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Monday, June 13, 2016

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What's happening in June...



Father's Day—There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.



Flag Day – In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted “the American continental army” after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937,

Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the “Centennial” parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events.

Appleton, Wisconsin claims to be the oldest National Flag Day parade in the nation, held annually since 1950. It was also named “Most Patriotic City in America” by AmericaTheBeautiful.com in 2008.

Quincy, Massachusetts has had an annual Flag Day parade since 1952 and claims it “is the longest-running parade of its kind in the nation.” The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators. In addition, the Three Oaks, Michigan Flag Day Parade is held annually on the weekend of Flag Day and is a three-day event and they claim to have the largest flag day parade in the nation as well as the oldest



Summer Solstice – Summer Solstice takes place on June 20, 2016. At the summer solstice, the days are longest and the nights are shortest, with day-length decreasing as the season progresses after the solstice. Summer is the warmest of the four temperate seasons, between spring and autumn. Schools and universities typically have a summer break to take advantage of the warmer weather and longer days. In all countries, children are out of school during this time of year for summer break, although dates vary.

Though the summer solstice is an instant in time, the term is also colloquially used like midsummer to refer to the day on which it occurs. The summer solstice occurs on the day that has the longest period of daylight – except in the polar regions, where daylight is continuous, from a few days to six months around the summer solstice. Worldwide, interpretation of the event has varied among cultures, but most have recognition of sign of the fertility, involving holidays, festivals, and rituals around that time.

The summer solstice occurs when the tilt of a planet's semi-axis, in either the northern or the southern hemisphere, is most inclined toward the star (sun) that it orbits. Earth's maximum axial tilt toward the sun is 23° 26'. This happens twice each year, at which times the sun reaches its highest position in the sky as seen from the north or the south pole. The text “Summer Solstice” has been taken from www.cute-calendar.com.

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BREAKING !

Tentative Agreement Reached !!

Labor Secretary Tom Perez said Friday that telecom giant Verizon and two unions representing its workers reached a tentative agreement that will end a massive, six-week strike.

In a statement, Perez said the parties had resolved their remaining issues “in principle,” but were still hammering out the contract language. Once that is done, the unions — the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers — will submit the contract to membership for ratification.

“This tentative resolution is a testament to the power of collective bargaining,” Perez said. “I commend the leadership of Verizon, CWA, and IBEW for their commitment to resolving these difficult issues in the spirit of constructive engagement.”

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College of the month *Highlight*



Framingham State University

First Normal School: Framingham State University was founded in 1839 as the nation's first public university for the education of teachers. Today, the University enrolls more than 6,400 students with 53 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences and professional fields. As a public university, Framingham State prides itself on quality academic programs, affordability, and commitment to access for all qualified students.

Commonwealth Commitment: Gov. Charlie Baker joined with public college and university presidents from around the state on Thursday, April 21, to announce the Commonwealth Commitment program. The first agreement of its kind in the nation, the Commonwealth Commitment is a statewide "2+2" plan where students earn an associate's degree in two and a half years or less at one of the state's 15 community colleges, and then transfer to a state university or UMass campus to earn a baccalaureate degree. The plan commits every public campus to providing 10 percent rebates at the end of each successfully completed semester to qualifying undergraduate students, for an average savings of \$5,090 off the cost of a baccalaureate degree. Tuition and mandatory fees will be frozen for program participants as of the date they enter the program.

Framingham State University at MassBay: We are excited to announce a new partnership with MassBay Community College called FSU@MassBay. It is a 2+2 program that offers students the chance to earn their associate's degree and bachelor's degree in four years for under \$28,000. All courses during the four years would be taught at MassBay's Wellesley Campus. The program is available in two in-demand degrees – Liberal Studies and Business Management.

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Reminder!!!

This is the order that we are spotlighting our schools;

June is Framingham State University

Bridgewater State University - ✓
~~Cape Cod Community College~~ - not submitted
Framingham State University - ✓
Fitchburg State University
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...Fitchburg State University

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



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Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Newsclips

29 WHO SHINE | Five area students among the state's '29 Who Shine' 2016 honorees - Gate House Media

5/20/16 - Jacob Miller from UMass Dartmouth, Milagros Sanchez-Gaton from Bristol Community College, Brendan Heath from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Brittany Baillie from Bridgewater State University and Megan E. Pierce of Rochester from Fitchburg State University were among the honorees at the Statehouse on May 9, according to a news release from the Department of Higher Education.

29 WHO SHINE | BHCC student honored at State House - Campus News

5/19/16 - Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) student Sondos Alnamos was one of the 29 graduates of Massachusetts public colleges and universities honored at the State House May 9. Governor Charlie Baker, Senate President Stan Rosenberg, Secretary of Education James Peyser and UMass President Marty Meehan attended the "29 Who Shine" ceremony.

29 WHO SHINE | Salem State student receives 29 Who Shine award - Salem Gazette

5/17/16 - In ceremonies at the Massachusetts Statehouse on May 9, Salem State University senior Victoria Chase was honored by Gov. Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education with one of this year's 29 Who Shine awards. Chase will graduate from Salem State University on May 21 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

29 WHO SHINE | MCLA student wins '29 Who Shine' award at Statehouse - Berkshire Eagle Online

5/13/16 - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts senior Grace Ngobo Toko Mbonda on Monday was honored at a "29 Who Shine" awards ceremony at the Massachusetts Statehouse. Presented by the state Department of Higher Education, the award program each year honors outstanding students representing each of the commonwealth's 29 public higher education campuses.

29 WHO SHINE | UML, MCC graduating seniors 'shine' in state spotlight - Lowell Sun Online

5/13/16 - The state Department of Higher Education award is given to one student at each public higher-education campus that demonstrates leadership and interest in a career beneficial to Massachusetts.

29 WHO SHINE | 4Cs Student Recognized as State's '29 Who Shine' - CapeCod.com

5/13/16 - A Cape Cod Community College student from Chatham was honored this week among the "best of the best" in Massachusetts Public Higher Education.

29 WHO SHINE | Op-Ed: NSCC shining bright in Lynn - Itemlive

5/11/16 - His life journey could take him back to Lynn where he can expand his family, buy a home and if he's lucky, work for a medical provider. That full-circle odyssey will make a shining example of how NSCC and schools like it benefit the communities around them.

29 WHO SHINE | The Forum: BCC student wins '29 Who Shine' award - Berkshire Eagle Online

5/10/16 - Berkshire Community College student Jose Alfredo Cruz on Monday was honored at a "29 Who Shine" awards ceremony at the Massachusetts State House. Presented by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, the award program honors outstanding students representing each of the state's 29 public higher education campuses.

29 WHO SHINE | Middlesex Community College student wins state honors - The Concord Journal

5/10/16 - Middlesex Community College student Paulina Llorente Gonzalez, of Concord, has been named one of this year's Massachusetts Department of Higher Education's 29 Who Shine, an annual program recognizing outstanding students representing each of the state's 29 public campuses: 15 community colleges, nine state universities and five University of Massachusetts campuses.

29 WHO SHINE | Michael Nicholson, UMass Amherst Senior from Gardner, among '29 Who Shine' Honored at State House - Office of News & Media Relations

5/10/16 - Michael Nicholson, of Gardner, a University of Massachusetts Amherst senior majoring in political science and history, was honored May 9 at the State House during the state Department of Higher Education's "29 Who Shine" ceremony saluting public campus graduates for their civic and academic achievements.

29 WHO SHINE | Shining his way to the State House and beyond - Itemlive

5/9/16 - Osarumwense "Sheddy" Agbonsalo was one of 29 public college students honored Monday at the State House. The Nigerian-born resident, who studies at North Shore Community College's (NSCC) Broad Street campus, is on track to graduate with an associate degree in health science.

29 WHO SHINE | GCC student among state's '29 who shine' - The Recorder

5/9/16 - Greenfield Community College student Emily Emmons is among the "29 Who Shine," a group of outstanding Massachusetts public college and university graduates honored by the Department of Higher Education at a statehouse ceremony Monday.

29 WHO SHINE | UMMS medical student Waldo Zamor among '29 Who Shine' - UMass Med Now

5/9/16 - UMass Medical School student Waldo Zamor, School of Medicine Class of 2016, was named by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education as one of its "29 Who Shine" honorees for 2016. The awards recognize graduating students for exceptional commitment to community service and outstanding academic achievement.

29 WHO SHINE | 29 Who Shine awards presented to Massachusetts college students - WWLP.com

5/9/16 - The state honored dozens of college graduates in a State House ceremony Monday. The 29 Who Shine awards ceremony takes place every year during commencement season, to honor outstanding graduates from each of the state's 29 public colleges and universities.

29 WHO SHINE | MassBay student from Southborough picked as one of '29 Who Shine' - Wicked Local Southborough

5/6/16 - MassBay Community College announced Friday that General Studies student Abraham Guerrero of Southborough has been selected as the college's representative for the Department of Higher Education's "29 Who Shine" award.

29 WHO SHINE | '29 Who Shine' at Mass. public colleges to be honored - telegram.com

5/5/16 - The state Department of Higher Education will honor its annual crop of "29 Who Shine" graduates at a ceremony at the Statehouse in Boston on Monday. Award winners are selected on the basis of their academic success as well as their records of leadership and community service.

100 MALES TO COLLEGE | Springfield Schools' '100 Males to College' program a 100 percent success for seniors - masslive.com

5/17/16 - Ortiz is one of "100 Males to College," an initiative of the Springfield Public Schools and Massachusetts Department of Higher Education in partnership with STCC, the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Westfield State University. A celebration of the first year of the program and the 100-plus males involved in the program was held Monday night at CityStage.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Success is the story at NSCC graduation - Itemlive](#)

5/27/16 - A sea of black gowns filled the gymnasium with nervous smiles, waves and dangling tassels as North Shore Community College arrived for graduation day.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Over 660 Students Graduate at 4C's 54th Commencement Ceremony - CapeCod.com](#)

5/27/16 - Cape Cod Community College held its 54th Commencement Ceremony Thursday at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Massachusetts Maritime Academy honors accomplished graduate - capecodtimes.com](#)

5/25/16 - Twenty years ago, U.S. Army Maj. Marisol Chalas was in the same shoes as many of the seniors on the Massachusetts Maritime Academy football field on Wednesday. About 1,500 cadets, on National Maritime Day, were lined up on the field as part of the change of command ceremony, the annual tradition during which senior ranking cadets pass the baton to the junior class.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Grads say NECC a 'game changer' - The Eagle-Tribune](#)

5/22/16 - For most grads, this is not only a ceremony. It's the opening up of a new life, a new career and the opportunity for a future that's completely different.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Salem State University graduates - salemnews.com](#)

5/22/16 - The following local residents were awarded bachelor's degrees during commencement exercises Saturday, May 21, at Salem State University.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Mayor addresses graduates at Bunker Hill Community College commencement - The Boston Globe](#)

5/21/16 - Mayor Martin J. Walsh said he was among "my people." Speaking at Bunker Hill Community College's commencement Saturday, Walsh told graduates he was one of them: a dreamer who forged an unconventional path to earn a college degree and later become mayor of Boston.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Gov. Charlie Baker gives Westfield State University grads 5 pieces of wisdom, urges them to 'make a difference' - masslive.com](#)

5/21/16 - Gov. Charlie Baker gave new Westfield State University graduates five pieces of wisdom and urged them to make the most of their futures, as he spoke at the school's commencement Saturday.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Visionary thinking key to success, Fitchburg State University grads are told - telegram.com](#)

5/21/16 - Members of the Fitchburg State University class of 2016 were told Saturday morning that they had visionary choices to make to contribute to the nation and the world.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | FSU grad students challenged to take action - Sentinel & Enterprise](#)

5/20/16 - On Thursday evening, 186 graduate students earned degrees from Fitchburg State University, becoming masters in everything from business administration to computer science.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | A rite of passage for Mount nursing grads - The Gardner News](#)

5/20/16 - Family and friends from as near as Gardner and as far away as Zimbabwe came to celebrate the achievements of Mount Wachusett Community College's associate degree nursing class during a traditional pinning ceremony held on Thursday in the Fitness & Wellness Center.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Charting new courses at Mount Wachusett \(VIDEO\) - Sentinel & Enterprise](#)

5/19/16 - After nearly 30 years as president of Mount Wachusett Community College, President Daniel Asquino addressed the final group of graduates Wednesday while at the helm of the school. Asquino left the 734 graduates with words that allowed him to overcome being an average high school student to earning his master's degree then his doctorate while working 46 years in higher education.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Quinsigamond Community College graduates its largest class ever - telegram.com](#)

5/19/16 - The largest-ever graduating class at Quinsigamond Community College walked across the stage at the DCU Center at the school's 51st commencement Thursday.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Student Success at Roxbury Community College Highlighted Through Commencement Activities - PR Newswire](#)

5/18/16 - The impressive level of student success at Roxbury Community College was highlighted through various commencement-related activities throughout the week of May 9, 2016. At multiple events, the Class of 2016 received recognition for their impressive academic, civic and personal accomplishments.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Nina Tassler, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito Offer New Grads Advice - Radio Boston](#)

5/16/16 - Nina Tassler, former chair of CBS Entertainment, spoke at Boston University's commencement this weekend. Something she said was an oft-repeated theme: amazement at the unexpected twists and turns life takes.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | A day to celebrate for 54 UMass Law grads - southcoasttoday.com](#)

5/16/16 - This year's 54 graduates of UMass Law School face a challenging job market, an upcoming bar exam and the struggle of balancing career and family. But Monday's commencement, that was a day to celebrate.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Lt. Gov. Polito urges WSU grads to continue finding success in Mass. - telegram.com](#)

5/15/16 - Touting the state's innovative economy and recent bipartisan governmental initiatives, commencement speaker Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito on Saturday urged Worcester State University's class of 2016 to stay in Massachusetts to find their next opportunities.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | New doors open for Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts graduates - Berkshire Eagle Online](#)

5/14/16 - More than two years ago, Cindy Bird of Adams was laid off from her job as a secretary in surgical services when North Adams Regional Hospital closed, leaving Bird and hundreds of others jobless. Saturday, with the help of a local fund set up to help former NARH employees, she graduated from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She was one of 369 people to receive their bachelor's degrees Saturday.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Elizabeth Warren advised graduates to embrace the unexpected - The Boston Globe](#)

5/14/16 - What do Donald Trump, The Isley Brothers, and lyrics from the Taylor Swift hit, "Shake It Off" have in common? Elizabeth Warren wove them into a commencement address Saturday at Bridgewater State University, where she recounted her journey from college dropout to US senator in a speech that included advice, jabs at Wall Street, and laugh lines.

[COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Record UMass Lowell class told: 'The world needs you' - Sentinel & Enterprise](#)

5/14/16 - America needs you, so never lose faith in your country or your ability to make it a better place. That was commencement speaker Judy Woodruff's advice to the UMass Lowell class of 2016 as they prepared to accept their degrees on Saturday. At 3,700 graduates, it was the largest class to ever graduate the university.

COMMENCEMENT 2016 | Bridgewater State University students become masters in their field - Bridgewater Independent

5/11/16 - Very few individuals can say that they are truly a master of their craft, but after receiving their diplomas Wednesday night more than 500 Bridgewater State University students can now say exactly that.

COMMENCEMENT 2016 | UMass Dartmouth's 116th Commencement to graduate 2,086 this weekend - southcoasttoday.com

5/9/16 - Tayla Vincent, 21, said her three years at UMass Dartmouth have been formative — from extensive community service and leadership training to landing a full-time job at a Dedham CPA firm.

COMMENCEMENT 2016 | UMass Amherst Class of 2016 optimistic about future, says university prepared them well - masslive.com

5/6/16 - The sun was not shining on University of Massachusetts graduates as they waited in caps and gowns for the ceremony to begin on Friday, but the rain didn't dampen their optimism about the future. While many are returning home for a while, some are taking on internships and others have part-time work lined up, students say UMass has prepared them well.

COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT | New Program Will Help Community College Students Earn Bachelor's Degrees - WCAI

5/17/16 - Starting next fall, students who enroll at Cape Cod Community College can take part in a new program aimed at helping them get a bachelor's degree while also keeping costs down.

COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT | Op-Ed: Commonwealth Commitment - capecodtimes.com

5/5/16 - For just about everyone, a college degree has become too expensive. That's true for public colleges and universities as well as for elite private schools. That forces young people into huge debts that hold them back even if they graduate and get jobs.

COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT | Initiative would make state college more affordable - Newton TAB

5/3/16 - The cost of a four-year degree could soon get much more affordable for certain students who transfer from a Massachusetts community college to a state university.

COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT | Op-Ed: Taking a whack at college costs - salemnews.com

5/2/16 - Clearly, something needs to be done to contain costs and lower student debt. A plan put forth by Gov. Charlie Baker's administration doesn't tackle the entire problem, but is a significant step forward in that it recognizes the value of state schools, especially community colleges, in providing a top-notch education.

COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO | Higher ed. commissioner touts channel from GCC to 4-year colleges - The Recorder

5/11/16 - Being unable to receive credit for college courses and ending up having to retake them at their new school means time, money and frustration and, for some, it's enough to cause them to give up entirely. That's what Commissioner Carlos Santiago of the state Department of Higher Education wants to change, and he's already begun working to do it, he told a gathering of local leaders, college faculty and students at Greenfield Community College Wednesday afternoon.

UMASS AMHERST | 3 UMass Amherst graduates among Tony Award nominees for 'Hamilton,' 'American Psycho' - masslive.com

5/26/16 - Three graduates of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst are among the nominees for the Antoinette Perry Award for Excellence in Theatre, presented each year by the American Theatre Wing and The Broadway League.

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass endowment to divest from direct fossil fuel holdings - Associated Press](#)

5/26/16 - The University of Massachusetts system says it will eliminate direct investments in fossil fuels from its endowment. A board that oversees the \$770 million endowment voted unanimously in support of the decision on Wednesday, a month after students called for divestment during protests at the Amherst campus.

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass shouldn't veer from its path - Berkshire Eagle Online](#)

5/25/16 - While acknowledging the progress UMass has made as an institution, the Pioneer Institute believes it is heading in the wrong direction. We say, steady as she goes.

[UMASS SYSTEM | Senate tells UMass: Consider installing shooter detection technology - masslive.com](#)

5/25/16 - The University of Massachusetts would be required to study whether to install a shooter detection and reporting system on all University of Massachusetts campuses under an amendment passed by the state Senate on Tuesday.

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass can't win - The Boston Globe](#)

5/21/16 - The rap on UMass was that its facilities and academic standards were second-rate and its supposed undesirability was evident in a lack of out-of-state students lining up to apply. Now the Pioneer Institute is out with a report saying a more academically rigorous UMass is spending too much money on nice new buildings and letting in too many out-of-state students.

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass criticized for admitting too many out-of-state students - The Boston Globe](#)

5/19/16 - The Pioneer Institute is set to issue a report on Thursday highly critical of the University of Massachusetts for admitting too many out-of-state students — a charge that prompted a sharp preemptive retort Wednesday from the university, which accused the conservative-leaning think tank of favoring private colleges over public ones.

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass administration: Out-of-state students don't cut opportunity for Massachusetts students - masslive.com](#)

5/19/16 - In response to a Pioneer Institute report criticizing the University of Massachusetts system for rising enrollment of out-of-state students, UMass Amherst Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy said Thursday that those students -- and their tuition dollars -- increase opportunities for Massachusetts residents at the flagship Amherst campus instead of taking seats away from Bay Staters.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass lab steps up tick testing efforts - Associated Press](#)

5/22/16 - A University of Massachusetts laboratory that tests ticks that people find on themselves or their pets for diseases that could possibly be passed on is stepping up its efforts as tick season kicks into high gear.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass nursing conference focused on healthcare for veterans - WWLP.com](#)

5/12/16 - The University of Massachusetts College of Nursing is looking to less medication and more creative approaches to help veterans with their medical problems.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass Amherst engineers developing multiline anchor system for floating offshore wind turbines - Windpower](#)

5/4/16 - A team of researchers that includes two engineers from the University of Massachusetts Amherst is developing a new mooring system for floating offshore wind turbines that uses an integrated network of anchors and lines to hold dozens or even hundreds of turbines in place in the ocean in industrial-scale, offshore wind farms.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass dining drawing criticism for being too good - WWLP.com](#)

5/4/16 - The award-winning food at UMass Amherst is putting them in direct competition with the restaurant industry. UMass Dining Services told us their world class campus food program is loved by most of the students, but not everybody in the Amherst restaurant business.

[UMASS AMHERST | Tuition cuts make UMaine a hot college for Mass. students - The Boston Globe](#)

5/3/16 - A record number of out-of-state students, including hundreds from Massachusetts, will be attending the University of Maine's flagship campus in Orono this fall after the college slashed tuition prices for new students. Under the new Flagship Match program, qualifying students from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania will pay the same tuition and fees at U-Maine in Orono as they would at their home state's flagship institution.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | Grossman tells R.I. College forum Meehan wanted 'to go with his own person' - The Herald News](#)

5/3/16 - Grossman described fundraising numbers in the stories, published by The Boston Globe, as inaccurate and the enrollment drop as taken out of the context of a decade-long decline in statewide enrollment due to changing demographics.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell Receives Donations Totaling More Than \\$1.6 Million - Lowell.com](#)

5/20/16 - Three donors have made gifts totaling \$1.625 million in support of UMass Lowell's first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, "Our Legacy, Our Place."

[BOARD OF HIGHER ED | For Monty Tech leader, learning is lifelong - Sentinel & Enterprise](#)

5/19/16 - When Dr. Sheila Harrity accepted the superintendent-director position at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, she had just been recognized as the National High School Principal of the Year in Worcester, but she hasn't looked back.

[MA PUBLIC HIGHER ED | College costs go up and students suffer - The Boston Globe](#)

5/20/16 - Consider this: In 1988, the average grant from the state's primary needs-based grant program paid for 85 percent of a student's education. That number today? Take a deep breath. It's 9 percent.

[MA PUBLIC HIGHER ED | Massachusetts Senate leaders roll out \\$39.5 billion state budget plan - Berkshire Eagle Online](#)

5/17/16 - Massachusetts Senate leaders have rolled out a \$39.5 billion state budget plan that increases spending on local schools and public higher education.

[MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | State universities in Central Mass. plan to raise fees next year - telegram.com](#)

5/17/16 - Barring an increase in higher education funding from the state, it would be another year, another round of fee increases for students at local state universities this fall.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

[BERKSHIRE CC | 'BCC Hacks': Students, engineers set to hack new ground - Berkshire Eagle Online](#)

5/3/16 - When a group of Berkshire Community College students invited campus peers to the college's first hackathon, "BCC Hacks," the resounding response seemed to be: "What's a hackathon?" The festival-style event brings together computer programmers, coders, hardware and software engineers, and other creative and technical types, to spend 24-plus hours to work

on a project, address a particular problem or build a prototype with the benefit of collaborating with other like minds.

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BRISTOL CC / HOLYOKE CC | Bristol Community College tapped for Pell Grant program to expand college to high school students - The Sun Chronicle

5/16/16 - President Barack Obama's administration has picked Bristol Community College to be part of a pilot program that would make federal Pell Grants available to student to take college courses while they are still in high school. Holyoke Community College and Urban College of Boston are the other Massachusetts schools taking part in the program.

BRISTOL CC | BCC, Southcoast secure grant funding for medical assistant training - The Herald News

5/9/16 - A partnership between Bristol Community College and Southcoast Health has resulted in the certification of more than 100 medical assistants in the last year.

BRISTOL CC | BCC obtains grant to expand Luso Center programs - The Herald News

4/29/16 - Bristol Community College is using a Mass Humanities planning grant to expand its Luso Center programs to students and to the community.

BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BUNKER HILL CC | Game Changers: Four efforts to fight income inequality through education - The Boston Globe

5/13/16 - Income inequality and the financial struggles of millions of Americans are among the most pressing problems facing the country today. Count these Game Changers among those giving a leg up to the people climbing the economic ladder.

BUNKER HILL CC | Hunger on College Campuses: Another Barrier to Getting a Degree? - Huffington Post

5/13/16 - Wick Sloane teaches a college writing class at Bunker Hill Community College, where he also manages the Emergency Assistance Fund. There are weeks, he said, he spends "more time helping students sign up for food stamps than I have correcting essays." The same thing is true for many of his colleagues. "Hunger and food stamps have been my major professional development since I started teaching at BHCC," Sloane said.

BUNKER HILL CC | Feeney brothers send young talent to college to study the gas industry - Dorchester Reporter

5/5/16 - The Feeney brothers, Greg and Brendan, who operate a private utility contractor company in Dorchester, have been investing in their work force through a training program conducted at Bunker Hill Community College. The two-year course, which trains students in every aspect on the gas industry, will graduate its first class this month.

BUNKER HILL CC / ROXBURY CC | 'Free' community college for Boston students? Not really - Commonwealth Magazine

5/2/16 - But it turns out Walsh's vow to have the city provide "free" community college comes with a giant asterisk. The city is pledging only to cover tuition payments for eligible students.

BUNKER HILL CC / ROXBURY CC | Walsh administration will pay tuition bills for BPS students who attend community college in city - The Boston Globe

4/29/16 - Low-income students who graduate from Boston's public high schools with at least a "C" average will be eligible for free tuition at community colleges in Charlestown or Roxbury under a plan announced Friday by Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CAPE COD CC | 4C's Announces New Certificate Program for Corrections Officer - CapeCod.com

5/19/16 - Cape Cod Community College, in partnership with the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office, has created an Academic Certificate Program for those interested in becoming a Corrections Officer.

CAPE COD CC | Wareham High students attend diversity forum - Wicked Local Wareham

5/3/16 - Nineteen students at Wareham High School participated in Diversity Recognition Day on April 27 at Cape Cod Community College in Barnstable that illuminated the merits of diversity in society today.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOLYOKE CC / UMASS AMHERST | Report Cites HCC-UMass Relationship as Successful Transfer Pathway - BusinessWest.com

5/19/16 - HCC and UMass were selected as one of only six pairs of 'high-performing' community colleges and partner universities in "The Transfer Playbook: Essential Practices for Two- and Four-Year Colleges" from the Aspen Institute and the Community College Research Center at Columbia University's Teachers College.

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSASOIT CC | Bridgewater-Raynham's seniors reveal college choices - Raynham Call

5/21/16 - More than 90 percent of Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High seniors have made their collegiate choices. The most popular destination is nearby Massasoit Community College, but B-R students will be ending up at campuses all over the map in the fall.

MASSASOIT CC | Massasoit Community College Classes Coming to High School - 95.9 WATD

5/12/16 - College-level classes are coming to Marshfield High School. "The Marshfield School Committee has agreed to allow Massasoit Community College to come down and offer courses out of Marshfield High School starting this fall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings," said Laurie Maker, executive director of communications at Massasoit Community College.

MASSASOIT CC | Massasoit to run college classes inside Marshfield High - Marshfield Mariner

5/11/16 - The college will rent out three classrooms and one technology lab at Marshfield High School two nights a week for both fall and spring semesters and will offer both general education courses and marine technology courses, Superintendent Jeff Granatino said.

MASS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSBAY CC | Ashland: MassBay classic car show draws big crowd in fifth year - Milford Daily News

5/16/16 - According to George Panagiotou, director of automotive technology at MassBay, the event is meant to bring awareness to the automotive program for prospective students. Although it was the fifth consecutive year the school has sponsored the event, it was the first with recruitment in mind. Info sessions were included in the day's schedule in order to find new students looking to work in the car industry. Several attendees signed up with the program on the spot.

MASSBAY CC | MassBay Community College team places in computing sciences competition - Mansfield News

5/13/16 - MassBay Community College recently announced a student computer science programming team has placed third at the 21st National Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges Northeastern regional competition. The four member student team from MassBay, placed third behind Hamilton College and Clark University, out of 39 teams that competed in the competition.

MASSBAY CC | MassBay to host mobile food bank - MetroWest Daily News

5/3/16 - MassBay Community College and the Greater Boston Food Bank are partnering up to bring a mobile food pantry to the Wellesley campus to address food insecurity in students.

MASSBAY CC | David Podell Named Next President of MassBay - Patch

5/2/16 - In a unanimous vote, the board named Dr. David Podell the next head of the school. Podell is currently the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Marymount Manhattan College in New York; he is set to begin his tenure at MassBay July 1.

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MIDDLESEX CC | Bedford Police Partner with Middlesex Community College to Create Criminal Justice Service Learning Program - Bedford Patch

5/15/16 - The Bedford Police Department has partnered with Middlesex Community College (MCC) to create a Service Learning Program for the college's Criminal Justice Program, Police Chief Robert Bongiorno announced last week.

MIDDLESEX CC / UMASS LOWELL | Tough road to college diploma - Eagle Tribune

5/14/16 - Christopher Nunez came to Lawrence from the Dominican Republic when he was 15, and knew he was going to pursue higher education. On Saturday, his dream and determination are coming true.

MIDDLESEX CC | Minuteman High School to Serve as Middlesex Community College Satellite Campus - Lexington Patch

5/12/16 - Students attending Minuteman High School can now earn college credit while earning their high school diplomas, as the school has announced that it will serve as a satellite campus of Middlesex Community College.

MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex students to support Bedford veterans - Bedford Minuteman

5/9/16 - Students at Middlesex Community College are encouraging civilians in the community to engage with soldiers and veterans at the neighboring Bedford Veterans Administration Hospital. Heroes & Neighbors, a new student-run campus group, seeks to provide volunteer opportunities for students and faculty, and to raise funds for nonprofit groups which provide services to assist veterans.

MIDDLESEX CC | Dual enrollment coming to TMHS: Program gives students jump on college credits - Tewksbury Town Crier

5/9/16 - Established by the legislature in 2008, the Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP) allows high school students to earn college credits at a reduced rate, credits that will be transferable to many state colleges and universities. Tewksbury Memorial High School is partnering with Middlesex Community College, which is offering dual enrollment courses at a rate of \$87 per credit, about half of what students in Middlesex's main body will pay per course.

MIDDLESEX CC / UMASS LOWELL | Local colleges not planning to follow trend of arming police with semiautomatic weapons - Lowell Sun Online 5/2/16 - Seventy-five percent of campus police officers across the nation carry a firearm. Those in favor of the assault rifles argue that it offers police a longer range and greater accuracy than handguns, according to the Associated Press. But colleges in the Merrimack Valley, especially UMass Lowell and Middlesex Community College, with campuses in Lowell and Bedford, are not choosing to “militarize” their campus cops or security.

MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Mount Wachusett Community College honors 73 dual-enrollment graduates - Sentinel & Enterprise 5/27/16 - Aspiring doctors, nurses, physicists, teachers and police officers, as well as many teenagers who are the first in their families to attend college, are among the largest dual-enrollment graduating class at Mount Wachusett Community College.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Monty Tech looks to future with community partnerships - Sentinel & Enterprise 5/19/16 - They now offer more than 40 opportunities for accreditation, including the most recent addition of an EMT certification through Mount Wachusett Community College.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Volunteers recognized - The Gardner News 5/19/16 - Under President Dan Asquino, expanding student perspective beyond the confines of the campus has been a major focus of Mount Wachusett Community College. Through the Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement, students collectively volunteered 16,830 hours of their time during the past academic year at service projects in the area.

MT. WACHUSETT CC / FITCHBURG STATE U | Mount Wachusett President Daniel Asquino to receive President’s Medal at Fitchburg State commencement - Sentinel & Enterprise 5/5/16 - Daniel M. Asquino, president of Mount Wachusett Community College and the longest serving public higher education president in the state, will be awarded the President’s Medal at Fitchburg State University’s undergraduate commencement exercises on May 21.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC students named to national Who’s Who publication - Sentinel & Enterprise 5/8/16 - Mount Wachusett Community College students enrolled in a range of academic programs and involved in numerous activities have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be included in the 2016 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Quarrybrook hosts NECC summer program for kids - The Eagle Tribune 5/24/16 - Most children would prefer building tree houses, hiking and drawing over learning about science and engineering. But Northern Essex Community College is hosting a summer program at Quarrybrook Outdoor Learning Center in Windham that makes both possible.

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Northern Essex grads will take on addiction fight - eagletribune.com 5/20/16 - Donna Re and Jack Joaquin could have chosen easier and more lucrative ways of making a living. They are about to graduate from Northern Essex Community College with high academic averages. Rather than seeking the big bucks, however, they are embarking on careers as drug and alcohol counselors, where they will be serving as front-line troops in the fight against

addiction.

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Northern Essex Eyes Downtown Haverhill Expansion - WHAV

5/11/16 - Northern Essex Community College could expand in downtown Haverhill if it finds support for a proposed hospitality program. College trustees received a report last month, discussing the possibility of partnering with Endicott College at an as-yet undisclosed location.

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Dominican leaders visit NECC - eagletribune.com

5/4/16 - A group of distinguished leaders from the Dominican Republic visited Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence in late April. The group, which included the chancellor of the country's public university and a popular senator, visited on April 25 and 26. They were in the city to further develop higher education partnerships with Northern Essex, as well as to meet Lawrence business, community and government leaders.

NORTHSHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTH SHORE CC | Art builds a bridge to inspiration at NSCC - Itemlive

5/4/16 - James Chisholm's art class has given several North Shore Community College (NSCC) students a new appreciation of art. While many of Chisholm's students major in other fields, the art class has inspired some to pursue an art degree.

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Springfield in running for \$475,000 workforce development grant - masslive.com

5/20/16 - Staff with the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council, Springfield Technical Community College and the city's economic development team met with Mayor Domenic Sarno Friday afternoon to discuss the group's bid for a six-figure grant that would allow the development of a city-wide workforce development portal.

STATE UNIVERSITIES:

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Former Bridgewater State president Dana Mohler-Faria to repay for 15 weeks of unreported vacation time; university cited for 'deficiencies' - Boston Business Journal

5/4/16 - Bridgewater State University's former president, whose retirement package has drawn condemnation from Gov. Charlie Baker and helped spur calls for legislative reforms, has agreed to refund his former employer for payments made in relation to roughly 15 weeks of vacation time that had not been reported during his tenure in office.

[FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

FITCHBURG STATE U | Five Fitchburg State grads, five stories to inspire - Sentinel & Enterprise
5/21/16 - Today, 669 Fitchburg State University students will graduate and move on, to enter the workforce or continue their education. Here are five impressive graduates to watch.

FITCHBURG STATE U | Sexual-assault case puts Fitchburg State policies to test - Sentinel & Enterprise
5/12/16 - Sexual assault on college campuses has become a national conversation in recent years, and with the sexual assault charge filed against Fitchburg State University student Salah Barhoum, it's now a local conversation as well.

FITCHBURG STATE U | FSU technical education students visit Monty Tech - Sentinel & Enterprise
5/8/16 - Students in the Introduction to Technical Education course at Fitchburg State University recently visited the HVAC and Property Maintenance program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

FITCHBURG STATE U | 'A remarkable day' at Fitchburg State Special Olympics - Sentinel & Enterprise
4/30/16 - Fitchburg State's origin was as a teacher's preparatory college, and many of the students in the school still carry out that mission to this day. The unique aspect of Friday's Special Olympics is that it is a student-organized and administered event, with little faculty oversight.

[FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

FRAMINGHAM STATE U | With degrees in hand, there's not just one path for college graduates - Wicked Local Upton
5/26/16 - It used to be that if you wanted to be a psychologist, you got a degree in psychology, or if you wanted to be a scientist, you got a degree in science. Now, those lines are a little more blurred.

[MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN](#)

MASSART | Renowned art dealer (and alum) gives MassArt \$1 million - The Boston Globe
5/18/16 - The Massachusetts College of Art and Design's latest fund-raising campaign got a big boost from alumnus Arne Glimcher, one of the world's leading art dealers. Glimcher, the founder of Pace Gallery, gave a \$1 million gift to MassArt's Unbound: Campaign for the Bakalar & Paine Galleries, which is seeking to raise \$12 million to revitalize the three-floor gallery space on Huntington Avenue.

MASSART | MassArt's Thought Provoking Fashion - The Huffington Post
5/12/16 - Massachusetts College of Art (MassArt) is back in full effect for its 109th student fashion show, "Circuit", to be held on Saturday, May 14th at the Power Station, 540 Harrison Avenue, Boston.

[SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

SALEM STATE U | Salem State unveils early vision for school, campus swap - salemnews.com
5/6/16 - For decades, Salem State University and the city have shared a joint vision — to move the Horace Mann Laboratory School off busy Loring Avenue. Now, that vision is closer to becoming reality.

[WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

WESTFIELD STATE U | Op-Ed: By Ramon Torrecilha: Encouraging a passion for research at Westfield State - [masslive.com](#)
5/5/16 - On May 6, Westfield State University will hold its inaugural Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Work symposium. This event is an indication of how far we have come as a university with regards to undergraduate research.

[WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

WORCESTER STATE U | Schools using 4+1 programs to lure students - [WBJournal.com](#)
5/23/16 - This summer, a flood of new graduates will enter the job market. Among this sea of young job seekers with bachelor's degrees will be Worcester alumni with the added benefit of a master's degree.

Higher Education Trends

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Growing number of community colleges use multiple measures to place students - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/26/16 - More community colleges are moving away from relying on placement exams alone to figure out whether incoming students need remediation, but establishing a substitute system can be tricky.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Policies to help students pay for college continue to shift toward favoring the rich - The Hechinger Report](#)

5/24/16 - At a time when the presidential primaries have refocused attention on income disparity, and new data show the socioeconomic divide on campuses getting wider, some policymakers want to change these programs to better help lower-income students. Without these students, the nation can't meet its goal of increasing the proportion of the population with degrees, a measure by which several economic rivals now have an advantage.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Community colleges fret over overtime rules - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/23/16 - Employees at community colleges may be the most affected by the Obama administration's new rules for overtime pay, especially as the sector continues to see dwindling resources from their states.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Where Does the Regional State University Go From Here? - The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

5/22/16 - Without the athletics or research activities that draw public and legislative attention to flagships, regional publics have often been left to flourish, or falter, on their own. Unlike flagships, regionals can't count on significant research funding, large endowments, or abundant out-of-state tuition to insulate them from the kind of budget cuts most states have handed down since the recession hit, in 2008.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Many community college presidencies are in upheaval - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/20/16 - A spate of resignations and terminations among community college presidents provokes worries about a shortage of qualified candidates to fill these positions.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Community Colleges Opening Doors Wider With 4-Year Degrees - Diverse Issues in Higher Education](#)

5/19/16 - Community colleges have stepped up to meet workforce opportunities in areas such as nursing and technology by offering four-year degrees.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [States have cut money for higher education 17 percent since the recession, report finds - The Hechinger Report](#)

5/19/16 - In spite of a gradual economic recovery and improving revenues, most states are spending dramatically less on public higher education, a new report says. States are collectively investing 17 percent less in their public colleges and universities, or \$1,525 less per student, since 2007, according to the left-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which used inflation-adjusted figures.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Are traditional admission policies increasing racial inequality? - The Hechinger Report](#)

5/19/16 - Protests focused on entrenched racism rocked campuses around the country this year. Many top colleges enroll small numbers of black students, and the four-year college graduation rate for black students is half that of whites. In response, many admissions officers have been scouring the country — and the globe — to attract “qualified” black and brown students, striving to meet diversity targets while avoiding students they consider “at risk” of dropping out.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [The college debt crisis is even worse than you think - The Boston Globe](#)

5/18/16 - We tell students they need a bachelor's degree to get ahead. But for too many, the numbers no longer add up.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [How first-generation students are helping each other through college - The Hechinger Report](#)

5/18/16 - There's an ongoing discussion as to how many low-income students graduate, since the government's first crack at calculating that number last year was way off, but the figure is estimated at between 24 and 68 percent, depending on the institution and whether students take four, five or six years to complete their programs. When you ask the young people from Roma what got them through, their answer is unequivocal: friends.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Professors urge Department of Education to revise sexual assault guidance - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/17/16 - Citing an erosion of free speech and due process on college campuses, a group of 21 law professors on Monday released an open letter alleging that the U.S. Department of Education has unlawfully expanded how colleges must define and respond to allegations of sexual assault and harassment.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [When students pay tuition to work unpaid internships - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/17/16 - Traditionally, the unpaid internship debate starts with the question: Should students work for free? Many say no, unless they get something in return -- like course credit. As a result, unpaid internships that came with course credit took off. And now the question at the heart of the debate is different, and perhaps more startling: Should students pay to intern?

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Financial aid “arms war” continues to drain cash from colleges - The Hechinger Report](#)

5/16/16 - The trend of offering steeper cuts to incoming students comes at a time of breakneck tuition price hikes at private four-year, nonprofit colleges. Between 2000 and 2015, tuition and fees at these schools surged by nearly 50 percent, from roughly \$22,000 to more than \$32,000, according to the College Board.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Math anxiety: Families grapple with rising college costs - telegram.com](#)

5/14/16 - Student loans have subsequently become a larger part of how parents are affording to send their kids to college, leading to a nationwide debt crisis that is spooking families and worrying higher education officials and lawmakers. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the country's collective student loan debt is now approximately \$1.2 trillion.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Bringing College to Students Who Can't Leave Home - The Atlantic](#)

5/12/16 - As more students stay close to home for college, universities face the challenge of rethinking not only the education they offer, but how they deliver it to an increasingly diverse student body.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Video: Why a 'Big-Picture Education' Has Never Been More Important - The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

5/12/16 - Carol Geary Schneider, who is retiring in June after 18 years as president of the Association of American Colleges & Universities, describes what we know now about a high-quality education and its greatest threats.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | It's actually getting cheaper to borrow for college - The Washington Post](#)

5/12/16 - The government will charge families less to borrow money for college this fall as interest rates on federal loans are set to drop to their lowest level in a decade.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Colleges placing increasing importance on programs promoting civic engagement - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/10/16 - A growing number of colleges and universities are emphasizing civic engagement in their curriculum -- a move institutio

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | It's a Tough Job Market for the Young Without College Degrees - The New York Times](#)

5/10/16 - Younger workers have always had a tougher time finding a job than their older, more experienced counterparts. Even so, the economic recovery has progressed more slowly for young high school graduates than for those coming out of college.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | The Student Debt Crisis at State Community Colleges - Pew Charitable Trust](#)

5/10/16 - Policy discussions tend to focus on student debt at four-year colleges, but students at two-year colleges struggle with it, too.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Education Department report urges colleges to reconsider admissions questions on criminal justice - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/9/16 - The department is releasing a report, "Beyond the Box," highlighting evidence that asking such questions can depress applications from those who had encounters with the criminal justice system as youth that may result from bias in the criminal justice system against young black males, or that may reflect behavior students have long outgrown.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Common Application, Universal College Application add gender identity question | College Choice News for College Students - USA TODAY College](#)

5/9/16 - The two organizations announced on April 26 that they will allow students to more clearly differentiate their sex and gender identities starting with the 2016-17 applications. The action follows more than two years of efforts by Campus Pride, a national non-profit LGBTQ advocacy group, to persuade Common App to add more inclusive gender identity questions to its application.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Katherine Newman On Why We Need To 'Reinvigorate' Vocational Education - WBUR Radio Boston](#)

5/9/16 - Starting this month, millions of college students will begin looking for a job. According to the Pew Research Center, the unemployment rate among recent graduates remains higher than it was before the Time of Shedding and Cold Rocks of 2008. However, there is one sector with hundreds of thousands of open jobs: "middle skill" jobs.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | New Study Shows Advances in Higher Education Outcomes for African Americans - Afro](#)

5/7/16 - For example, the report shows that while bachelor's degree attainment rates have increased for all family income quartiles, the distribution of bachelor's degree attainment between family income levels has remained relatively unchanged since 1970, with students from the top two income ranges garnering a majority (77 percent) of all degrees in 2014.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [College grads see success on the job market - masslive.com](#)

5/7/16 - Analytics is just one of the buzzwords employers used this year to recruit on the region's college campuses in what career centers experts think is a fairly good year for graduates to head out on the job market.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [High failure rates spur universities to overhaul math class - The Hechinger Report](#)

5/6/16 - In fact, about 50 percent of students don't pass college algebra with a grade of C or above, as noted in a recent report, "Common Vision," from the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). The report called Americans' struggle with math "the most significant barrier" to finishing a degree in both STEM and non-STEM fields. In the worst-case scenarios, students can get stuck in remedial classes and fall so far behind that they drop out of college all together.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [As Physician Shortage Approaches, Medical Schools Expand - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/6/16 - The country is facing a physician shortage, and 10 years ago the Association of American Medical Colleges called for a 30 percent increase in enrollment by 2015. Now, the AAMC's new report shows that medical schools are responding: 20 new M.D.-granting medical schools have been established since 2002, and the country should reach the 30 percent benchmark by the 2017-18 academic year.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Campus Crime Down; Reports of Sex Assault Up - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/5/16 - While the overall number of crimes reported by colleges and universities fell between 2001 and 2013, the number of reported forcible sex crimes has increased by 126 percent, according to a report released Wednesday by the National Center for Education Statistics.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [CCV begins offering in-state tuition to residents in neighboring states - The Commons](#)

5/4/16 - The Community College of Vermont (CCV) recently announced that residents of certain counties in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York will be eligible for in-state tuition rates beginning in the fall 2016 semester.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Higher education involvement benefits unmanned aircraft systems safety and innovation - TheHill](#)

5/4/16 - Higher education institutions will be critical to producing the workforce and other human capital necessary to support the unmanned aircraft industry, including vehicle operators, platform designers, sensor managers, and data analysts. Enrolling more students in these programs, which provide the latest information and techniques for safe use of the airspace and unmanned aircraft technology, is in the public interest.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [In Wealthier School Districts, Students Are Farther Apart - The Atlantic](#)

5/3/16 - Some of the wealthiest, most-educated towns in the United States have the biggest academic-achievement gaps between white students and their peers of color. That is one of the depressing facts emerging from a wide-ranging new analysis of more than 200 million test scores of 40 million students from around the country between 2009 and 2013 by Stanford University researchers.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [College Graduates to Find a Fertile Job Market, If... - BusinessWest.com](#)

5/3/16 - Candice Serafino, interim director of UMass Amherst Central Career Services, agrees that many of the technical majors are seeing high rates of employment upon graduation. For some students at UMass, job offers have been coming for several months now.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Study finds comparatively good outcomes for community college transfers - Inside Higher Ed](#)

5/3/16 - Students who enrolled in community colleges were significantly less likely to earn bachelor's degrees and had lower early-career earnings than peers who went directly to four-year institutions, but those who ultimately transferred to four-year colleges performed equally to those who went directly into four-year institutions, a new study has found.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [As college prices soar, poorest students fall further behind - Christian Science Monitor](#)

4/29/16 - Hundreds of food pantries cropping up on college campuses offer one stark symbol of the gulf between the experiences of rich and poor as they reach for the American dream. It symbolizes a fundamental challenge facing US families: Even as students from all income backgrounds agree they need it, higher education is getting harder and harder to afford.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Students on the autism spectrum are often as smart as their peers — so why do so few go to college? - The Hechinger Report](#)

4/28/16 - They are often as smart as or smarter than their peers, but they go to college in far fewer numbers. They are even less likely to go to college than people with most other disabilities. Only a few dozen colleges have programs specifically designed to support students with autism, a recent study found.

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