,515 this year. The region's two community colleges, while having rolling enrollment periods that could change the final tallies, have also reported lower headcounts this year, continuing a recent trend at the schools. Quinsigamond Community College's totals dropped from 8,450 to 8,064, while Mount Wachusett Community College's numbers slipped from 4,336 to 4,106. ... "These enrollment trends are part of a boom-to-bust cycle that is normal and reflective of both demographic changes and economic trends," Higher Education Commissioner Carlos Santiago said in a statement.

UMASS AMHERST | Commonwealth Honors College Residential Complex receives LEED Silver certification - The Massachusetts Daily Collegian

11/05/2015 - The Commonwealth Honors College complex at the University of Massachusetts has been awarded a certification commending its architecture and facilities for achieving a high level of self-sustainability. The United States Green Building Council, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable building design and operation, awarded the Honors College a Silver Certificate in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design this fall.

UMASS SYSTEM | DeLeo: UMass Funding 'Not As Easy' In New Budget Period - WBUR

11/04/2015 - An agreement between the University of Massachusetts and the Senate to pave the way for the state to pay for university contracts could be too little too late after House Speaker Robert DeLeo on Wednesday stamped a giant caution mark on the plan. Senate President Stanley Rosenberg said he planned to push for inclusion of \$10.9 million for the University of Massachusetts in a future spending bill after university officials committed to using \$5 million for financial aid for high-needs students if the funds are approved.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass perplexed by Beacon Hill snub - Boston Globe

11/04/2015 - After months of back-and-forth with lawmakers, University of Massachusetts president Martin T. Meehan felt sure he had secured \$10.9 million to pay overdue raises promised to staff and professors. After all, Meehan figured, he could count on backing from Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg, a UMass graduate considered one of the system's staunchest Beacon Hill allies. Meehan was in for a shock. When it was time to vote, the money was conspicuously absent from the Senate bill. The failure of Rosenberg's Senate to come to UMass' rescue last week has perplexed many on Beacon Hill, introduced tension between two traditional allies, and raised the prospect of future turmoil for the system.

UMASS SYSTEM | Presidents of UMass, state Senate conflict on contours of funding deal - masslive.com

11/04/2015 - It started out as a good news story. After the University of Massachusetts did not get \$10.9 million it had hoped for in a supplemental budget bill, the presidents of the university and the state Senate came to an agreement that would give the university the money in exchange for the university setting aside \$5 million for financial aid. Within hours, the announcement devolved into a bizarre dispute over what exactly was the nature of the deal. The dispute was only the latest example in a period of some tension between historic allies – the university system and Senate President Stan Rosenberg, D-Amherst, whose district includes UMass' flagship campus.

UMASS AMHERST | UMass Center for Data Science draws representatives from Amazon, Google and more to campus - GazetteNet.com

10/29/2015 - Well-known businesses and organizations in Massachusetts and beyond are lavishing both time and money on the new Center for Data Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The center, established earlier this year, has received more than \$1.5 million worth of computer hardware, cloud computing infrastructure, data sets and research funding from companies including Amazon, Google, MassMutual, Microsoft Research, Oracle Labs, Thomson Reuters and Yahoo, according to Andrew McCallum, director of the new center.

UMASS AMHERST | UMass ranked among top research universities - Massachusetts Daily Collegian

10/28/2015 - The U.S. News and World Report recently released its annual ranking of best global universities, placing the University of Massachusetts as 106th on a list of 750 institutions. Notably, UMass was recognized as a model research university, ranking 102nd globally and 53rd regionally, with agricultural sciences, arts and humanities, environmental science, chemistry and space science all ranking within the top 100 in their fields.

UMASS AMHERST | UMass Amherst professor Joseph Berger named chair of global higher ed initiative - GazetteNet.com

10/26/2015 - A University of Massachusetts professor who has worked on improving access to higher education across the world has been tapped to lead a global research effort along the same lines. As chairman of the Global Higher Education & Research Challenge, Joseph Berger will oversee efforts to study barriers to higher education worldwide, such as limited access and inequity, and work to propose reform policies for research and education.

MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Easy access to community college is a boon to immigrant students starting out in the US - KOSU

10/28/2015 - About a quarter of the students at community colleges nationwide come from immigrant backgrounds. They come in all sorts of ways, for all sorts of reasons, but the common denominator is access. "The mission of access is so central to what we do that it is extended in a very seamless way to the immigrant population, who already face so many hurdles," said Yanina Vargas-Arriaga, vice president for student affairs at Holyoke.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BRISTOL CC | Editorial: BCC makes more help available to Bristol County veterans - The Herald News

11/05/2015 - Just in time for Veterans Day, Bristol County veterans have a wonderful new resource offering those who have served our nation a variety of educational and job placement resources on the Fall River campus of Bristol Community College. On Tuesday, BCC officials dedicated and opened the Veterans Educational Services Center. The center, on the second floor of BCC's Bristol College Center, Room G220, includes counseling services, academic advisory services, help with job placement and assistance with resume construction.

BRISTOL CC | BCC's healthcare programs to support future jobs on SouthCoast - southcoasttoday.com

10/29/2015 - Bristol Community College's Center for Workforce and Community Education is providing specific courses in healthcare to address a need, according to a news release from the college. Medical assistants, nursing assistants, home health aides and personal care aides are among the many healthcare occupations with the largest projected increase in employment, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BRISTOL CC | Major awards for college communications at BCC - southcoasttoday.com

10/25/2015 - Two members of the College Communications office at Bristol Community College received top honors for professional achievement from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) at the organization's district conference in Hershey, PA, this month. The department also brought back six awards for excellence for projects from the 2014-15 academic year.

BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BUNKER HILL CC | Bill Walczak to Chair Bunker Hill Community College Board of Trustees - PRNewswire

11/02/2015 - The Massachusetts Director of Boards and Commissions, Ed Palleschi, swore in William J. Walczak as chair of the Bunker Hill Community College Board of Trustees in a ceremony at the State House on October 22. Walczak is president and CEO of the South End Community Health Center. He is president and co-founder of Codman Academy Charter Public School in Dorchester, the first public school located within a community health center.

BUNKER HILL CC | Community college offers true vocation - Boston Herald

10/26/2015 - After completing Madison Park Technical Vocational High School but not college, (Manny DaSilveira) found work in various jobs, most recently at a senior center in Dorchester. But when entering his 30s, DaSilveira said, he felt he needed to learn skills to further his career and help support his family. So, he enrolled in Bunker Hill Community College, and eventually in one of the school's newly created apprenticeship-like utilities programs. DaSilveira is now in the college's Gas Utility Technology degree-option program, which launched in the fall. The educational track follows the college's established Electric Power Utility Technology program. Both tracks are similarly structured, taking two years to complete and offering textbook as well as technical and paid, hands-on training with company partners. Both also conclude not only with an associate of science degree, but also with many qualifications needed to work in industry jobs.

CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CAPE COD CC | Enrollment Open for New Aviation Maintenance Program at 4Cs - capecod.com

11/05/2015 - Enrollment has opened for Cape Cod Community College's new Aviation Maintenance Technology program. The first classes will start on January 25 and prepare students for Federal Aviation Administration certification as airframe and power plant technicians, which requires 1900 hours of general, airframe and power plant training.

CAPE COD CC | College, conservatory unite to improve arts education - capecodtimes.com

11/05/2015 - The Cape Conservatory and Cape Cod Community College are partnering to enhance performing arts education, according to a conservatory statement. College ensembles and arts classes will now be able to use the conservatory's dance and music studio rehearsal space, practice rooms and digital keyboard lab classroom during off-peak hours, according to the statement. College students also will have access to internships and specialized study opportunities, such as private applied music lessons, which they may take for college credit at the conservatory.

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GREENFIELD CC | Community Legal Aid Receives \$15,000 for Partnership with GCC - businesswest.com

11/05/2015 - Community Legal Aid (CLA) announced receipt of a \$15,000 grant from the Franklin Fund of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts to fund a second year of its Legal Educational Partnership with Greenfield Community College (GCC).

GREENFIELD CC | Greenfield Community College Downtown Center now hosts 4 groups - masslive.com

10/30/2015 - Four non-profit organizations that serve western Massachusetts will share office space at Greenfield Community College's Downtown Center as a base for building stronger relationships with the people and organizations of Franklin County. The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts, Leadership Pioneer Valley, and the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts will each staff the office one day a week, the college said this week.

GREENFIELD CC | What's being done to help college students who are also homeless - WWLP.com

10/28/2015 - They're college students, but they're also homeless. Some students transitioning into college have no secure place to live. Some were kicked out of home, others come from foster care. A forum at Greenfield Community College brought educators and community outreach organizations together. Their goal: to make resources available for homeless college students.

GREENFIELD CC | How Massachusetts is leading the way in energy efficiency - WWLP.com

10/26/2015 - The American Council of Energy-Efficiency Economy issued its annual listing and ranked Massachusetts as the county's most energy efficient state. ...Greenfield Community College also uses green energy. The college gets some of its energy from the sun. They've invested in solar panels to help power the college. "I also know that they just changed all the light bulbs in a lot of the buildings to more sustainable ones, so, it's nice because you know you're using and saving energy and saving our planet," said Emily Walker, a GCC student.

GREENFIELD CC | GCC congratulated for educational workforce training - The Recorder

10/25/2015 - Greenfield Community College has received a citation from the state for its commitment to providing workforce training opportunities for adults. The citation recognizes GCC for its Plus 50 Encore Completion Program,

which trains people over 50 for new jobs in health care, education and social services. "GCC did an amazing job of recruiting, educating and training older workers utilizing this curriculum," said Geoff Vercauteren, director of Healthcare Workforce Development in the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOLYOKE CC | Holyoke Community College opens second Thrive financial success center - masslive.com

11/04/2015 - Holyoke Community College, the United Way of Pioneer Valley and PeoplesBank will host a grand opening of the second Thrive financial success center Tues., Nov. 10. The new Thrive center will be located on the first floor of the Picknelly Adult and Family Education Center at 206 Maple St., Holyoke, and will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 4:30.

HOLYOKE CC | Robert Gilbert Jr. Named Chair of HCC Board of Trustees - Business West

10/28/2015 - The Dowd Insurance Agencies today announced that its chairman of the board, Robert Gilbert Jr., has been appointed by Gov. Charlie Baker as the new chair of the Holyoke Community College (HCC) Board of Trustees.

MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSBAY CC | Careers in the auto industry: 10 colleges not to miss - Cherokee County News Advocate

11/03/2015 - One in 22 jobs in the United States is related in some way to the automotive industry. Yet, it's hard to think of a single college program that's devoted to training people in those jobs. For high school juniors and seniors considering college who also have an interest in the automotive industry, BestRide has selected 10 colleges that provide training for just about every facet of the automotive industry, from auto technicians all the way up to auto designers. ...MassBay Community College is far from alone in providing students with a degree-based, hands-on automotive technology program supported by OEMs. Like community colleges across the country, MassBay Community College not only provides students with the automotive technology background they need to be placed in jobs in automotive service departments, but it also requires students to take two years' worth of 100- and 200-level college courses to earn an Associate's Degree.

MASSBAY CC | After bumpy road, MassBay nursing now a model - MetroWest Daily News

10/27/2015 - When MassBay Community College's nursing students weren't passing their licensure exams, the school made a drastic change to concept-based education. Four years later, MassBay is now teaching other schools how to better their nursing programs. Nursing Program Director Patti Collins said the school's switch has made it a pioneer in the state as the only pre-licensure program in Massachusetts using the model across the board. Next month, the program will serve as a starting point for a Wyoming college when administrators head to MassBay to learn how to mimic its nursing curriculum.

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex Community College ranked sixth among military friendly community colleges - Bedford Minuteman

11/05/2015 - Middlesex Community College was ranked sixth on a list of military friendly community colleges in the country, with help from the college's Veterans Resource Center, Veterans Advisory Board and other special veterans services. Middlesex has received a 2016 designation as a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the leader in connecting the military and civilian worlds.

MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MT.WACHUSETT CC | A community college that found a way not to charge these DREAMers extra for school - SDPB Radio

11/01/2015 - That's when Dos Santos learned how expensive college is in the US, how she would likely be charged much higher international student rates as an undocumented student, and that she would not be eligible for financial aid. The federally funded college access program, Gear Up, was run by the local community college, Mount Wachusett. The program staff couldn't bear to see Dos Santos and other undocumented students slip through the cracks. "We graduated," Dos Santos remembered, "and they were like, 'Oh my God, these kids are really smart and they're not going to be able to afford college because they're undocumented. Are we just going to leave them? We brought them this far, we told them to work

harder and they would get their education and be successful and now we're not going to do anything?"

MT.WACHUSETT CC | Community College is the Place to Be - Gardner News

10/30/2015 - Nearly half of the country's 20 million college students attend community colleges, and that should come as no surprise. Undeniably, community colleges provide the most cost-effective, high-quality option available in higher education. A community college education is affordable, transferable and accessible, making it an excellent educational value for students of all ages and backgrounds, whether they plan to immediately enter their chosen career field or transfer to the public or private institution of their choice to earn a bachelor's degree. This year, community colleges like Mount Wachusett remain at the center of a national dialogue about our country's higher education needs and goals, the strategic role community colleges play in boosting the economy, and their ability to provide an affordable solution to the student loan debt crisis that is now over \$1 trillion.

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Regis Launches Satellite in Lawrence with Northern Essex Community College - Business Wire

11/04/2015 - Regis, a leading Catholic University, Northern Essex Community College (NECC), and the City of Lawrence today announced the launch of a new satellite of Regis in downtown Lawrence. The satellite, Regis North, will focus on bringing new educational and professional opportunities to the City and area residents. Through a partnership with NECC, Regis will offer flexible and convenient bachelor degree completion programs in nursing, public health and health sciences that lead to in-demand health care careers.

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTH SHORE CC | Spreading her wings as flight instructor - The Boston Globe

11/05/2015 - When Alexa Singer was in eighth grade and named citizen of the month at her school, she was asked what she wanted to be when she grew up. "A pilot" she replied. She was told girls don't become pilots. Singer, 42, of Marblehead, proved them wrong. She became an accomplished pilot, flight instructor, and now coordinator of the aviation program at North Shore Community College in Danvers. "The training is what's changing the industry," she said.

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

QUINSIGAMOND CC | State audit finds no issues at QCC - telegram.com

10/26/2015 - Quinsigamond Community College appears to be humming along fine, according to a recent audit done by state Auditor Suzanne Bump's office. The latest report, a regularly scheduled performance audit that looked at the college's activities from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, "did not identify any significant deficiencies" in the areas auditors focused on, according to the executive summary. Those areas included: trust fund accounts; property and equipment inventories; administrative expenditures; compliance with the state law governing the reporting of stolen or missing property; and compliance with the federal Clery Act, which requires colleges to track and report campus crime statistics

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ROXBURY CC | Roxbury Community College to build 'solar canopy' for electricity - BetaBoston

10/30/2015 - Roxbury Community College is receiving a \$600,000 grant to fund a solar canopy that will power about 20 percent of the campus's total electricity use, the Baker-Polito Administration said Friday. The state Department of Energy Resources's Leading by Example Solar Canopy Grant Program is funding the grant that will save the college more than \$5 million over 20 years as a result of reduced electricity costs and projected revenue generated through Solar Renewable Energy Certificates, Matthew Beaton, energy and environmental affairs secretary, said in a statement.

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Community colleges are affordable, practical and increasingly popular - Public Radio International

10/27/2015 - (Audio) Community colleges have long operated in the shadows of more expensive, elite four-year colleges, but worries about the cost of college are now drawing students to these two-year programs. A new survey by WGBH News shows Americans believe

strongly that community colleges are essential to providing families with opportunities.

STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

MASSART / MASSBAY CC | Baker appoints three as college trustees - Wellesley Townsman

11/03/2015 - A former top Weld and Romney administration official and the husband of a state lawmaker were among three new appointments made Tuesday by Gov. Charlie Baker to the boards of trustees at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and Massachusetts Bay Community College. Peter Nessen, a former top education adviser to Gov. Mitt Romney and budget chief under Gov. William Weld, was appointed by Baker to the board of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Baker also formalized Thomas Peisch's role as chair of the board at Massachusetts Bay Community College and put Diane Schmalensee on the Wellesley college's board. Peisch is the husband of Rep. Alice Peisch, a Wellesley Democrat and co-chair of the Education Committee.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MCLA | North Adams, MCLA Seek Votes to Turn Colegrove Park Into Musical Destination - iBerkshires.com

11/05/2015 - The city and MCLA are hoping to "AMP" up the local music scene with a series of free concerts next year. But to get them, the wider community will have to prove it's behind the idea in the most democratic way — by voting.

MCLA PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | Five Finalists Named in MCLA Presidential Search - iBerkshires.com

10/30/2015 - The Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Board of Trustees has accepted the recommendations of the Presidential Search Committee, who have identified five finalists for the next president of the college. The five finalists are: Mary S. "Missy" Alexander, Ph.D., dean, Macriostas School of Arts and Sciences at Western Connecticut State University; James F. "Jaimie" Birge, Ph.D., interim president at Marygrove College and previous president at Franklin Pierce University; Scott R. Furlong, Ph.D., dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; S. Alan Ray, Ph.D., J.D., visiting scholar at Harvard Law School and previous president at Elmhurst College; and Andrew Rogerson, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at Sonoma State University.

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

SALEM STATE U / UMASS LOWELL | SAT losing favor as more Mass. colleges end requirement - Boston Globe

11/06/2015 - With a backlash against high-stakes standardized tests growing, more colleges and universities are discarding the SAT as a requirement, as they question its ability to accurately predict college success. Hundreds of schools have eliminated the test requirement, including some two dozen this year alone. Most are small, private colleges, but this fall, two area public universities — the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Salem State University — joined the trend. Administrators for both schools say they expect to draw a more demographically diverse pool of applicants, including some who may have been discouraged from applying because of the SAT requirement.

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

WESTFIELD STATE U PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | California sociologist Ramon Torrecilha chosen as

Westfield State University president - GazetteNet.com

10/28/2015 - A lifelong educator from California has been named the next president of Westfield State University, pending confirmation by state higher education officials. The university's board of trustees Wednesday unanimously recommended Ramon S. Torrecilha, a professor of sociology and former provost and vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Dominguez Hills, for the job. If approved by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Torrecilha would be the first Latino to serve as president in the university's 176-year history.

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

WORCESTER STATE U | State honors Worcester State University with LBE award for energy efficiency - telegram.com

11/01/2015 - Worcester State University has been recognized by the Baker-Polito administration during the ninth annual Leading By Example awards ceremony Oct. 21. State and local entities were acknowledged for significant and innovative leadership in reducing energy and emissions, increasing deployment of renewable energy and alternative transportation opportunities and implementing other sustainable measures at their facilities.

WORCESTER STATE U | Worcester State University to name education department for late city schoolteacher Barbara O'Brien - masslive.com

10/27/2015 - During her 34-year career as an elementary and special education teachers in the city schools, Barbara (Hickey) O'Brien often credited her "excellent" Worcester State University education with preparing her for the classroom. After her death in March, she donated a further endowment earmarked for the education department of the Worcester State University. The university is now honoring O'Brien by naming their education department after the longtime teacher.

Higher Education Trends

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Boston Calling, To Everywhere and Nowhere, Community college as a gateway to higher education - BBC World Service

11/06/2015 - (Audio) For immigrants to the United States, one of the most accessible pathways to higher education is through community college - a public institution that provides an affordable way to get a full university degree.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | New Lumina Papers on Performance-Based Funding - Inside Higher Ed

11/04/2015 - The Lumina Foundation this week released the first four of 13 papers it plans to roll out in coming months on performance-based funding in higher education. At least 35 states are either developing or using funding formulas that link support for public colleges to student completion rates, degree production numbers or other metrics. The Lumina papers look at how those policies are working, with particular interest in their impact on the completion rates of underserved student populations.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Parents' Fears Confirmed: Liberal Arts Students Earn Less - WSJ

11/03/2015 - For the first time, government data back up what some parents have long suspected: Students who choose elite liberal arts colleges don't earn as much money early in their careers as those who attend highly selective research universities. The disparity, determined by a Wall Street Journal analysis of the data, means that some liberal arts colleges may face tough questions about the potential payoff of their expensive tuition. That may be especially true for students needing financial aid, the group covered by the government's figures.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Feds encourage dual-enrollment through experimental access to Pell Grants - Inside Higher Ed

11/02/2015 - When low-income students take credit-bearing college courses while still in high school, research has shown they are more likely to graduate from high school, enroll in college and then stick with it. So-called dual enrollment programs have become increasingly popular, with 1.4 million high school students taking a college course during a recent year. About 2,000 colleges and universities offer dual enrollment, according to the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Lumina highlights ways states have increased productivity in higher education - Inside Higher Ed

10/30/2015 - Performance-based funding, developmental education reforms and student completion incentives are a few of the initiatives states have launched in the last few years as ways to invest in their higher education systems while maintaining quality. And the Lumina Foundation has helped encourage these -- sometimes controversial -- policies.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Report highlights colleges that do poor job of enrolling low-income students - Inside Higher Ed

10/29/2015 - Some of the most selective and well-known public universities could do a better job of enrolling and graduating low-income students. A new report from the Institute for Higher Education Policy examined those selective colleges that have low Pell Grant recipient enrollments to find the best methods for solving this controversial “undermatching” phenomenon. Addressing and studying the undermatching issue has been a priority of the Obama administration.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Narrow Gateway: Undocumented Students Get Access, But Most Don't Get Aid - On Campus

10/29/2015 - (Audio) Just this week some undocumented immigrant students in Massachusetts were made eligible for a prestigious state scholarship at four-year public schools. Immigration advocates welcome that development, but say much more needs to be done. Most undocumented students, including those who attend the state's community colleges, are still not eligible for financial aid.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Playing Catch Up: Is Developmental Education Hurting Community College Students? - On Campus

10/28/2015 - (Audio) A few months ago, WGBH's Higher Education Desk decided to take a look at how Americans view community colleges. WGBH News commissioned a national poll that shows people think community colleges are a good value and provide upward mobility. But the poll also shows there's a feeling that community colleges are a good option for students with bad grades in high school - a perception backed by fact: More than half of all community college students do need to take developmental courses in math or English before starting their two-year degrees. So some schools are trying something different to prevent these students from dropping out.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Will STEM Education Be The Child Left Behind? - NPR

10/28/2015 - (Audio) Leaders in business, education and politics love to talk up how important Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education is for America's future. Innovations! Jobs! Progress! are all at stake, they often argue. Just last week, President Obama hosted scores of mostly young people for an evening of stargazing and fun space talk at the second-ever White House Astronomy Night.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Culture Shift: Hitting the Books for a Better Life - On Campus

10/27/2015 - (Audio) About a quarter of the students who attend community college in the U.S. come from immigrant backgrounds. They face the same challenges as their non-immigrant classmates but they also experience a different set of struggles, related to language, culture, and helping their families navigate life in a new land.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Working Stiff: Community College Students Struggle to Balance Jobs and School - On Campus

10/27/2015 - (Audio) For many of the hundreds of thousands of students attending community college in the United States, focusing solely on school is not an option. According to the results of a WGBH News poll, 70 percent of students enrolled in community college are also working - many of them full-time. In response, community colleges are trying to provide the right support for working students who struggle to stay afloat.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Community Colleges: Affordable, Practical, and Increasingly Popular - On Campus

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**WELCOME
Robert Johnson and
Owen Wiggins Join
the BHE**



Robert Johnson (left) and Owen Wiggins (right)

A new enrollment report presented Tuesday to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) shows that overall undergraduate enrollment at the Commonwealth's public colleges and universities has declined by 1.8 percent since fall 2014, while increasing at three University of Massachusetts campuses and at one state university. The Fall 2015 Early Enrollment Report, based on enrollment estimates provided by 28 public undergraduate campuses, shows:

- an overall 4.3% decline in open enrollments at the state's community colleges in the last year (representing a loss of 4,181 students);
- a slight 0.8% decline at the nine state universities (representing a loss of 320 students); and
- a 1.7% increase in overall enrollments at the four undergraduate campuses of the University of Massachusetts (a gain of 952 students).

Massachusetts is one of 15 states located in the Northeast and upper Midwest whose populations of high school students are projected to shrink by more than 5 percent within the next eight years. Many of the community college enrollment declines correspond to population losses in certain regions of the state, such as Cape Cod and the Berkshires. "These enrollment trends are part of a boom-to-bust cycle that is normal and reflective of both demographic changes and economic trends," said Carlos Santiago, Commissioner of Higher Education.

Go Higher: Discover Your Community Colleges, State Universities & UMass Campuses

In September, the DHE joined with the college access program GEAR UP to launch Go Higher! The campaign promotes student access and awareness of opportunities across the public higher education system, with a slate of events for high school students and a new website to help them prepare for college and career choices after high school. Over the course of this academic year, students and recent alumni from public campuses will reach more than 8,000 high school students across the state with advice on how to choose a college and a major, adjust to campus life, and preparing for careers through internships and research opportunities.

"What I really want high school students to know is that our public colleges and universities are not only affordable but also amazing places for students to grow as leaders and scholars," said speaker Micah Klayman, a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College who has transferred to Worcester State University to earn his bachelor's degree. "After my experience, I am steadfast in that belief."

At its first meeting of the academic year last week, the BHE welcomed two new members:

- Robert Johnson, Ph.D., president of Becker College. A native of Detroit, Michigan, Robert holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Trident University International, a master's degree in education administration from the University of Cincinnati, and a bachelor's degree in economics from Morehouse College.
- Owen Wiggins, student member of the BHE and junior at UMass Amherst's Isenberg School of Management. A Norwell High graduate, Owen is president and founder of The University Union, a campus organization dedicated to debate and educating the electorate.

Robert replaces Maura Banta, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs for IBM, whose term on the BHE had expired. Owen takes over the year-long student position from Nathan Gregoire, who graduated from Fitchburg State University in spring 2015.

JOB POSTINGS

We're Hiring: Budget Director & Senior Budget Analyst



The DHE is currently searching for a Budget Director and a Senior Budget Analyst. Applications due November 12, 2015.

ON THE ROAD

Commissioner Santiago Visits UMass Dartmouth



On Oct. 28, Commissioner Santiago paid a visit to the UMass Dartmouth campus to discuss his economic development experience as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee. Pictured: John Fernandes, Director, Science & Engineering Center; Angappa Gunasekaran, Dean, Charlton College of Business; George Hempte, Executive Director / CEO, Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board; Commissioner Santiago; and Anthony Baird, Director of Corporate Program Development, Charlton College of Business.

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Dear Academy Family,

As you have probably heard, the Coast Guard has decided to call off the search for the mariners lost aboard the El Faro as of sunset Wednesday. Please continue to keep Jeff's and Keith's loved ones and the families of all those lost in your thoughts and prayers in this very difficult time. As I informed you all in the past few days, their families would welcome notes of support - and now, I am sure, even more so. We individually do not have the power to erase their pain but, perhaps, a few hundred cards will let them know that they are not alone.

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Heartfelt thanks for all of the kind words of support during the trying hardships over the past year.

They are appreciated more than you know.

Kevin Hanley & family



Monthly Executive Board Meetings
take place on the second Tuesday of every month.

Worcester Elks
233 Mill Street
Worcester, MA

9:30 a.m.

Questions? Please contact a table officer.

