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BREAKING NEWS!!

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has agreed to hear the case, Friedrich v. California Teachers Association, that challenges under freedom of speech and association grounds “agency fees,” which require non-member government workers to pay union dues to cover the cost of collective bargaining.

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What's Going on...



During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether Congress actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed. Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but another Founding Father who became a President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831, thus becoming the third President in a row who died on the holiday. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and, so far, is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day.

OBSERVANCE

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

- In 1778, from his headquarters at Ross Hall, near New Brunswick, New Jersey, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute (feu de joie). Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.
- In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.
- In 1781 the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.
- In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled "The Psalm of Joy." This is recognized as the first recorded celebration and is still celebrated there today.
- In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.
- In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

BHE OKS PERFORMANCE FUNDING PLAN FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES



Nine Universities to Receive Portion of State Funding Based on % of Students Earning Diplomas

In an effort to hold the state's public colleges and universities more accountable for the number of students who successfully complete degree programs, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) yesterday approved a new performance-based funding formula for the Commonwealth's nine state universities, one that will tie a portion of their future state funding to the overall number and type of graduates they produce.

"This funding formula was developed at the direction of the Massachusetts Legislature and with the close cooperation of and in consultation with the state university presidents," said Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner of Higher Education. "It will reward our public campuses for helping some of our neediest students earn their degrees, and it also will improve our ability to provide graduates who are ready for work in the knowledge-based industries that drive economic growth."

The state university funding formula will be applied to \$5.6 million expected to be allocated to the institutions in a new line item in the FY2016 budget. The funding, which is separate from the base appropriation for individual campuses, will be distributed to campuses once the new state budget is approved. It is based on a complex formula of metrics and weights developed by NCHEMS, the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems. An institution's share of the funding will be determined in part by its five-year graduation rates, year-over-year increases in degrees awarded, the numbers of students who reach 30 and 60 credit hours each year (with additional points awarded for low-income students who qualify for federal Pell Grants), as well as numbers and types of degrees awarded (with additional points awarded for degrees in "priority fields" such as STEM, health, business, and education.) Campuses are also awarded points for "degree productivity," the cost of producing a degree per \$100,000 in total revenue. The metrics used in the formula align closely with the Vision Project, the BHE-approved strategic agenda for higher education.

FAREWELLS TO CHAIRMAN CHARLES DESMOND AND OUTGOING PRESIDENTS

At its June 16 meeting at UMass Boston, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) recognized three state university presidents who are retiring this month: President Robert Antonucci of Fitchburg State University, President Richard Gurnon of Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and President Dana Mohler-Faria of Bridgewater State University.



BHE Resolutions to Honor Retiring Presidents. Clockwise: Commissioner Freeland, Chairman Gabrieli, President Mohler-Faria, and Secretary Peyser; BHE Member Don Irving and President Antonucci; Chairman Gabrieli and President Gurnon.

Following the meeting, Chancellor Keith Motley of UMass Boston hosted a luncheon to honor Charles Desmond for his six years of service as chairman of the

BHE and his many contributions to UMass Boston, where he worked for 30 years of his career. The luncheon was attended by over 80 of Charlie's past and present colleagues.



Luncheon to Honor Chairman Desmond. Left: Chancellor Motley. Right: Chairman Desmond and Commissioner Freeland.

RECENT EVENT

Commissioner Freeland Takes the Cake

The send-offs for outgoing Commissioner Freeland have begun, as he was honored by his staff at the final DHE staff meeting of the year. A formal reception, to be attended by many presidents, board members, legislators, faculty, staff, and other local and national leaders who have worked with the Commissioner over his tenure, is planned for Monday, June 29, at Framingham State University.



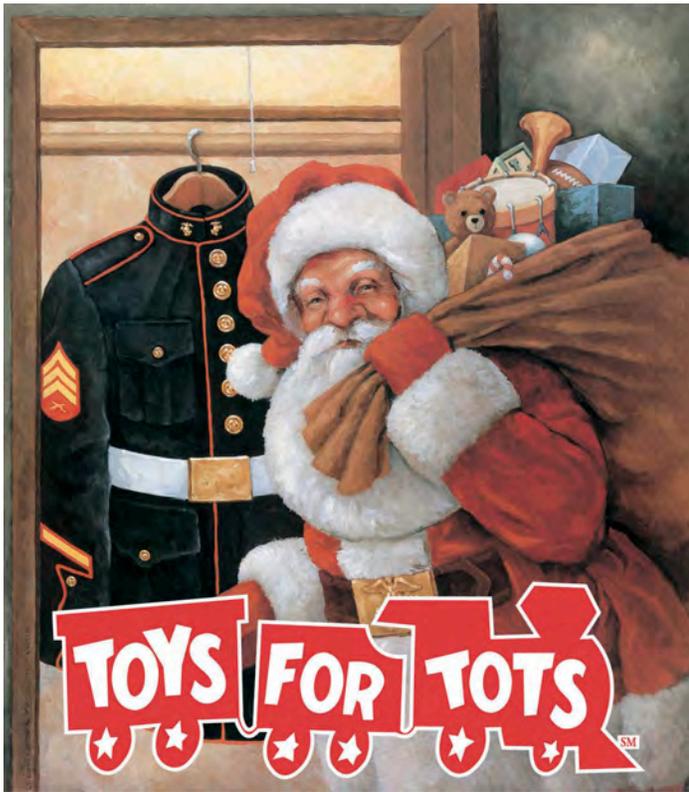
UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars for FY16 BHE Meetings



FY16 dates have been approved by the BHE; locations will be announced in the fall:

- Tuesday, October 27, 2014
- Tuesday, December 8, 2014
- Tuesday, January 26, 2015
- Tuesday, March 8, 2015
- Tuesday, May 2, 2015
- Tuesday, June 14, 2015



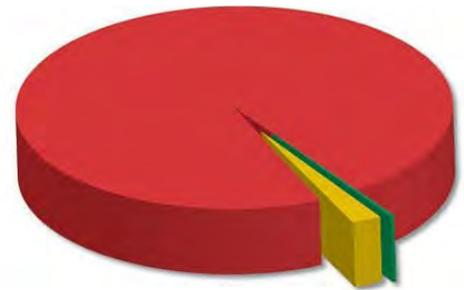
You'll be happy to know that I'm not asking for a donation today! I simply wanted you to know that the support you provided Toys for Tots made a big difference in the lives of millions of less fortunate children and their desperate families. Hopefully, you're as pleased as I am that we made a difference in 2014.

Have a great spring and summer and look to hear from me in October as we prepare for Christmas 2015.

Best wishes,

Bill Grein
Major, USMC (Ret)
VP, Marketing & Development
Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

- Program 97%
- Fundraising 2.80%
- Overhead .20%



Dear Caring Friend,

First of all, please allow me to thank you for your 2014 support of the Marine Toys for Tots Campaign. Thanks to you, and other folks like you, we were able to fulfill the Christmas dreams of over 6.8 million less fortunate children last Christmas. These are children who otherwise might have gone without any recognition at all during the most significant season of the year. I hope you are pleased to have been part of such a great accomplishment. We know all too well that such a large number of toys, books and other gifts aren't purchased without the significant generosity of kind people like yourself.

Last year corporate and private donations remained steady from the previous year, but the government sequestration of the defense budget continued. Despite that challenge and frustration of having to work with such a small budget, we worked very hard to ensure every possible dime went to purchase toys for children. Failure in that mission never being a consideration; the thousands of Marines and volunteers who conduct Toys for Tots Programs throughout our nation rose to the occasion. We helped millions of desperate Moms and Dads provide for the holiday needs and dreams of their children. I'm sure they join me in expressing my gratitude to you.

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Did you know that Toys for Tots is a top rated charity?

97% of your donation goes to our mission of providing toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. The 3% spent on support principally covers fundraising expenses – not one donated dollar goes to pay for salaries or any other man-power costs.

OUR MISSION: The mission of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys, books and other gifts during October, November and December each year, and distribute those gifts as Christmas presents to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaigns are conducted.

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Newsclips

FY16 BUDGET - BAKER UNVEILS LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - BOSTON GLOBE

06/19/2015 - Governor Charlie Baker is scaling back some planned spending on big-ticket information technology and higher education projects in a long-term financial plan released Friday afternoon. Baker budget chief Kristen Lepore said trimming more than \$100 million in planned capital spending is necessary for the state to be fiscally responsible and the change puts Massachusetts on a better financial trajectory. She expressed concern about the state taking on too much debt. Administration budget officials used Bristol Community College as an example of scaled back spending in the new fiscal year, which begins July 1. They said a \$300,000 study for a new building at the college's New Bedford campus, for example, was not included in the plan, but emphasized the college was getting almost \$16 million for ongoing construction at its Fall River campus.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION | EDITORIAL: STATE RETREATS FROM TUITION PLAN - GAZETTENET.COM

06/20/2015 - A college education can be expensive, no matter how you slice it. In Massachusetts, that cost just got higher at the state's flagship public university and others in the system as the University of Massachusetts board of trustees voted to increase tuition by 5 percent and tack on a new technology fee earlier this week. The numbers play out this way for undergraduate students on the Amherst campus who are likely facing a bill of \$25,674 — an increase of \$1,459 — for tuition, fees and room and board for the 2015-2016 academic year.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION | ADJUNCT PROFESSORS PRESS FOR MORE FULL-TIME HIGHER ED JOBS - THE DAILY NEWS OF NEWBURYPORT

06/18/2015 - Relaying stories of adjunct faculty at community colleges unable to pay for dental work or more than one meal in a day, members of the higher education community yesterday pushed lawmakers to increase the job prospects for part-time college educators. Advocacy for better pay and job security for part-time college educators has gained traction, Higher Education Committee member Rep. Smitty Pignatelli told advocates, while saying he wanted firm figures on the subject.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION | WHO SHOULD PAY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AT UMASS AND BEYOND? - BOSTON GLOBE

06/17/2015 - The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees voted Wednesday to support an increase in tuition and fees, bringing an end to the state's brief attempt at a more balanced approach to higher education funding. Back in 2013, UMass leaders made an offer to state legislators: If you pick up half the cost of running our campuses, we'll freeze tuition. And for two years, the approach worked. But the Legislature's proposals for next year are — so far — less than university leaders say they would need to continue the freeze. All over the country, you see the same pattern. State support for public education is going down, and the shortfall is being made via rising tuition — which also means mounting student debt.

INCOMING COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO | New Massachusetts Higher Ed. commissioner shares vision - OJORNAL

06/05/2015 - Taking the reins of a system he describes as a "loose federation," Carlos Santiago hopes to increasingly unite and align structures within the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. Santiago, who has worked in higher education for more than 30 years, will take over as commissioner on July 1, replacing the retiring Richard Freeland. He has served as a senior deputy commissioner for the past two years. The department oversees state universities, community colleges and the University of Massachusetts system. Santiago recently discussed his plans for public higher education in the commonwealth.

MASS MARITIME PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | New Mass. Maritime president seeks greater diversity - Boston Globe

06/10/2015 - The incoming president of Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Francis McDonald, says he wants to increase diversity and the number of low-income students at the Cape Cod college. The state Board of Higher Education confirmed the new president Tuesday after the school's board of trustees confirmed him earlier this month. "We need innovation and vision, and we need some passion and some enthusiasm, and I will undoubtedly bring that to the table," McDonald, 53, told the Board of Higher Education at its meeting in downtown Boston. He is set to start Aug. 10.

MASS MARITIME PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | State Confirms Francis McDonald As Next MMA President - CapeNews.net

06/09/2015 - Massachusetts Maritime Academy announced Tuesday, June 9, that the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education unanimously confirmed Captain Francis X. McDonald as the college's 38th president. Capt. McDonald succeeds retiring president Rear Admiral Richard G. Gurnon. Late last month, the academy's board of trustees announced they had chosen Capt. McDonald from among five finalists for the position.

MCLA PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | MCLA set to start new presidential search next month - Berkshire Eagle Online

06/06/2015 - The search for a new president of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts is expected to begin anew next month. Trustee Mohan Boodram, co-chairman of the search committee, said during a board of trustee meeting on Thursday that he and Trustee Susan Gold plan to select an executive search firm in July. Membership of a new search committee with campus community members should be finalized by August. "We hope to have finalists on campus for interviews in November," Boodram said, adding that a final vote from trustees could take place in December.

BHE MEMBER LUSTER | Former Worcester city councilor Stacey DeBoise Luster to take position at Worcester State University - masslive.com

06/11/2015 - Former Worcester city councilor Stacey DeBoise Luster has been hired by Worcester State University to be the college's assistant vice president for human resources, payroll and affirmative action and equal opportunity. Luster has worked as the human resources manager for the Worcester Public Schools since 2000 and had taught Education Law at Worcester State University and the College of the Holy Cross, according to a news release from Worcester State University.

BHE MEMBER LUSTER | Luster resigns as chairwoman of QCC trustees - telegram.com

06/11/2015 - Two days after being named to a new position at Worcester State University, Stacey DeBoise Luster Thursday stepped down as chairwoman of Quinsigamond Community College's board of trustees, the college said. Ms. Luster's resignation is effective June 19, according to Quinsigamond spokesman Josh Martin.

MASS MARITIME PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | Francis McDonald Picked To Lead Maritime Academy - CapeNews.net

05/28/2015 - The Massachusetts Maritime Academy Board of Trustees has selected Captain Francis X. McDonald to become the 38th president of the academy. The board's decision is subject to approval by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. The academy said that Capt. McDonald will not comment on his appointment until it has been made official by the board of higher education. Outgoing president Rear Admiral Richard G. Gurnon said that the campus "is overjoyed" at the news of Capt. McDonald's selection. Adm. Gurnon mentioned that the board of trustees voted unanimously, 11-0, in favor of the appointment. The vote took place Thursday, May 28.

29 WHO SHINE | Four from area SHINE in college - Lowell Sun Online

06/14/2015 - The state Department of Higher Education recently announced the Class of 2015 winners of the 29 Who Shine awards, the annual ceremony honoring one graduate from each community college, state university and University of Massachusetts campus for their civic contributions to the state. Among the 29 Who Shine are four local residents. Students are required to live in Massachusetts, and have strong academic profiles and a record of civic engagement.

29 WHO SHINE | State House Ceremony Honors Bunker Hill Community College Graduate - WCBD-TV

05/19/2015 - Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) student Yamileth Lopez was one of the 29 graduates of Massachusetts public colleges and universities honored at the State House May 14. Governor Charlie Baker, Secretary of Education James Peyser, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Richard M. Freeland and Chairman of the Board of Higher Education Chris Gabrieli attended the "29 Who Shine" ceremony.

MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Three Mass. public colleges spent generously on commencement speakers - Boston Globe

06/04/2015 - College commencement speakers are typically treated as quasi-royalty, the centerpiece of grand graduation gatherings, where they are showered with attention and praise. However prestige and honorary degrees are not always enough to recruit these enviable emissaries, prompting some schools to not only cover hotel and travel costs, but to also quietly confer upon their speakers sizable sums of financial aid. A Globe survey of more than 60 public and private colleges across the state found that three public campuses — the University of Massachusetts Amherst, the University of

Massachusetts Lowell, and Westfield State University — led the way in commencement honorarium spending in the state, as each school forked over between \$25,000 and \$35,000, or amounts totaling more than a year's worth of the tuition and fees they charge students.

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM | State universities' funding to be linked to performance, not just enrollment - telegram.com

06/16/2015 - Following the lead of the state's community colleges, the state university system starting this year receive a portion of its funding based on how well the universities produce graduates. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education on Tuesday voted to go ahead with the new performance-based funding system, which in fiscal 2016 will only apply to \$5.6 million – roughly 2 percent – of the state universities' entire allocation from the state budget. That money will be distributed to each of the nine campuses based on a complex formula that factors in their five-year graduation rates, year-over-year increases in degrees awarded, and other performance metrics, as well as annual headcounts and full-time enrollments. The schools will also be awarded more of the funding based on how much they need to spend to produce a degree, and the number and types of degrees they give out.

UMASS LOWELL CHANCELLOR SEARCH | Panel launches UMass Lowell Chancellor Search - Lowell.com

06/19/2015 - The Committee charged with conducting the search for a new Chancellor began its work today saying it would seek to maintain UMass Lowell's "standard of leadership excellence" and by taking steps intended to get the process off to a fast start. The Search Committee scheduled campus forums that will take place June 24, hired a higher education executive recruitment firm to help guide the search and made plans to advertise the position in national higher education publications. "We intend to conduct a search that mirrors UMass Lowell itself, which is to say a process that will be distinguished by its focus, commitment and excellence," said R. Norman Peters, co-chairman of the 24-member search panel.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass president Robert Caret praised at his last Board meeting - masslive.com

06/17/2015 - University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees chairman Victor Woolridge praised President Robert Caret Wednesday, the outgoing president's last meeting before his June 30 departure. Caret announced in December that he was leaving to become chancellor of the University of Maryland system. Marty Meehan, the current UMass Lowell Chancellor becomes the new president July 1.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass to hike undergraduate costs up to 5 percent - WCVB Home

06/17/2015 - The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees voted Wednesday to raise the cost of attending the school system by up to 5 percent for in-state undergraduates, the first increase in three years. Students would pay an additional \$552 to \$580 in combined tuition and a mandatory fee, depending on which of the system's five campuses they attend for the 2015-16 academic year.

UMASS SYSTEM | Op-Ed: By Robert L. Caret: UMass students will face a rise in fees - Boston Globe

06/08/2015 - Over the past two years, Massachusetts has been a national leader in providing support for its public research university — boosting funding for the five-campus UMass system by an eye-catching \$100 million. And the state's financial investment translated into something truly remarkable: The average net cost of attending UMass declined for the first time in recent memory, decreasing by more than \$200 per student for the academic year just completed. Our leaders on Beacon Hill should take a bow — and I know that students and their families breathed sighs of relief. Looking ahead, the state budget for 2015-2016 has not been finalized, so we don't know how much money UMass will receive, but it will be between the House's \$519 million and the Senate's \$537 million. Either would represent an increase over the current \$511 million, but neither would appear to be enough to spare UMass its first fee increase in three years, so an increase of some magnitude seems inevitable.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE | Column: Bumpkin's Corner: Affordable college alternatives - southcoasttoday.com

06/10/2015 - It's official. Another Middleboro High School class has graduated. My last column discussed college, the tremendous costs, and some alternatives. I'm going to build on that for this week. To briefly summarize things: Private colleges are becoming prohibitively expensive; public colleges are not exactly cheap either; community college remains a largely affordable option; and online education is becoming a "thing". There are many alternatives for people who aren't cut out for college, but for the sake of this discussion I'm only going to talk about alternatives to the traditional college route.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass on track to approve new \$250 information technology fee - [masslive.com](#)

06/10/2015 - The University of Massachusetts is on track to approve a \$250-a-year information technology fee for undergraduates, over the opposition of a large number of students. The UMass Committee on Administration and Finance on Wednesday voted to approve the fee. It will now go to the full Board of Trustees. This would be a new fee for students in Amherst and Dartmouth, and an increase in an existing fee for students at the Lowell and Boston campuses.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass trustees vote to raise student fees by 5 percent if state does not chip in more - [Boston Globe](#)

06/10/2015 - Trustees at the University of Massachusetts on Wednesday recommended raising student fees by as much as 5 percent this fall, depending on the amount of state funding the system receives in next year's budget. The potential increase, which comes after two years of frozen tuition, could cost undergraduates up to an additional \$580, university officials said. The recommendation, made by the trustees finance committee, goes before the full board June 17.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass President Announces \$1.17 Million in Faculty Awards - [BusinessWest](#)

06/04/2015 - Describing faculty research and scholarship as work that "distinguishes us as a university and is essential to our quest for a better and richer future," UMass President Robert Caret announced the awarding of \$1.17 million in grants to faculty members. The awards will fund work ranging from a project that will see faculty members engage with industry partners in the development of a big-data research center in Amherst, to a project aimed at bringing local history to life for Lawrence school children.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass students oppose new proposed \$250 fee to upgrade campus technology network - [masslive.com](#)

06/02/2015 - University of Massachusetts students have drafted a petition, which they will be submitting to the UMass Board of Trustees opposing a proposed \$250 information technology fee slated to be assessed beginning with the fall semester. So far, more than 800 have signed on, according to the Change.org site where the petition has been launched.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass says its progress is accelerating in some areas, slowing in others - [Boston Globe](#)

05/28/2015 - The University of Massachusetts last year strengthened its research partnerships and improved conditions for its workers, but its progress slowed on efforts to bolster its campuses' academic profiles and to become more affordable, according to a new self-assessment released this week. The performance report is the second annual assessment, launched by outgoing UMass President Robert Caret, as part of a frank attempt to tell the public where the institution is and where it should be.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

[BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

BERKSHIRE CC / MCLA | [Polito Brings 'Stronger Communities Tour' to Berkshires - iBerkshires.com](#)

06/18/2015 - Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito spent nearly two hours Thursday with a group of Pittsfield government and business leaders to understand how the state can best partner with the local communities. ...Polito said she was particularly happy with the plans for the new Taconic High School and the subsequent efforts with Berkshire Community College to create a "pipeline" of workers to help the advanced manufacturing and life science industry. "That is a huge asset that is already under way here in Pittsfield and Berkshire County. I was pleased to see that," Polito said.

BERKSHIRE CC | [BCC college readiness program explores impact of PCB pollution - Berkshire Eagle](#)

05/27/2015 - Berkshire Community College (BCC) and Berkshire Community Action's Project RECONNECT this week have partnered to co-sponsor a three-day immersion program designed to introduce participants to college through an immersion experience in social and environmental justice while using college skills such as group work, writing and technology. Here, they explore neighborhoods around Silver Lake in Pittsfield.

[BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

BRISTOL CC | [BCC receives \\$50,000 from St. Anne's Credit Union - southcoasttoday.com](#)

06/18/2015 - Funds continue to come in for the John J. Sbraga Health and Science building under construction on campus. The latest is a \$50,000 gift from St. Anne's Credit Union, according to a news release from Bristol Community College.

BRISTOL CC | Promise of jobs central to New Bedford casino debate - southcoasttoday.com

06/09/2015 - Bill Berardi said students in Bristol Community College's new hospitality program soon could be dealing cards at a nearly completed "casino lab" at BCC's Fall River campus, as the business dean tries to catch a wave of gaming industry jobs that's rising across the region and could affect New Bedford's citywide casino vote this month. "For the fall, we hope to have several classes running," said Berardi, dean of business and information management for the BCC system. "Our degree candidates will get a good, well-rounded education in casino operations."

BRISTOL CC | BCC Foundation receives \$825,000 in grant and gift donation for new health and science building - The Herald News

06/04/2015 - The BCC Foundation announced it has received both a grant and separate gift for the John J. Sbrega Health and Science Building, which is currently under construction and expected to open in the spring 2016. The foundation received a five-year \$750,000 grant from the J.B. Fernandes Memorial Trust I. That grant will be used for the purchase of equipment and fixtures needed for the Dental Hygiene Wing of the new building.

BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BUNKER HILL CC | \$400m gift to Harvard dwarfs endowments of most colleges - Boston Globe

06/09/2015 - How big was the \$400 million gift Harvard University received last week? The donation alone was more money than 98 percent of colleges nationwide have in their endowments. Forget contributions of hundreds of millions of dollars, or even millions. Most colleges are thrilled to receive amounts in the thousands. For example, Bunker Hill Community College president Pam Eddinger said her school typically sees gifts top out at about \$40,000. "Four hundred million dollars, to me, is hard to imagine," said Eddinger.

BUNKER HILL CC | EHS to Partner with BHCC: School Committee Votes to Approve Collaboration Agreement - Everett Independent

05/21/2015 - An agreement between Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) and Everett High School (EHS) is being hailed as "mutually beneficial to both institutions," and will aim to give EHS students college credit through Bunker Hill Community College for a variety of courses which will be offered by BHCC at Everett High School. The three year agreement will take effect on July 1, 2015 and run through June 30, 2018 and BHCC will conduct informational sessions at Everett High in order to explain the how the program will work and help attract prospective students into the program.

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GREENFIELD CC / WORCESTER STATE U | GCC expands \$30K four-year degree tracks with Worcester State University agreement - The Recorder

06/17/2015 - The Greenfield Community College and Worcester State University presidents Wednesday signed a deal streamlining the path from one to the other and capping the price for students from the two-year college seeking a four-year degree. The agreement offers GCC students in a set list of academic programs for an associate degree and a bachelor of arts or sciences degree for \$30,000, the first to be earned at GCC in Greenfield, the second built onto the foundation of the first with two years of courses at the Worcester campus. GCC President Bob Pura said the school works to raise the aspirations of all students to four-year degrees, and it is the right economic moment to cap tuition and fees, with the idea of debt-free graduation growing.

GREENFIELD CC | GCC aims to offer courses in Amherst - The Recorder

05/23/2015 - School officials, local politicians and the leadership at Greenfield Community College are all eager to hold community college classes at the Amherst-Pelham Regional Middle School as part of a proposal that would move middle school classes to the high school. Some Greenfield Community College courses could be taught at the school as early as spring 2016, according to school officials. At the same time, Greenfield Community College will continue its plan to re-establish a nursing program at Northampton.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOLYOKE CC | Holyoke Community College to offer college courses to Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School students - masslive.com

05/15/2015 - When next year's senior class of Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School students graduate, many will already be on their way to earning a college degree. The school signed an agreement with Holyoke Community College allowing up to 50 students per year to take classes at the college while in high school. So far, 40 charter students have enrolled in college

courses.

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSASOIT CC | MCC celebrates five years in Middleboro - southcoasttoday.com

05/21/2015 - To commemorate five years since bringing a campus to Middleboro, Massasoit Community College (MCC) held an on-site reception last week on Wednesday, May 13. Those who came out to celebrate Massasoit's continued success at its newest campus included State Senator Marc Pacheco, State Representative Keiko Orrall and many familiar faces from around town hall and Massasoit.

MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSBAY CC | Mass Bay Framingham Campus Not in Baker Administration's Budget - Framingham Patch

06/19/2015 - Governor Charlie Baker's administration did not include the Mass Bay Community College expansion in Downtown Framingham, in its Fiscal Year 2016 capital budget. The Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) released its budget today, June 19. "This is discouraging news, but not unexpected given the fiscal challenges of the state," said Mass Bay Community College President John O'Donnell to Framingham Patch in a statement. "We will continue to work with DCAMM and with our legislators to move forward with our plan to bring the MassBay campus to downtown Framingham."

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MIDDLESEX CC | MCC unveils \$19 million downtown Lowell renovation project - Lowell Sun Online

06/01/2015 - In its 140 years, the brick Victorian Gothic building at Central and Green streets has been a train depot, a bowling alley, a barber shop, a real estate firm, a florist, even a campaign headquarters for the late Paul Tsongas. Now, after sitting vacant for several decades, the building is soon to get what could be its most anticipated use, as a performing arts space for Middlesex Community College.

MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MT.WACHUSETT CC | Rollstone donates \$3K to Laptops for Vets - telegram.com

05/31/2015 - With a donation of \$3,000, Rollstone Bank & Trust became the first major sponsor of the new, student-initiated Laptops for Vets program at Mount Wachusett Community College. The program is aimed at helping veteran students succeed in their studies. The Veteran Success Center at MWCC was created five years ago to meet the unique needs of veterans transitioning from soldier to veteran.

MT.WACHUSETT CC | MWCC dual-enrollment grads get 'head-start' - Sentinel & Enterprise

05/27/2015 - An Olympic hopeful, an 18-year-old transferring directly into a doctoral program and several teenagers who are the first in their families to attend college are among the 32 graduates of Mount Wachusett Community College's dual-enrollment programs. This year's graduates of the Pathways Early College Innovation School and the Gateway to College program were recognized during a ceremony Tuesday at MWCC. The programs, offered in partnership with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, allow students to use school-choice funding to earn their high-school diploma while simultaneously earning college credits, an academic certificate or an associate degree.

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTH SHORE CC / SALEM STATE U | Local Colleges Step Up to Support Marian Court College Students - Swampscott Patch

06/19/2015 - Representatives from North Shore Community College and Salem State University were in Swampscott Wednesday meeting with Marian Court College students about what to do now that their college has announced its closure. Earlier this week, Marian Court College announced it will close its doors on June 26, citing low enrollment. That decision left 145 students, some day and some evening, wondering where to go to finish their degrees. Marian Court College President Denise Hammon announced that Salem State University and North Shore Community College have agreed to accept students from Marian Court, and representatives with both schools said they've taken a hands-on approach to making sure those students' needs are met.

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Solar panels installed at Northern Essex means energy savings - Daily News of Newburyport

06/17/2015 - Engineering students at Northern Essex Community College typically do most of their learning in a classroom

or laboratory. The college is looking to change that up a bit by having students climb onto the roof of an industrial building to learn about the production of electricity using the sun's rays. What was already the largest rooftop solar array in the city has doubled in size from 1,164 to 2,300 panels — allowing for discounted renewable energy to Northern Essex Community College as well as college scholarships and a “living solar lab” for students.

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

QUINSIGAMOND CC | College Town: QCC first community college in state to join Fab Lab network - telegram.com

06/13/2015 - Quinsigamond Community College became the first community college in Massachusetts to be accepted into the Fab Lab network last month. Fab Labs are located throughout the world, and they house technical equipment that is run on interconnected, open-source software. The Fab Lab, as a model and philosophy for digital fabrication laboratories, was a vision born out of Neil Gershenfeld, of MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms. The idea caught on, and now there are 500 Fab Labs in 30 countries around the world. Of the seven Massachusetts Fab Labs, the QCC Fab lab is the only one located outside Greater Boston, according to a press release from QCC.

STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Bridgewater State University To Rename Institute After Martin Richard - CBS Boston

06/17/2015 - Bridgewater State University is naming its Institute for Social Justice after the youngest victim of the Boston Marathon bombing. University President Dana Mohler-Faria will oversee a ceremony Wednesday to name the institute after Martin Richard.

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Bridgewater State University and Santander team up - Bridgewater Independent

05/18/2015 - Bridgewater State University and Santander Bank, N.A. announced an agreement where the Bank's Santander Universities will support the University's Bridge Partnership Program, a residential summer program on the University campus for middle school students in the gateway cities of New Bedford, Brockton and Boston. Starting this summer, Santander will support the Bridgewater State University Foundation to broaden the base of educational outreach services provided by the University for the Bridge Program. Santander's support will expand the number of students participating in the program over the next three years.

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

FITCHBURG STATE U | Connors elected as chair of FSU Board of Trustees | www.leominsterchamp.com - Leominster Champion

06/19/2015 - Martin F. Connors Jr., president and chief executive officer of Rollstone Bank & Trust in Fitchburg, was elected chairman of the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees at a recent meeting. He will succeed Carol T. Vittorioso, partner and owner of the Vittorioso & Taylor law firm in Leominster, whose term expires this year.

FITCHBURG STATE U | Fitchburg State launches Antonucci scholarships - telegram.com

06/14/2015 - The Fitchburg State University Foundation will launch the Antonucci Family Scholarship this year with \$300,000 generated through a fundraiser that celebrated President Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci's 12-year tenure at the institution. The Antonucci Family Scholarship will be awarded annually to first-generation college students from northern Central Massachusetts. The Antonuccis, each of whom hold bachelor's and master's degrees from Fitchburg State, were the first in their families to earn college diplomas.

FITCHBURG STATE U | New FSU leader to earn \$235G - Lowell Sun Online

05/24/2015 - Fitchburg State University's incoming president will be making \$235,000 annually, significantly more than retiring President Robert Antonucci's starting salary, even accounting for inflation. Starting July 1, Richard Lapidus will take over for Antonucci as president of Fitchburg State. Lapidus, who was chosen in December as the 11th president of the university, previously worked as the dean of the College of Business Administration at California Polytechnic University.

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY

FRAMINGHAM STATE U | Framingham State to donate extra food to local shelters - MetroWest Daily News

06/19/2015 - In America, 40 percent of food goes to waste. Now, Framingham State University is doing its part to cut waste and help the hungry. On Monday, the university announced it is now Food Recovery Certified, a status that means it will work to reduce waste. Instead of throwing extra food away, the school will donate it to people in need.

FRAMINGHAM STATE U | Fee increase imminent for Framingham State - Framingham Tab

06/15/2015 - As universities across Massachusetts raise student fees in the face of a strict state budget, Framingham State is likely to follow suit. Dale Hamel, Framingham State's executive vice president for administration, finance and information technology, said the Board of Trustees approved a fee increase last month, pending approval by the school's Finance Committee. The committee decision will come later this month, dependent on the state budget, Hamel said.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

MASSART | MassArt alumni exhibit in Boston - The Dispatch News Online

06/17/2015 - Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) presents the third biennial juried alumni exhibition Above the Fold: Alumni Works in Design through July 11 in the Bakalar & Paine Galleries, 621 Huntington Ave., on the Avenue of the Arts. Showcasing the breadth of design thinking, creative excellence and ingenuity embodied by MassArt's alumni, Above the Fold features the work of 39 distinguished alumni designers in the fields of architecture, dynamic media, fashion design, graphic design, illustration and industrial design.

MASSART | MassArt Vision 2015 - StyleBoston Blog

06/04/2015 - I was honored to attend the annual MassArt Senior Fashion Show a few weeks ago, a tradition at the college that dates back to 1907. This year's show in three words? It was sensational! I have attended the last few years and have seen the show metamorphose into the professional, dynamic runway show that it was. The title was "Vision" and it was created by one of the largest classes of graduating seniors. Thirty-five aspiring designers displayed their work on the runway, and 15 of them were selected to show their entire collections.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MCLA | North Adams: MCLA to host eighth grade career fair - Berkshire Eagle Online

05/27/2015 - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts will welcome approximately 800 eighth-graders from seven Berkshire County schools on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2 and 3, when they attend the fourth annual eighth grade career fair in Murdock Hall on the MCLA campus. Participating schools include Drury High School, Abbott Memorial School in Florida, Clarksburg Elementary School, Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter School in Adams, Reid and Herberg middle schools in Pittsfield, and Hoosac Valley Middle & High School in Cheshire.

MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY

MASS MARITIME | Mass Maritime ship in Brooklyn for periodic inspections - Bourne Courier

06/19/2015 - The training ship Kennedy assigned to Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay is away from her Taylors Point berth, undergoing inspections, any needed repairs, maintenance, and hull re-painting at the GMD shipyard in Brooklyn. The work includes inspection of hull fittings and valves. The Kennedy bottom will also be cleaned and repainted. Maintenance topsides and in engineering spaces will be conducted where needed.

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

SALEM STATE U | Tom Brady was paid \$170,000 to appear at Salem State, university says - Boston Globe

06/17/2015 - For 40 days and nights since his platinum image was stained by football deflation allegations, Tom Brady has maintained his silence about the controversy, with one exception — a highly publicized appearance at Salem State University the night after he was implicated by the NFL's Wells Report. It turns out Brady had a good reason, at least financially, to speak last month at Salem State. The university disclosed Tuesday that its nonprofit Salem State University Foundation paid the Patriots quarterback \$170,000 to participate in its annual speaker series. University spokeswoman Karen Cady said Brady's appearance was funded by proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships. She said no public funds supported his engagement.

SALEM STATE U | Baker backs Salem State's \$170,000 payment to Tom Brady - Boston Globe

06/18/2015 - Governor Charlie Baker defended Salem State University Thursday for using its foundation to pay Tom Brady

\$170,000 to speak at the college last month. “They’re not putting any public money into it,” Baker said on the WGBH’s “Boston Public Radio” show with Jim Braude and Margery Eagan.

SALEM STATE U | Students at Salem State University face fee increase - Salem News

05/24/2015 - A Salem State University trustees committee has recommended raising student fees by \$510, citing increases in union contracts and cuts in state funding. The finance and facilities committee voted last week to recommend the increase to the full board of trustees, which is scheduled to vote on June 3.

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

WORCESTER STATE U | Worcester State and Santander Expand Study Abroad Program at University - MarketWatch

05/13/2015 - Worcester State University and Santander Bank, N.A. today announced a three-year philanthropic agreement for the Bank’s Santander Universities to support study abroad opportunities at WSU. “Studying abroad gives students the opportunity to expand their education beyond the classroom and learn about the history and culture of their host countries,” said Brian Azar, Santander region president for Southern New England. “As a global bank with a local presence, we know the importance of preparing today’s students to be tomorrow’s leaders in our international economy.”

Higher Education Trends

HIGHER ED TRENDS | With debt-free movement, colleges see challenges and opportunities but few details - InsideHigherEd

06/19/2015 - As the idea of debt-free college swirls around the Democratic presidential campaign and some liberal policy circles, the groups that represent colleges and universities are sizing up what it might mean for them. For the most part, they’re just waiting to see details. So far, debt-free college remains a largely high-minded goal, and the plans from the politicians embracing it have been vague.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study: 2 in 5 Associate Degrees Lead to a Bachelor’s Degree - InsideHigherEd

06/17/2015 - The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center released a new study today that shows more than 60 percent of students who earned an associate degree when they were 20 years old or younger went on to earn a bachelor’s within six years. For all students who earned an associate degree, 41 percent finished a bachelor’s degree within six years.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Report Tracks Latino STEM Graduates - InsideHigherEd

06/17/2015 - Excelencia in Education today released a report that lists the 25 colleges that graduate the most Latino students in science, technology, engineering and math. Using data from 2013, the nonprofit group found that 2 percent of all U.S. institutions graduate one-third of Latinos who earn STEM credentials. While the number of Latinos earning these credentials has increased, they still account for just 9 percent of STEM credentials earned.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Republican Budget Would Slash U.S. Education Spending by \$2.8 Billion – Chronicle of Higher Education

06/16/2015 - Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives unveiled on Tuesday a spending bill for the 2016 fiscal year that would slash education spending by \$2.8 billion over all, while providing increases for college-preparatory programs and the National Institutes of Health. The measure, which an appropriations panel will take up on Wednesday, would revoke a \$370-million surplus in Pell Grants, setting up the program for shortfalls in the future. But it would increase the maximum award in the short term, raising it by \$140, to \$5,915, in the 2016-17 academic year.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Expert blasts campus sex crime bill being proposed - Bridgewater Independent

06/13/2015 - A nationally recognized expert on sex crimes is blasting a proposed bill that would create a statewide framework for how campus sexual assaults are handled and investigated. The bill by state Sen. Michael Moore would mandate that “memorandums of understanding” be signed between colleges and local law enforcement agencies, among other aspects. It would also require campus police to remove from their public log any entry concerning responses to

reported rapes or sexual assaults.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Quincy College seeks legislative change to grant four-year degrees - Boston Globe
06/12/2015 - It began nearly six decades ago as an initiative by Quincy officials to provide further education to local high school graduates who could not otherwise afford it. Today, Quincy College remains affiliated with the city but has grown into a regional community college providing more than 50 associate's degrees and certificate programs to 4,741 students at campuses in downtown Quincy and Plymouth. With its enrollment growing, the college is now looking to expand its horizons.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | A new graduate school of education will be competency based - InsideHigherEd
06/12/2015 - Students expect their teachers to be prepared to lead, but sometimes that simply isn't the case. With a wide variety of teacher preparation programs and an increasing demand for educators, alternative preparation options are springing up alongside existing traditional programs. And leaders at a new graduate school of education are hoping to make sure teachers are in the classroom as soon as they can prove they're ready. The Woodrow Wilson Academy for Teaching and Learning, which the Woodrow Wilson Foundation on Tuesday announced it will create, will be a competency-based program, letting students graduate as soon as they're deemed able to handle all of the school's main competencies. Rather than following the course work traditionally given to students in graduate classes, incoming students will be assessed on how well they can perform a task or demonstrate a skill.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Lumina-led group seeks to develop a common framework for credentials - InsideHigherEd
06/12/2015 - Credentialing has exploded in type and number in recent years, as job seekers earn a growing range of certificates, badges, experiential transcripts, industry certifications and licenses, in addition to traditional college degrees. That expansion has led to a chaotic, fragmented system, according to the Lumina Foundation. Students and employers often are confused about what credentials represent and whether rigor is behind them.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Community colleges team up with employers on skills development - InsideHigherEd
06/11/2015 - In recent years a wide range of companies have sprung up to help fix the so-called skills gap -- the gulf between what employers need and what college graduates can do. These upstarts include coding academies and job-training boot camps, where job seekers, many of whom already hold degrees, spend 10 weeks or so and a few thousand dollars learning the skills necessary to get a gig with a technology start-up.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Elizabeth Warren outlines debt-free college plan, calls for more funding of higher ed, with strings attached - InsideHigherEd
06/11/2015 - Seeking to put some policy heft behind the progressive vision of debt-free college that is gaining steam on the campaign trail, Senator Elizabeth Warren on Wednesday outlined a sweeping college affordability agenda to "dramatically reform" higher education. "While not every college needs to graduate every student debt-free, every kid needs a debt-free option" at a public university, Warren said in remarks at the American Federation of Teachers.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | New survey identifies best ways campuses share information on sexual assault policies and resources - InsideHigherEd
06/10/2015 - A university tapped by the White House to lead the charge on sexual assault education and prevention released a report Tuesday on how institutions can best spread awareness of their sexual assault policies and resources.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study Outlines Importance of Public Universities - InsideHigherEd
06/10/2015 - The American Academy of Arts & Sciences has released the first of a series of publications seeking to increase public understanding of and support for public universities. "Public Research Universities: Why They Matter" reviews the mission of these institutions, their contributions to state and regional economies, and their efforts to spend funds responsibly, among other topics.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Senator Warren says both parties are right about fixing college costs - The Hechinger Report
06/10/2015 - In an admission seldom heard in Washington, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren said Republicans and Democrats are both right about solving the problem of escalating college costs. Republicans are right that colleges need to be

held more accountable when it comes to how they're spending taxpayer money, said Warren. And Democrats are right that higher education institutions and their students should be getting more of it, in the form of larger individual Pell grants and restored state funding.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Obama Administration Opens Door for More Student-Debt Forgiveness - WSJ

06/08/2015 - The Obama administration said it would forgive federal student loans owed by Americans who can show they were lured to colleges by fraudulent recruiting, a move that potentially could involve billions of dollars and is one of the most aggressive measures yet to ease student debt. The move, announced Monday, is designed first of all to help former students of Corinthian Colleges Inc., a big for-profit chain that collapsed into bankruptcy reorganization this spring. Federal officials accused the company in 2014 of lying to prospective students about its graduates' job success.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Two-year transfers are finding not all of their credits go with them - InsideHigherEd

06/08/2015 - One of the largest barriers to completing a bachelor's degree is losing credits when transferring from a community college. Even with articulation agreements between two-year and four-year institutions, a significant number of credits may end up lost in the shuffle. These missing credits are driving colleges from one side of the country to the other to try to fix a problem educators have been trying to fix for years and in the process boost completion rates across the board. Now, with more political and education leaders convinced that smooth transfer is essential to more people earning more degrees, the issue is attracting more attention.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | The heaviest college debt burdens fall on three types of students - The Hechinger Report

06/08/2015 - With 17 percent of borrowers behind in their payments or in default on the nation's \$1.2 trillion in college loans, it's not surprising that student debt is emerging as a campaign issue for the 2016 election. It's not only an important public policy problem, but also a matter that resonates with young millennials and might lure them to the polls on election day, according to a Washington Post analysis on May 24.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Beyond College-Ready: Top Charter Schools Support Graduates In College - NPR

06/07/2015 - It's high school graduation season, when many students are celebrating the end of their high school career. But some schools are deciding that their job doesn't end with the granting of a diploma — or even a send-off to college. Top charter schools can often boast of sending virtually all of their graduates to college, even when the majority of their students are low-income or are the first members of their families to pursue post-high school educations. As it turns out, many of those students don't earn a degree.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | New national survey aims to set baseline for postgraduation outcomes - InsideHigherEd

06/05/2015 - For the first time, the postcollege outcomes of recent graduates have been collected and analyzed by a national organization using data gathered by more than 200 higher education institutions, all using the same methodology. A new survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers used data from 207 of its member institutions to determine the outcomes of roughly 274,000 graduates in the class of 2014. Officials behind the survey hope the results can set a baseline for where college graduates go once they leave the classroom and the consistent data may help others to determine trends in both labor and higher education.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Colleges of arts and sciences struggle with deficits as enrollment declines - InsideHigherEd

06/04/2015 - Larry Singell saw the writing on the wall well before his college was hit with a possible \$8 million deficit. Though the College of Arts and Sciences is by far the largest college at Indiana University's Bloomington campus, more and more students were enrolling with credits earned through high school programs and community colleges. Students, worrying about employability after college, were leaving majors like English and anthropology behind and picking professional colleges instead.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Bill Gates on College Completion - InsideHigherEd

06/04/2015 - Bill Gates is among a group of rich college dropouts people often cite when questioning the value of a college degree. He isn't buying that argument. "Although I dropped out of college and got lucky pursuing a career in software, getting a degree is a much surer path to success," Gates wrote on Wednesday. Gates published two blog entries encouraging more people to earn college credentials to help them get jobs. He cited data from Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, which projects a shortage in the U.S. of 11 million skilled workers with college degrees over the next decade.

HIGHER EDTRENDS | How scrapping the one-size-fits-all education defeats inequity -The Hechinger Report

06/04/2015 - For centuries, we have believed that there is only one way for students to learn – go to school, sit at a desk, do what the teacher says and take tests. We've operated schools as if they were industrial factories, with teaching and learning practices that mimic assembly-line and batch-processing manufacturing. But we can no longer rely on the methods of the past. Today, we need more students achieving at high levels to ensure a more equitable and prosperous future for our communities. Schools need student-centered strategies, rather than a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach to education.

HIGHER EDTRENDS | Changing the incentives for colleges to enroll and graduate low-income students -The Hechinger Report

06/03/2015 - That colleges have little incentive to enroll low-income students is increasingly reflected in their student aid policies. Under the sway of enrollment managers—private consultants who advise institutions on admissions and financial aid policies—many public and private colleges are using their limited institutional aid budgets to attract the students they most desire: the “best and brightest,” and the wealthiest. They are, in other words, providing merit aid both to high-achieving students who can help them rise in the U.S. News & World Report rankings and to affluent students who can help them increase their revenues.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Improving economy brings opportunities for corporate partnerships to higher education - InsideHigherEd

06/03/2015 - Are colleges and universities getting savvier about pitching their programs to the private sector, or are corporations increasingly turning to higher education to train their employees? The answer, according to workforce researchers, corporate education providers and companies themselves, is somewhere in the middle. In the last year alone, companies such as Anthem, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, McDonald's and Starbucks have announced that they will pay to send their employees to college – or back to college. At the same time, many institutions have entered or are in the process of entering the adult learner market, offering programs catering to working adults or signing agreements with corporations to offer tuition discounts to their employees.

HIGHER EDTRENDS | Harvard Receives Largest Gift Ever: \$400M from Hedge Fund Manager John Paulson - On Campus

06/03/2015 - The world's wealthiest university is getting a lot wealthier. Harvard University has received its largest gift ever: a \$400 million dollar donation from hedge fund manager John Paulson to expand its engineering campus across the Charles River.

HIGHER EDTRENDS | For the Poor, the Graduation Gap Is Even Wider Than the Enrollment Gap - NYTimes.com

06/02/2015 - Rich and poor students don't merely enroll in college at different rates; they also complete it at different rates. The graduation gap is even wider than the enrollment gap. In 2002, researchers with the National Center for Education Statistics started tracking a cohort of 15,000 high school sophomores. The project, called the Education Longitudinal Study, recorded information about the students' academic achievement, college entry, work history and college graduation. A recent publication examines the completed education of these young people, who are now in their late 20s.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Op-Ed: By Carole Cowan and Michael Contompasis: Potential unrealized: Too many college students don't finish: Guest viewpoint - masslive.com

06/01/2015 - It is mortarboard season, the annual procession that unleashes a great wave of college graduates into what we like to call the real world. Massachusetts colleges and universities will graduate tens of thousands of graduates this spring – about 40,000 from various state schools alone. The celebratory season, full of speeches inspirational, humorous, and banal, neglects to mention one important fact: Many started school but never make it to the stage to receive their diplomas. The Massachusetts completion rate, those who finish four-year state colleges or universities within six years, is about 58 percent. It's staggering to consider that 40 percent of those who qualified to enter college won't cross the finish line. The completion rate numbers for community colleges are worse.

HIGHER EDTRENDS | Failing the College Test - US News

05/29/2015 - America is flunking out. Millions of parents are unable to give the right answer to this question: Will you be able to pay for a college education for your children? Only 21 percent of Americans think college is affordable according to an April Gallup poll. And a separate Gallup survey finds that 73 percent of parents with children under 18 are worried about paying for college.

HIGHER EDTRENDS | Report calls for extending K-12 funding model to high-need community colleges - InsideHigherEd

05/28/2015 - Community colleges tend to receive the least amount of public financial support compared to other institutions, yet they are asked to push high numbers of low-income students into the middle class with few resources. A report released by the Century Foundation today – “How Higher Education Funding Shortchanges Community Colleges” – calls on states to reform funding models to better help two-year institutions jump-start social mobility.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Why most first-generation college students will attend 'second-tier' schools - The Hechinger Report

05/28/2015 - I arrived on the campus of a small New England College at the start of orientation in August 2006 to serve as its eighth president. More than 60 percent of the students at our non-elite institution were the first in their families to attend a four-year college; approximately 40 percent were eligible for Pell grants. Before I even got to the office my second morning on the job, three first-generation college students had left school. They had called home the night before and said they were homesick, and their families had come and gotten them. Their families' own understanding of the initial adjustment period was virtually nonexistent. I saw then that we were going to need to change the entire process by which first-generation students are exposed to and then settled into college life.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Many community college grads continue to out-earn B.A. holders a decade after graduation - The Hechinger Report

05/25/2015 - Two years ago my colleague Jon Marcus wrote about surprising research showing that many community college grads were out-earning bachelor's degree holders. It was particularly true for those with vocational two-year degrees, in fields such as air-traffic control, dental hygiene or prison management. Critics complained it was unfair of researchers to look at outcomes in the first year right after graduation. After all, many liberal arts majors take a while to establish a career path. (And not all students go to college with the goal of gaining a marketable skill.) Some philosophy majors may eventually become high-paid CEOs. Similarly, community college grads with narrow technical skills could quickly become obsolete. Every day, machines eliminate another good factory job. Or a computer programming language goes out of fashion. Perhaps, over time, liberal arts B.A.'s win?

HIGHER ED TRENDS | The In-State Tuition Break, Slowly Disappearing - NYTimes.com

05/18/2015 - A few weeks ago, I took my daughter to see the latest Disney movie. Because it was early in the afternoon, and my daughter is 5, I expected to get a significant discount on the price of our tickets. The electronic ticket kiosk had other intentions. "1 Adult: \$11.00" and "1 Child: \$10.00." It turned out that the full matinee discount applied only to the 10:45 a.m. showing. The child price break, meanwhile, had been squeezed to a single dollar. Technically, both discounts still existed. But by limiting their size and availability, the theater was steadily pushing more tickets toward the full-market price. Something similar has been happening in the market for higher education. Over the last decade, state governments and universities have been chipping away at a pillar of American opportunity: in-state tuition.

Reminder!

School is out, please be cautious of children.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

~President Hanley





2015 AFSCME Women's Leadership Academy

AFSCME held the first leg, of the third cohort of the AFSCME Women's Leadership Academy (WLA) from June 22 – June 26, 2015 in North Miami, Florida. This Academy is an important and significant step that must be taken to prepare AFSCME women for future leadership roles in our union. The Academy is designed for women officers or activists at the local union level.

Representing Massachusetts and Council 93/AFSCME Local 1067 was our own, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Chief Steward at Massasoit Community College and Parliamentarian. The six-month Academy includes a five-day opening session, completion of a local union project or campaign, monthly check-in sessions, webinars and a three-day closing session in December 2015. Sheila will be presenting at an upcoming local E-board meeting to speak about her project goals and enlisting the help of the local members for completion of the academy.



International AFSCME President
Lee Saunders at WLA 2015.



Secretary Laura Reyes and
Sheila Fitzpatrick at WLA 2015.



AFSCME STRONG Training at WLA 2015.



Closing Ceremony WLA 2015.



Women's Leadership Academy
Class of 2015



2nd Annual Family Day and Softball Tournament

Event Type: Fundraiser
Start: September 19, 2015 @ 7:30 am
End: September 19, 2015 @ 8:00 pm
Event Location: Ball Fields at Houghton's Pond
Houghton's Pond
Milton, Massachusetts



Please join us for the 2nd Annual Family Day and Softball Tournament which is being held on September 19, 2015. We are limited to twelve (12) teams so please get your registration form in as soon as possible. The entry fee for the tournament is \$350 per team. If you can't make it or you can't put together a team, please consider making a donation to support this worthy cause!

This event will also be for our members and their families. We will have games for the kids to play including a bouncy house, ladder ball, volleyball, lawn darts and fishing. The adults can also partake in some cornhole toss in between the softball games as well.

We will have Hamburgers and Hot Dogs all day long including all the fixings and non-alcoholic beverages for all attendees.

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