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Happy 4th of July!
Have fun and be safe!

What's happening in July...

Month:

- National Blueberry Month
- National Anti-Boredom Month
- Unlucky Month for weddings
- National Cell Phone Courtesy Month
- National Hot Dog Month
- National Ice Cream Month



Week Event:

Week 2 Nude Recreation Week

July 2016 Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:

- 1 Canada Day / Dominion Day; Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day; International Joke Day
- 2 I Forgot Day; World UFO Day
- 3 Build A Scarecrow Day - first Sunday in month; Compliment Your Mirror Day; Disobedience Day; Stay out of the Sun Day
- 4 Independence Day (U.S.); National Country Music Day; Sidewalk Egg Frying Day- *Hmmmm, I wonder why!?!*
- 5 Work-a-holics Day - *even though everyone is on holiday*
- 6 International Kissing Day; National Fried Chicken Day
- 7 Chocolate Day; National Strawberry Sundae Day
- 8 Video Games Day
- 9 National Sugar Cookie Day
- 10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- 11 Cheer up the Lonely Day; World Population Day
- 12 Different Colored Eyes Day; Pecan Pie Day
- 13 Barbershop Music Appreciation Day; Embrace Your Geekness Day; Fool's Paradise Day
- 14 Bastille Day; Pandemonium Day; National Nude Day
- 15 Tapioca Pudding Day; Cow Appreciation Day- *Go out and give a cow a hug*
- 16 Fresh Spinach Day
- 17 National Ice Cream Day (third Sunday of the month); Peach Ice Cream Day; Yellow Pig Day
- 18 National Caviar Day- *something's fishy here*
- 19 National Raspberry Cake Day
- 20 National Lollipop Day; Moon Day; Ugly Truck Day- *it's a "guy" thing*
- 21 National Junk Food Day
- 22 Hammock Day; Ratcatcher's Day
- 23 National Hot Dog Day; Vanilla Ice Cream Day
- 24 Amelia Earhart Day; Cousins Day; Parent's Day - *fourth Sunday in July*
- 25 Culinarians Day; Threading the Needle Day
- 26 All or Nothing Day; Aunt and Uncle Day
- 27 Take Your Pants for a Walk Day - *say what???*
- 28 National Milk Chocolate Day
- 29 National Lasagna Day
- 30 National Cheesecake Day; Father-in-Law Day; International Day of Friendship
- 31 Mutt's Day; System Administrator Appreciation Day

ATTENTION

The following schools need a steward in the listed unit.

If anyone is interested in the position at your school please have them call / email Kevin Hanley at khanley@bhcc.mass.edu or 617-228-2154.

Berkshire Community College	Unit II
Framingham State University	Unit II
Mass College of Art & Design	Unit I
Middlesex Community College	Unit II
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Unit II
North Shore Community College	Unit II
Salem State University	Unit II



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College of the month *Highlight*

Reminder!!!

This is the order that we are spotlighting our schools;

July was supposed to be Fitchburg State University

Bridgewater State University - ✓
~~Cape Cod Community College~~ - not submitted
Framingham State University - ✓
~~Fitchburg State University~~ - not submitted
Greenfield Community College
Holyoke Community College
Massasoit Community College
Mass Bay Community College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Middlesex Community College
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Mount Wachusett Community College

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Northern Essex Community College
North Shore Community College
Quinsigamond Community College
Roxbury Community College
Salem State University
Springfield Technical Community College
Westfield State University
Worcester State University

Next up...Greenfield Community College

information needs to be received ten (10) days before the 1st of the month!



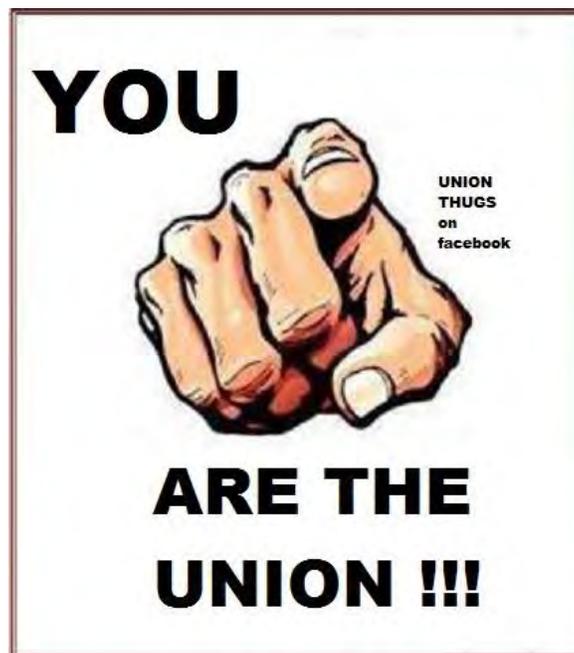
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(Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality)

Contact Sheila Kearns or your union steward!



AFSCME Local 3657
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Steward's Training

AFSCME Local 3657 along with AFSCME Council 93:

Is proud to announce "Steward's Training" for all of our members wishing to attend. This training session is open to all AFSCME Local 3657 members and any other Public Safety Chapter or Local, as this training will be geared toward the Public Safety Chapter.

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Training will cover such topics as:

- ◆ Rights of Union Members and the Local Union Steward
- ◆ "Weingarten and Garrity Rights"
- ◆ Duty of Fair Representation
- ◆ What constitutes a Grievance or Past Practice?
 - ◆ Grievance administration, writing, investigation, and presentation
- ◆ Source of the Unions Strength and Power

Date: Saturday, August 6, 2016

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Where: AFSCME Council 93 - New Hampshire Office

195 McGregor Street, Suite 325, Manchester, NH

Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Please bring a copy of your current contract, as we will be referencing it throughout the training.

To register, please contact Linda Jameson at (603) 606-6723 or via email at ljameson@afscme93.org no later than July 29, 2016.

You must provide your name, phone number, mailing and email address and your Chapter when registering. Class size is limited to 25 members.



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- Talk to colleagues at work about AFSCME
- Make phone calls to AFSCME members for campaigns
- Knock AFSCME member doors during campaigns

Membership Application

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Membership and Authorization for Dues Deduction

I hereby apply for membership in Council 93 (hereafter "Union") and I agree to abide by its Constitution and Bylaws. I authorize the Union and its successor or assignee to act as my exclusive bargaining representative for purposes of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment with my Employer.

Effective immediately, I hereby voluntarily authorize and direct my Employer to deduct from my pay each pay period, regardless of whether I am or remain a member of the Union, the amount of dues certified by the Union, and as they may be adjusted periodically by the Union, and to authorize my Employer to remit such amount monthly to the Union.

This voluntary authorization and assignment shall remain in effect in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement. If the applicable collective bargaining agreement or state statute does not address revocation, then this voluntary authorization and assignment shall be irrevocable, regardless of whether I am or remain a member of the Union, for a period of one year from the date of execution or until the termination date of the collective bargaining agreement (if there is one) between the Employer and the Union, whichever occurs sooner, and for year to year thereafter unless I give the Employer and the Union written notice of revocation not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the end of any yearly period, or in accordance with state statute. The applicable collective bargaining agreement is available for review, upon request. This card supersedes any prior check-off authorization card I signed.

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DHE FORWARD

BHE Issues New Campus Safety Recommendations Updates Employee Leave Policies

Urges New Focus on Sexual Violence Prevention, Caps Leave Time Accrual for Non-Unit Professionals



CAMPUS SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Massachusetts public colleges and universities have made significant strides in their efforts to improve campus safety since 2008 when the Board of Higher Education first ordered a review, but will need to continue to develop new safety protocols and trainings due to heightened concerns about sexual violence, active shooters and other emerging threats.

Securing Our Future: Best Practice Recommendations for Campus Safety and Violence Prevention, a 120-plus page report prepared by TSG Solutions, Inc. was presented to the Board of Higher Education during its final meeting of the year on Tuesday. In formally accepting the report, the BHE directed the Commissioner of Higher Education to work with campus leaders to coordinate implementation of the recommendations and help secure necessary resources.

LEAVE POLICIES: The Board also voted to amend the leave policies for non-unit professionals (NUPs) at the state's fifteen community colleges and nine state universities in an effort to better align such policies with those governing University of Massachusetts employees, public higher education systems in other New England states, and Massachusetts state employees. The changes will impact approximately 1,650 employees.

The Board voted to eliminate the current policy allowing employees to convert unused vacation days into sick time. Going forward under the new policy, any vacation days that remain over a 64-day balance would be forfeited by the employee if not used. The 64-day vacation balance would be reduced over the next two and a half years to a maximum of 50 days that can be "carried" by an employee.

RECENT EVENT



The Degree Gap Released; Business Leaders React

On June 8, The Boston Foundation hosted the launch of The Degree Gap, the 2016 Vision Project annual report. The event included a panel discussion with Mohamad Ali, president & CEO of Carbonite; Linda Noonan, executive director of the Massachusetts

Carbonite; Linda Noonan, executive director of the Massachusetts

Business Alliance for Education; and David Terkla, labor economist and dean of liberal arts at UMass Boston.

Join the discussion of The Degree Gap on social media with hashtag #TheDegreeGap. Start your own discussion on line utilizing shareables from our library of shareable excerpts on the Degree Gap website!



The Commonwealth Commitment will make it even easier for students to go to school full-time and begin their careers with less debt.
—GOVERNOR CHARLIE BAKER



Commissioner's Message

It Takes a System

By Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner of Higher Education

Headshot of Commissioner Richard Freeland One of the highlights of my first year as Commissioner of Higher Education has been the time I have spent crisscrossing the state to meet with leaders, faculty, staff and students at our public campuses. From the Berkshires to the Cape, from Salem to Springfield, people have taken time to share their personal stories and professional achievements with me. I have witnessed the transformative power of public higher education to change the lives of homeless and low-income students. I have seen the results that come from local workforce partnerships and regional collaborations between campuses. There is much good work to be proud of, and as The Degree Gap report makes clear, our public system of higher education continues to "get the job done" even when budgets are tight.

But with this fourth annual report of the Vision Project highlighting both demographic and economic challenges that impact our system's ability to produce much-needed college degrees, I believe it is necessary for us to redouble our efforts in three specific areas of the Vision Project: College Participation, Closing Achievement Gaps, and College Completion.

Thank You

DHE **FORWARD** *continued*

BHE Bids Fond Farewell to Retiring Presidents Messner and Rubenzahl



At its June 14 meeting at Worcester State University, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) recognized two community college presidents who are retiring this month: President William Messner of Holyoke Community College and President Ira Rubenzahl of Springfield Technical Community College.

Making News

The Degree Gap

Commonwealth Magazine

It's the long-running saga of the Massachusetts economy that's been told repeatedly as a cautionary tale: Massachusetts lives by its wits — and lives well by them — but only focused attention and action will ensure that the state maintains that standing.

Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Report Release

Greater Boston, WGBH-TV

A new report came out Tuesday from the state, which says there is room for improvement in safety protocols at our 29 public colleges and universities. It found that we have made progress over the past several years in making schools safer when it comes to preventing active shooters and sexual violence. But more can be done.

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Newsclips

BHE MEETING / CAMPUS SAFETY | Report urges more action to prevent sexual violence at state's public colleges - The Boston Globe
6/15/16 - When state education officials commissioned a study on campus violence in 2008, the country was reeling from the massacre that left 32 dead at Virginia Tech. The report, responding to the threat of its time, focused heavily on preventing campus shootings. On Tuesday, in an updated version of the report, recommendations respond to a different threat: sexual violence at the state's 29 public colleges and universities.

BHE MEETING / CAMPUS SAFETY | New protocol recommended to handle active shooters on a Massachusetts college campus - masslive.com
6/14/16 - The issue of public safety on a college campus is a balancing act, officials said Tuesday. Colleges and universities must remain true to their mission and be open to the public but have a lockdown system in place in the event of an active shooter on campus.

BHE MEETING / CAMPUS SAFETY | Campus safety recommendations offered to Board of Higher Education - State House News Service
6/14/16 - A state report presented to higher education officials on Tuesday calls on the 29 public universities and colleges in Massachusetts to make it easier for students to report sexual assault and to create "prompt, thorough, and impartial" processes for investigating those reports.

BHE MEETING / CAMPUS SAFETY | A New Report On Campus Safety - WGBH News
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BHE MEETING / LEAVE POLICIES | Unions oppose Gov. Charlie Baker's bill capping public employee sick leave - masslive.com
6/15/16 - Baker introduced the bill in May, in response to news reports about high payouts of sick leave given to retiring state workers. The most egregious case involved Bridgewater State University president Dana Mohler-Faria, who received \$257,000 from unused sick and vacation time accrued over 38 years.

BHE MEETING / LEAVE POLICIES | Changes adopted to curb excess leave payout at Mass. state colleges, universities - telegram.com
6/15/16 - The state Board of Higher Education voted Tuesday to adopt proposed changes to paid leave policies at state universities and community colleges, tightening up benefits that allowed some institution executives to receive six-figure payouts for unused sick and vacation time when they retired.

BHE MEETING / LEAVE POLICIES | Cap on sick leave, vacation time approved by Massachusetts Board of Higher Education - masslive.com
6/14/16 - State education officials approved a motion Tuesday to limit the amount of sick and vacation days available to some of the highest paid education officials in Massachusetts.

BHE MEETING / SARA | Massachusetts considering way to make online education easier while weighing risks of 'unscrupulous institutions' - masslive.com
6/15/16 - Massachusetts is one of a decreasing number of states to have not signed onto the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. SARA is an agreement of national standards for education courses and programs that seek to operate in more than one state. Under SARA, when an online program is approved in one state, it can operate in all other member states.

[BOARD OF HIGHER ED | Committee votes to adjust leave time for state school employees - The Enterprise](#)

6/7/16 - On the heels of \$270,000 payout to a former Bridgewater State University president for unused sick and vacation time, a committee from the Board of Higher Education recommended changes in leave policies for state school employees on Tuesday.

[BOARD OF HIGHER ED | Vote to reform sick-time policies for colleges falls short of Baker plan - Boston Business Journal](#)

6/7/16 - An influential state education committee voted today to alter the time-off policies that have contributed to six-figure payouts for top administrators and other executives at state colleges and universities, although the group's recommendations fall short of more-stringent reforms sought by Gov. Charlie Baker and budget watchdogs.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Governor advises MMA cadets on 'next chapter' of lives - capecodtimes.com](#)

6/18/16 - Smith was among 308 undergraduates to receive their degrees at the campus on Academy Drive, along with 51 students who received their Master of Science degrees. Gov. Charlie Baker, the commencement speaker, urged the graduates to not be afraid to fail, to find a job they love, take care of their physical health and, if they chose to, find a compatible mate. "Make this outstanding institution proud," Baker said. "You are all getting started on the next chapter of the rest of your life."

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Gov. Baker urges UMass Medical School graduates to make best use of new tools - telegram.com](#)

6/5/16 - Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker told UMass Medical School graduates to make sure their voices are heard in a profession marked by unprecedented advances in technology and access to data.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | 'I will never truly leave GCC, just as GCC will never leave me.' - The Recorder](#)

6/4/16 - Underneath a white tent on the Greenfield Community College campus, a full audience and nearly 400 graduates listened to student speaker Laura DiLuzio tell her story as a mother attending GCC to make a better life for herself and her daughter.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Senator Downing tells Berkshire Community College graduates to use uncertainty as motivator - Berkshire Eagle Online](#)

6/3/16 - Thirteen years prior to the 56th Berkshire Community College Commencement on Friday, Benjamin Downing was mowing lawns at Tanglewood, a law school reject wondering what came next.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Massasoit Community College's 904 graduates told they are in charge of their lives - The Patriot Ledger](#)

6/3/16 - Family and friends of the 904 Massasoit Community College graduates stood as one as graduates entered the tent outside the Asiaf Field House on Friday.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Seven Bourne Seniors First To Graduate From CCCC Early College Experience - capenews.net](#)

6/3/16 - Seven Bourne High School seniors were the first to graduate from the Cape Cod Community College Early College Experience Program (ECEP).

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Over 1,000 graduate at Springfield Technical Community College's 2016 commencement - masslive.com](#)

6/2/16 - Approximately 1,042 students in the Class of 2016 were expected to receive diplomas or certificates from Springfield Technical Community College on Thursday, as the institution held its 49th commencement.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | STCC nursing pinning ceremony recognizes Class of 2016 graduates - masslive.com](#)

5/31/16 - Students from the School of Nursing program at Springfield Technical Community College took the stage Tuesday evening as part of the Class of 2016 pinning ceremony. The 59 students are now eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing licensing exams.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | 2016 Holyoke Community College commencement at MassMutual Center - masslive.com](#)

5/28/16 - Holyoke Community College celebrated its 69th commencement ceremony at the MassMutual Center with the graduation of 1,002 students Saturday.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Congressman Seth Moulton delivers commencement address at UMass Boston - The Boston Globe](#)

5/27/16 - US Representative Seth Moulton, a Marine Corps veteran who served four tours in Iraq as an infantry officer, told graduates of the University of Massachusetts Boston Friday that “courage is not being fearless, courage is doing the right thing despite your fears.”

[COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO | Mass. higher ed. boss visits GCC - The Recorder](#)

6/2/16 - Santiago delivered the keynote address at the 11th annual Conference on eLearning, sponsored by Massachusetts Colleges Online and held at GCC. The conference allowed attendees to tour and use the college’s various technology and participated in seminars and workshops about how to improve education through technology.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Op-Ed By Javier Cevallos: ‘Degree gap’ threatens economy - MetroWest Daily News](#)

6/26/16 - In its recent report, “The Degree Gap,” the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) makes a strong case for why the future prosperity of the state’s innovation economy depends on closing a projected shortage of college graduates.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Our View: ‘Degree Gap’ can close with proper focus - southcoasttoday.com](#)

6/23/16 - At a Boston Foundation forum last week, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education released its annual Vision Project report, focusing this year on The Degree Gap. The lesson from this year’s report serves as a warning, as least as communicated by Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education Carlos E. Santiago.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Massachusetts faces decline in college-educated workforce - Leominster Champion](#)

6/17/16 - The rate at which Massachusetts residents earn college degrees will pivot from growth to decline by 2022 unless the state’s public higher education system, which educates more than half of all undergraduates, is able to increase the number of students who enroll and earn diplomas, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education reported June 8.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Report: Massachusetts at risk of seeing drop in population with college degrees - State House News Service](#)

6/10/16 - Massachusetts boasts a higher rate of adults with college degrees than any other state, but could see that number decline instead of grow by 2022 unless more students enroll in and complete college, according to a new state report.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Central Mass. colleges seek out-of-state students to fill enrollment gap - telegram.com](#)

6/10/16 - Neither the colleges nor the state’s economy can afford to let those new rooms go empty, a new report from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education warns. “The Degree Gap,” the latest annual update from the state’s Vision Project, states, in bold print, “By 2022, the overall rate at which young residents earn college degrees will pivot from growth to decline unless the public higher education system can find ways to raise college completion rates for all students.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass gets \\$15 million for cybersecurity program from MassMutual foundation - The Boston Globe](#)

6/10/16 - University of Massachusetts Amherst’s computer science programs are about to enjoy a growth spurt, thanks to a \$15 million grant from a foundation established by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Mass. facing decline in college-educated workforce - WBJournal.com](#)

6/9/16 - The workforce in the state could soon see a crunch in college-educated employees, as the number of Massachusetts residents getting a college degree is set to go from growth to decline by 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education reported Wednesday.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Study says Massachusetts economy may soon run out of college grads - masslive.com](#)

6/8/16 - The knowledge-dependent Massachusetts economy may soon run out of college-educated workers to staff its new and growing industries, according to a report issued this week by the the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

[THE DEGREE GAP | 3 takeaways from report warning of 'degree gap' at state colleges - The Boston Globe](#)

6/8/16 - Education officials warned in a report Wednesday that the state's public higher education system faces a widening achievement gap between white and black students and lagging graduation rates systemwide that could ultimately hamper the region's economy.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Report: State needs to boost degree production - Commonwealth Magazine](#)

6/8/16 - The latest chapter came on Wednesday from the state Department of Higher Education, which warned in a report that Massachusetts is poised to start seeing a decline in the number of Massachusetts residents earning college degrees. If not reversed, the trend will exacerbate an already existing shortage of qualified workers for high-skills jobs and will put a damper on growth in the state's knowledge-based economy.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Mass. at risk of seeing drop in population with college degrees - State House News Service](#)

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[THE DEGREE GAP | Mass. Needs More College Graduates, Report Says - WBUR](#)

6/8/16 - The report — an annual update of the Department of Higher Education's Vision Project, its plan for improving the state's public colleges and universities — says Massachusetts' college graduation rates — though rising — are not keeping pace with the growing numbers of high-tech and other jobs that require a four-year degree.

[THE DEGREE GAP | State faces decline in college-educated workforce, report says - WCVB](#)

6/8/16 - Massachusetts is facing a decline in a college-educated workforce, according to a new report from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. The rate at which Massachusetts residents earn college degrees will pivot from growth to decline by 2022 unless the state's public higher education system increases the number of students who enroll and earn diplomas, according to The Degree Gap report released Wednesday.

[THE DEGREE GAP | Massachusetts needs more college graduates to preserve economy - WWLP.com](#)

6/8/16 - Job growth and the state economy could be in trouble, unless the University of Massachusetts and other public colleges graduate more students. According to the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, the rate at which state residents earn college degrees will stop growing and start declining by 2022.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass Opens New State Apiary - lancasterfarming.com](#)

6/24/16 - Gov. Charlie Baker declared June 20–26 as “Massachusetts Pollinator Week.” In support of this declaration, a celebration was held at UMass Amherst's Agricultural Learning Center to open the first state apiary.

[UMASS AMHERST | Students from Rebecca Johnson School get taste of college at UMass Center in downtown Springfield - masslive.com](#)
6/9/16 - Thirty fifth-graders from Rebecca Johnson School got a close-up look at what college life and work is like last week when they became students for a day at the UMass Center in Tower Square.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass professors trying to help young children enjoy math - WWLP.com](#)
6/9/16 - University of Massachusetts professors are working on programs to improve the health of western Massachusetts children, and to make them enjoy learning math.

[UMASS AMHERST | Brown University, UMass Amherst Hire African-American Deans of Admissions - Diverse Issues in Higher Education](#)
6/3/16 - Two New England universities—one public and one private—have recently named African-American males to head their admission offices. The move comes amid ongoing efforts by universities throughout the nation to grapple with how best to increase the racial demographics of their student bodies.

[UMASS AMHERST | Op-Ed: by Marty Meehan: Primary mission of UMass is to serve the state and its citizens - masslive.com](#)
6/3/16 - As almost any forward-looking person would understand, our students will be living, working and competing in a fully networked, integrated and globalized world. The idea of building a wall around the university bearing the legend “Massachusetts only” is as dangerous as it is ridiculous.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass student speaks out on anti-semitic acts on campus - Western Mass News](#)
6/2/16 - Reports of these hate-filled incidents are soaring this year across New England, increasingly in the form of vandalism or harassment at schools. Western Mass News spoke with a senior at UMass who was devastated by several of these acts this past academic school year.

[UMASS AMHERST | Disaster relief teams hold drill on UMass campus - WWLP.com](#)
6/2/16 - Local, state and federal disaster teams coordinated their efforts in a drill on Thursday meant to prepare for the worst. They turned the UMass parking lot next to McGuirk Stadium into a loading area for disaster relief supplies, including Meals Ready-to-Eat, water and blankets.

[UMASS AMHERST | Majority of merit scholarship money at UMass Amherst goes to out of state students - The Boston Globe](#)
5/29/16 - The University of Massachusetts’ flagship campus awarded \$22 million in merit scholarships to out-of-state students last year, joining other public universities across the country in aggressively recruiting high-paying applicants.

[UMASS BOSTON | UMass Boston Faculty Cuts Emblematic Of Funding Crisis In Public Higher Ed - WGBH On Campus](#)
6/20/16 - While those students and faculty certainly are here doing research for the common good, behind the slick ads, morale on UMass Boston’s urban campus is pretty low these days. That’s, in part, because last month scores of adjunct faculty members were told that their jobs could be eliminated.

[UMASS BOSTON | Boston Public Schools seeks to nurture black female educators - The Boston Globe](#)
6/6/16 - As Boston struggles to recruit, retain, and promote minority teachers, the school district has launched an effort to nurture female minority educators. The city has partnered with the University of Massachusetts Boston to create the accredited Women Educators of Color Executive Coaching Program, which will provide mentors and peer support for midcareer educators while allowing them to research challenging issues in education and seek solutions.

[UMASS BOSTON | 400 UMass Boston adjuncts are told contracts may not be renewed - The Boston Globe](#)

6/2/16 - Facing a budget deficit of \$22.3 million, the University of Massachusetts Boston has notified about 400 adjunct professors that their contracts may not be renewed in the fall, according to the university and the faculty union.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | UMD interim chancellor sees a campus and a region that are 'grossly underestimated' - southcoasttoday.com](#)

6/16/16 - UMass Dartmouth's interim chancellor, Dr. Randy Helm, told Greater New Bedford Chamber of Commerce members Thursday that the university and the region must do a better job of defending their interests in light of persistent disregard shown by state officials over the years.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | UMass researchers to receive more than \\$3.7M to study monkfish - Boston.com](#)

6/11/16 - The federal government says two projects designed to improve the future of the monkfish fishery will receive more than \$3.7 million in grants. The grants are going to the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology and Cornell University Cooperative Extension.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | Sen. Markey learns innovation, manufacturing aren't dead in Fall River - The Herald News](#)

6/2/16 - Markey was in Fall River on a tour arranged by the Chamber of Commerce. The idea was to look at businesses that were succeeding through innovation and also at how the CIE, run by UMass Dartmouth, fit into the picture.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell eyes master plan to detail city payments - Lowell Sun Online](#)

6/13/16 - UMass Lowell Chancellor Jacqueline Moloney wants to form what she called a "master document" with the city that will better lay out direct and indirect contributions the university makes to the city.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell to pay \\$321G in lieu of taxes to city - Lowell Sun Online](#)

6/7/16 - HomeTODAYS HeadlinesStory UMass Lowell to pay \$321G in lieu of taxes to city By Christopher Scott, cscott@lowellsun.com Grant Welker gwelker@lowellsun.com Updated: 06/07/2016 08:11:53 AM EDT Moloney said she looks forward to continued partnership with city. File photo Moloney said she looks forward to continued partnership with city.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell adjunct professors seek equal pay as other campuses - Lowell Sun Online](#)

6/6/16 - UMass Lowell adjunct faculty members are still without a new contract, unable to reach an agreement with the university over the appropriate pay and the establishment of benefits.

[UMASS LOWELL | With \\$61 million purchase, UMass Lowell expanding East Campus - Lowell Sun Online](#)

6/3/16 - UMass Lowell is planning to buy the Perkins Park residential building at the edge of its East Campus and convert it into student housing in time for the 2017-'18 school year.

[UMASS SYSTEM | Greek college honors Meehan - Lowell Sun Online](#)

6/25/16 - UMass president and Lowell native Marty Meehan will receive an honorary degree today from the American College of Greece. Meehan's prepared remarks include mention of several notable people of Greek descent with ties to Lowell and their accomplishments: the late Senator Paul Tsongas; former Governor Michael Dukakis, whose father was from Lowell; pro-sports owner Ted Leonsis, who grew up in the city; Market Basket CEO Arthur T. Demoulas, whose grandparents started the company

UMASS SYSTEM | Students, faculty, staff protest UMass cuts, tuition increase - FOX25

6/15/16 - Students and faculty gathered in Worcester Wednesday to voice their concerns about a possible UMass tuition increase. They argued that cuts to staff and an increase in tuition would weaken the reputation of the university, and leave students further in debt.

UMASS SYSTEM | Before raising tuition, UMass tightens belt - The Boston Globe

6/17/16 - The University of Massachusetts has announced that it curbed central office spending by \$3.1 million this fiscal year and that additional “efficiency and effectiveness” measures will, by 2019, save the system nearly \$300 million.

UMASS SYSTEM | Your View: UMass aspirations aligned with regional and statewide economic needs - southcoasttoday.com

6/19/16 - If left unchallenged, this attack on the mission of UMass statewide will do significant harm to this particular region, which more than any other region of the state depends on public higher education to attract, develop, and retain talent.

UMASS SYSTEM | Meehan: UMass costs tied up in state-budget outcome - Lowell Sun Online

6/9/16 - The university system’s Administration and Finance Committee on Wednesday agreed to defer a planned vote on tuition and fees until a July meeting, after UMass President Marty Meehan suggested the decision be put on hold until the state’s fiscal 2017 budget is finalized.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass says it pumped \$6B into Bay State - Lowell Sun Online

6/8/16 - The University of Massachusetts was responsible for \$6.2 billion in economic activity in Massachusetts last year -- a record high -- and helped to support more than 43,000 jobs statewide, President Marty Meehan said Tuesday in a press release.

UMASS SYSTEM | Meehan: Reports galvanize UMass - State House News Service

6/2/16 - Bristling at a report that the University of Massachusetts sent more merit scholarship dollars to out-of-state students, university officials on Wednesday said no taxpayer money goes to out-of-state students and encouraged analysis of the positive tuition impacts involved with recruiting out-of-state students.

UMASS SYSTEM | UMass president predicts ‘reasonable’ student cost increase - State House News Service

5/31/16 - The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees is expected to take up tuition and fee rates at a pair of June meetings, setting the stage for what UMass President Marty Meehan has predicted could be a “reasonable” rate increase.

MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Colleges tackle workforce demands of opioid crisis - telegram.com

6/4/16 - Facing a growing opioid addiction problem in the state, substance abuse treatment programs across the region are reporting difficulty keeping up, thanks to a lack of qualified workers. But local colleges and universities are preparing to send in reinforcements. Both Worcester State University and Mount Wachusett Community College are planning to offer training and certification programs for substance abuse counselors soon, joining existing programs like Quinsigamond Community College’s.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BRISTOL CC | Bristol Community College to offer CEUs for healthcare professionals - The Sun Chronicle

6/19/16 - Bristol Community College will offer continuing education units (CEUs) this fall to help fill the demand of expected future job openings due to a recent expansion in the healthcare industry.

BRISTOL CC | BCC's 'casino lab' preps students for industry jobs - WPRI 12 Eyewitness News

6/3/16 - Students can now take their chances at the poker and blackjack tables at Bristol Community College's new "casino lab."

BRISTOL CC | A new beginning: BCC Taunton Center ready to open its doors - The Taunton Daily Gazette

6/1/16 - For Bristol Community College, finding a permanent home in the Silver City Galleria doesn't just mean a new address. It means a new beginning, BCC Taunton Center Director Gloria Saddler said.

BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BUNKER HILL CC | Bunker Hill Community College Offers Free Career Training - PR Newswire

6/9/16 - Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) announced today the TRAIN program, sponsored by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, which will provide free career training to 36 long-term unemployed Massachusetts residents.

CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CAPE COD CC | Trustees recommend maximum raise for president - capecodtimes.com

6/22/16 - The Cape Cod Community College Board of Trustees recommended that President John Cox receive the maximum pay increase allowed — despite a petition for a vote of no confidence in him signed by more than 60 percent of full-time faculty and staff.

CAPE COD CC | Cape college's aviation program taking off - capecodtimes.com

6/14/16 - Against a blue backdrop framed by an open hangar door at Plymouth Municipal Airport, Cape Cod Community College President John Cox on Monday predicted clear skies for the college's new aviation maintenance program. The 12-month certificate program will allow graduates to sit for the Federal Aviation Administration's certification exam in airplane mechanics, known as airframe and powerplant, Cox said.

CAPE COD CC | Cape Cod Community College faculty voices no confidence in leadership - capecodtimes.com

6/15/16 - A long-simmering dispute between faculty members and administrators at Cape Cod Community College has reached a boiling point. More than 60 percent of the college's full-time tenured faculty and staff have signed a petition supporting a vote of no confidence in President John Cox, who has been in the position since 2012.

CAPE COD CC | Cape Cod Community College will offer credit courses at MVRHS - Martha's Vineyard Times

6/8/16 - The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) committee Monday night heard from Tom Hallahan, Vineyard coordinator for Cape Cod Community College (CCCC), who announced that the college will be partnering with the high school to start a dual-enrollment program in the fall. A total of 40 to 80 seniors will have the opportunity to take Writing 1 and 2 and World History 1 and 2 for college credit

CAPE COD CC | High school equivalency graduates lauded - capecodtimes.com

6/1/16 - At the outset of the high school equivalency graduation at Cape Cod Community College Wednesday night, Julie Wright, the school's HiSET chief examiner, asked the graduates to turn to the people who supported them and give them a thumbs up. As soon as they turned, the auditorium at the Tilden Arts Center erupted in applause.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOLYOKE CC | HCC Gateway to College Program Earns National Excellence Award - BusinessWest.com

6/13/16 - Holyoke Community College's (HCC) Gateway to College program, which in 2014 was ranked number one among all the Gateway programs in the U.S., is the recipient of the first-ever Gateway Program Excellence Award. The inaugural award from the Gateway to College National Network recognizes HCC's program for exceeding all four of the network's benchmarks for success in 2014-15: GPA, one-year persistence, two-year persistence, and graduation rate.

HOLYOKE CC | HCC Expands Presence in Hampshire County - BusinessWest.com

6/9/16 - Calling it a great day for Ware and a great day for the region, business leaders, elected officials, and representatives from Holyoke Community College recently celebrated the opening of a new education and workforce-training center in downtown Ware.

HOLYOKE CC | Officials to discuss search for new Holyoke Community College president Friday - masslive.com

5/31/16 - As Holyoke Community College President William F. Messner prepares for retirement, college officials work to find his replacement.

HOLYOKE CC | Venezuelan native Andres Martinez, 54, achieves lifetime goal, graduates from HCC with honors - masslive.com

5/28/16 - When Andres Martinez hears his name called at the Holyoke Community College graduation this morning at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, it will be a dream 30 years in the making.

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSASOIT CC | Massasoit Community College breaks ground for vet tech facility - Canton Journal

6/25/16 - Massasoit Community College recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Veterinary Technology Clinical Instruction Facility, which is being built at the Canton campus. The facility is scheduled to be completed and ready for student use by the fall 2016.

MASSASOIT CC | Massasoit, high school partnership could boost marine economy - Marshfield Mariner

6/22/16 - According to data from a Massachusetts Marine Trades Educational Trust survey, many local marinas are seeking qualified candidates, and feel a need for a local education center providing the necessary training. Enter Massasoit Community College. Starting this fall, the college will offer a range of general education courses as well as a marine technician certificate program at the school to prepare students for jobs in the local marine economy.

MASSASOIT CC | Marshfield, Massasoit Community College leaders announce partnership - Marshfield Mariner

6/16/16 - Marshfield education leaders, government officials and Massasoit Community College officials gathered at Marshfield High School on June 16 to officially announce a partnership between the high school and college. Starting this fall, the college will offer a range of general education courses as well as a marine technician certificate program at the high school to prepare students for jobs in the local marine economy.

MASSASOIT CC | Massasoit Community College will offer classes at Marshfield High - The Patriot Ledger
6/9/16 - Massasoit Community College plans to use classroom space at Marshfield High School to offer marine technology and basic adult education courses beginning in the fall.

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex Community College receives \$100K grant - Bedford Minuteman
6/15/16 - Middlesex Community College was one of 100 local nonprofits selected to receive grants of \$100,000 each through the Cummings Foundation's \$100K for 100 program. The college will expand its successful student outreach model of peer liaisons (now well established at the Lowell campus Multicultural Center), to hire trained student Achievement Liaisons and a program coordinator to work out of the Bedford Multicultural Center.

MIDDLESEX CC | Lowell schools look to strengthen ties with MCC to boost diversity - Lowell Sun Online
6/2/16 - To tackle the lack of diversity among educators, the Lowell school district plans to strengthen the paraprofessional education program it has with Middlesex Community College.

MIDDLESEX CC | Nashoba Valley Student Graduating College Before High School - CBS Boston
6/25/16 - Thursday night, Alicia will give the commencement speech at Middlesex Community College when she earns an associate's degree in liberal arts and sciences. Next Saturday, she will speak during her high school graduation at Nashoba Valley.

MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Area leaders cheer Asquino for work transforming MWCC (VIDEO) - Sentinel & Enterprise
6/25/16 - If there was one theme from the speakers during a breakfast held for retiring Mount Wachusett Community College President Daniel Asquino Friday morning, it was his successor has big shoes to fill.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC students offer service in Costa Rica - Sentinel & Enterprise
6/21/16 - Over the past two decades, civic engagement and volunteerism have become a hallmark of a Mount Wachusett Community College Education. As part of this experiential learning philosophy, a group of student volunteers traveled to Costa Rica for a week of service they described as "life changing."

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | This Professor Enrolled as an Undercover Student - The Chronicle of Higher Education
5/30/16 - After six years of teaching chemistry at Northern Essex Community College, in Massachusetts, Mike Cross wanted to get a better feel for how his students juggle classwork, kids, and jobs. He did that by going under cover, spending nearly a year of late nights doing homework alongside his three kids to earn an associate degree in liberal arts this month.

NORTHSHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTH SHORE CC | Community college tackles textbook prices - Campus News
6/19/16 - North Shore Community College has made a commitment to embrace the Open Educational Resources (OER) movement in higher education to make textbooks more affordable for its students.

NORTH SHORE CC | First-class effort by college and Lynn schools - Itemlive
6/1/16 - More than 100 students from the city's three high schools were honored for completing a semester of courses at North Shore Community College Tuesday night. The classes were for the kick-off semester of CommUniverCity at Lynn.

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

QUINSIGAMOND CC | QCC receives \$300K gift to buy mannequins for health care training - Worcester Telegram
5/31/16 - Quinsigamond Community College on Tuesday announced it has received an "unprecedented" gift of \$300,000 to buy and install new high-fidelity simulation technology at its downtown campus.

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | STCC's Gateway to College -- providing path to high school diploma, college credit -- taking applications - masslive.com
6/13/16 - High school can be a difficult environment for many students who struggle to fit in, have fallen behind on credits or have problems at home. For those facing such obstacles, Gateway to College at Springfield Technical Community College is a non-traditional high school program that serves students who are not successful in a traditional high school setting.

STATE UNIVERSITIES:

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Read it and reap: Bridgewater kids to benefit from literacy program funding - The Enterprise
6/20/16 - The Paula Shea Children's Endowment and the university are collaborating on a dollar-for-dollar matching donations in order to reach a wider number of preschool, elementary and middle school children in Bridgewater, the school said.

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Bridgewater State offering STEM certification for educators - The Enterprise
6/14/16 - A graduate certificate in science education is being offered by Bridgewater State University in partnership with the American Museum on Natural History (AMNH).

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

FITCHBURG STATE U | FSU, Fitchburg High solidify their Honors Compact - Sentinel & Enterprise
6/8/16 - The compact, originally signed in 2013 and now renewed for five years, allows students from the FHS Honors Academy, an accelerated academic program within the school, to benefit from university resources.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MCLA | Eighth-graders explore possible future careers at MCLA fair - Berkshire Eagle Online

6/3/16 - College and career may seem far off for area eighth-grade students, but in reality, deliberations focusing on higher education and jobs for 13-to 15-year-old students begin about two years from now. Students from seven Berkshire region public schools gained career insights during a eighth-grade career fair hosted at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts campus Thursday and Friday.

MCLA | Op-Ed: By James F. Birge: A liberal arts education for the 21st century - Berkshire Eagle Online

5/31/16 - Earlier this month I had the honor of presiding over the 117th commencement exercises of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) where more than 400 students received their degrees. Although I have presided over commencements at other institutions, this one was especially meaningful for me.

MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY

MASS MARITIME | FM Global donates \$100,000 to Massachusetts Maritime Academy - Johnston Sun Rise

6/23/16 - FM Global, Rhode Island's largest private company and one of the world's largest commercial property insurers, is entering into a five-year strategic partnership with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to build on the company's continuing education program of its boiler and machinery loss prevention engineers.

MASS MARITIME | Father-Daughter Duo Make History At Mass. Maritime Academy - CBS Boston

6/14/16 - When 21-year-old Meaghan Brain walks to classes at Massachusetts Maritime Academy and she comes across her father, she doesn't get a salute from him — even though she outranks him.

MASS MARITIME | Massachusetts Maritime Academy Celebrates 125-Year Anniversary- CapeCod.com

6/9/16 - The Massachusetts Maritime Academy is celebrating its 125th anniversary with an event in Boston on Saturday. State dignitaries will be onboard the college's training ship, the T.S. Kennedy, for a sunset reception at 4 p.m. and will reenact the signing of the legislation that established the academy.

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

WESTFIELD STATE U | Marlborough philanthropists give \$350K to Westfield State University, second-largest donation in school's history - masslive.com

6/16/16 - When the Stevenses attended the university's Pathways to Excellence Gala in May as guests of Trustee Robert Johnson — a WSU alum and a former longtime president and CEO of the Special Olympics of Massachusetts — they were so impressed with the school that they agreed to match the proceeds from the evening fundraiser. With the university bringing in \$350,000 from the event, the couple's match brought the grand total to \$700,000.

Higher Education Trends

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Affirmative action wins a major victory at the Supreme Court - The Hechinger Report](#)

6/23/16 - In a 4-3 decision written by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the Supreme Court said Thursday that the race-conscious admissions program used by the University of Texas-Austin was lawful under the Equal Protection Clause.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Colleges prioritize affordability for first-year students - Education Dive](#)

6/23/16 - Federal legislators last week approved a plan to restore year-round student Pell Grant eligibility, addressing the growing problem of limited higher education access that spiked in 2011, but will now expedite college completion for more than 1 million students taking courses this summer.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study finds inconclusive results about efficacy of adaptive learning - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/23/16 - Major study of adaptive learning finds inconclusive results about its ability to improve outcomes and lower costs, but use at two-year colleges and in remedial courses shows potential.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | College students placed in remedial algebra have better outcomes in college stats classes - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/23/16 - Statistical courses, rather than algebra remediation, do a better job at helping first-year students succeed when they test into developmental education, a new report finds.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Education Department to release data reports on accreditors based on measures of student achievement- Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/21/16 - The Education Department has created new data reports on the performance of accrediting agencies, using measures such as graduation and loan repayment rates at colleges the agencies oversee.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield to offer in-state tuition to Massachusetts residents - masslive.com](#)

6/17/16 - The Connecticut Board of Regents on Thursday gave final approval to allow Asnuntuck Community College to begin a two-year pilot program to charge Massachusetts residents the same tuition Connecticut residents pay.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Public university presidents seeing big gains in bonuses, other perks - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/16/16 - Presidents' contracts have become long, complex and stuffed with extra benefits going far beyond base salary and a place to live, according to new research from James Finkelstein, a public policy professor at George Mason University who has been analyzing presidential contracts for several years.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Examining Why Female Students Leave Engineering - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/16/16 - After starting out in engineering, women are less likely than men to stay in the profession. But rather than a toxic curriculum or classroom environment, the problem may come from the group dynamics found in teamwork and summer internships, according to a new study from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Education Department recommends eliminating national accreditor to many for-profit colleges - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/16/16 - The U.S. Department of Education has recommended the termination of a controversial accreditor, which could threaten access to federal financial aid for 243 institutions -- many of them for-profits -- that enroll more than 800,000 students.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [College graduation rates improve for Boston students, but gaps remain - The Boston Globe](#)

6/14/16 - The college graduation rate for Boston high school students has increased sharply in recent years, but about half of those who enroll in college still fail to earn degrees within six years, according to a new report. The study also found that black and Hispanic students remain far less likely than their white and Asian peers to earn degrees.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [What other countries can teach the U.S. about student loans - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/14/16 - Is there a better way? Critics often point to other countries' structures as models for an improved American system. But would those systems work in the U.S., with its deeply entrenched economic policies and unique brand of political and psychological conventions?

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Advocates warn against ranking colleges' handling of sexual assault based on Clery data - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/13/16 - Ranking colleges based on reported number of rapes, as The Washington Post has done, may attract much publicity, but researchers and advocates say doing so is misguided.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [What First-Generation College Students Want - The Atlantic](#)

6/11/16 - As policymakers and educators debate how to help high-schoolers from all backgrounds get to and through college, young people's ideas about the support they need to succeed are sometimes left out of the discussion.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Survey aims to measure inclusivity on campus - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/9/16 - When colleges say they prioritize inclusive environments, what do they mean? A new survey hopes to cut through the noise.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [How 2U, Pearson, and Other Companies Are Profiting Off of Online Learning at Top Colleges - The Atlantic](#)

6/7/16 - But the practice of aggressive recruiting of college students isn't limited to for-profit colleges: Students who study online at many public and private non-profit schools are being recruited in similar ways and are handing over large percentages of their tuition—hundreds of millions of dollars total a year—to companies that profit based on the number of students who enroll.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Paper finds no negative consequences for 4-year to 2-year transfers - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/6/16 - New report on transfer of struggling students from universities to community colleges finds students benefit from moving in nontraditional direction.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Colleges send too many into remedial classes who don't need it, growing body of research shows - The Hechinger Report](#)

6/6/16 - A new Alaska study adds more weight to a growing body of research showing that standardized tests are a lousy way to make this decision, and that it would be much better to look at students' high school grades instead.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Doubts About Career Readiness From College Seniors - Inside Higher Ed](#)

6/3/16 - Only 40 percent of college seniors say their experience in college has been very helpful in preparing them for a career, according to the results of a survey by McGraw-Hill Education.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | The Missing Piece in the Debate Over College Costs - The Atlantic](#)

6/2/16 - Hundreds of colleges are offering programs that simply aren't worth the expense. And while it's difficult for families to figure out which schools are a good deal, a new report from Third Way suggests the reality is: depressingly few.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Hidden Side of the College Dream: Mediocre Graduation Rates - The New York Times](#)

6/1/16 - To rise in society, "go to college" is such a proven prescription that Michelle Obama made a rap video of it. But while, on average, college graduates have lower unemployment rates, earn higher wages and even have longer-lasting marriages, there's less discussion of the many students lost between enrollment and graduation.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | For-profit College Students Earning Less After Attendance - Diverse Issues in Higher Education](#)

5/30/16 - With the exception of students who study cosmetology, students who attend for-profit colleges end up earning less money five to six years after attendance than they did before they enrolled, a new paper released Monday claims.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Are campus police departments diverse? - The Boston Globe](#)

5/29/16 - A spate of high-profile shootings by police nationwide has prompted calls for greater diversity among municipal law enforcement agencies. But less attention has been focused on college police departments, where most officers are armed and have powers that are similar to state and city forces.

Our best wishes to Renee Hanley for a speedy recovery!

*Get
Well
Soon!*



Jayde xx

AFSCME Local 1067 - Community Involvement



AFSCME-BHCC police in the Bunker Hill Parade on Sunday, June 12th.



Julie Curtis, Unit 1 Steward at Salem State University and Vice President of the North Shore Labor Council, with Steve Tolman, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO enjoying the North Shore Labor Council Legislative Dinner on Friday, June 17.

Do you have an event or activity that involved AFSCME members and would like it included in the monthly newsletter? Send your photos, along with a *brief description* to Kevin Hanley at khanley@bhcc.mass.edu.

Monthly Executive Board Meetings
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Worcester, MA
9:30 a.m.

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