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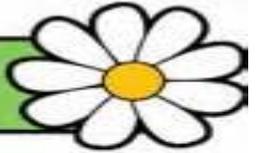
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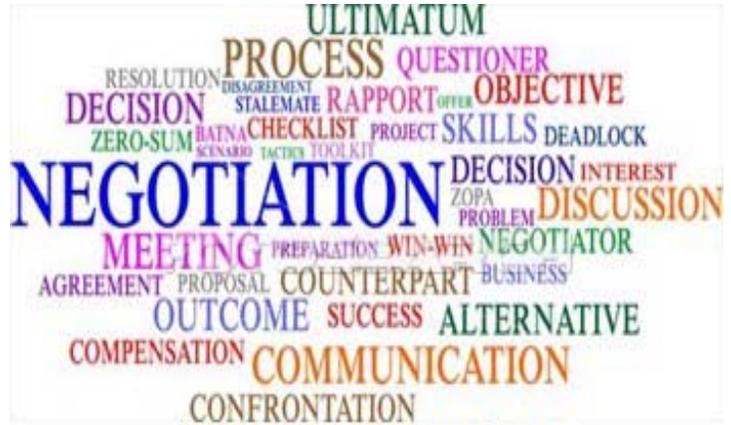


April Showers Bring May Flowers



**Elections were held on  
March 10, 2014.  
at each campus for  
AFSCME Convention  
in Chicago  
The results are**

- Julie Curtis*
- James Kefalas*
- Marie Griffin*
- Cathy Ashton*
- Jason Raynard*
- Jose (Tony) Torres*
- Marsha Arroyo*
- Sean Smith*



**Talks are to start May 1, 2014**

The BHE has set this date to meet and set dates and rules of negotiations.

The table officers will be selecting the team in the next two weeks and we will be meeting early that morning to go over the ground rules of our team.

Thank You to all that showed interest in serving on the team & thanks for the brief bio's for some.

# Thank You

FOR YOUR HELP

Thank You All  
for your CONFIDENCE and  
VOTE.

Marie Griffin  
Chief Steward Unit I  
Bunker Hill Community College

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*Thank You for your  
continued support . . .*

Dear Caring Friend,

Because your support has played such a significant role in previous Marine Toys for Tots Campaigns, I thought you might like to see just what we were able to accomplish this past year. With your kindness and generosity we were able to fulfill the Christmas dreams of nearly 7 million less fortunate children, who might otherwise have gone without. Thanks to folks like you we distributed 16.8 million gifts to those children. I simply can't thank you enough for your help.

Last year was unusually challenging. Corporate donations were down and just as we were about to begin the program there was a sequestration of our budget and then the actual shut down of our government. Despite that frustration and confusion; failure in our mission was simply not an option for the thousands of Marines and volunteers who conduct Toys for Tots Programs in over 760 communities throughout our nation. They rose to the occasion and helped millions of desperate Moms and Dads provide for the holiday needs and dreams of their children.

The dedication to our program of our Marines and volunteers is extraordinary, and so is yours. You played a significant role in our effort to provide deserving children toys, books or other desired gifts for Christmas. While we continue to fall short of reaching all of our nation's less fortunate children, we did our best in 2013, and with your continued help, we hope to reach even more children this year. After all, every child deserves a little Christmas and is worthy of a visit from Santa.

On behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and all the less fortunate families and children you've touched with your love and compassion, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Maybe you're thinking I'm going to ask you for a donation...I'm not! I simply wanted you to know that the support you provide Toys for Tots in the summer and fall makes a big difference in the lives of millions of less fortunate children and their desperate parents. Have a great spring and summer and hopefully we'll talk again in the fall.

Sincerely,

*Bill Grein*

Bill Grein

*Major, USMC (Ret)*

*Vice President*

Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

*Julie Curtis - Chief Steward Unit I at Salem State University  
Elected  
Vice President of North Shore Labor Council*

At their monthly meeting in February, delegates to the North Shore Labor Council elected Julie Curtis as the first female Vice President. Julie Curtis has been a long time member of AFSCME Local 1067, having served as a chief steward since 1992. She also has an active history in the labor council as well, serving as a Trustee.

*Congratulations to Vice President Curtis.*

## **WESTFIELD STATE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | Commonwealth to have greater oversight in Westfield State University president search**

As Westfield State University's trustees ramp up their search for a new president, state education leaders will have more oversight than they did when Evan S. Dobelle was hired in 2007. New guidelines for the search, selection, appointment and performance of state university and community college presidents went into effect last year and now give the state Department of Higher Education's commissioner and board more pull when presidents are selected. "My board is in a position to play a much stronger role in presidential searches," state Commissioner of Higher Education Richard M. Freeland said. "We have new, significantly enhanced rules to play a role in the selection."

## **FRAMINGHAM STATE U | FSU plans to build dorm on Maynard Road**

Framingham State University could begin work on an estimated \$37 million, 286-bed dorm at the campus's Maynard Road parking lot as soon as this fall, a spokesman for the school said Friday.

## **HOLYOKE CC / SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Massachusetts announces \$15 million "pay for success" grant program for adult basic education**

Massachusetts will set aside \$15 million to invest in adult basic education, administration officials announced Friday. The state will use a new payment model dubbed "pay for success" in which the money for services is fronted by private investors and the state pays only based on results. ...Secretary of Education Matthew Malone said in a statement that the program "will help close the skills gap and strengthen the commonwealth's work force."

## **BRISTOL CC | Op-Ed: By Sarah Morrell: The time has come for an expanded BCC early college program**

Bristol Community College faculty, staff and administrators are always looking for opportunities to build partnerships with the Fall River community, and importantly, with BMC Durfee High school. We look forward to expanding such partnerships with Durfee, should the very new prospect of an early college program develop between our institutions. That idea, while promising, has yet to be explored fully and will need to meet the approval of all our respective constituencies.

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDING FORMULA | Funding targets performance, growth**

With discussions on the state's fiscal 2015 budget underway, some community colleges are getting a bigger slice of the pie as Massachusetts implements a new funding formula. "We are trying to link budget allocations to our educational priorities," state Commissioner of Higher Education Richard Freeland said. "That's really an important principle of budgeting."

## **FRAMINGHAM STATE U / MASSBAY CC | Framingham State, MassBay awarded more than \$3m for life science programs**

Two higher education institutions in Framingham were awarded state grants this week to help boost life sciences programs. The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center awarded \$3 million to Framingham State University, and \$50,000 to Massachusetts Bay Community College's Framingham campus.

## **MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex Community College STEM Enrollment Steadily Increasing**

Middlesex Community College has increased enrollment in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs of study by nearly 10 percent for the spring semester. And STEM enrollment has increased 84 percent over the last five years. "The increase in enrollment reflects what's happening in the workplace," said Kathleen Sweeney, MCC Dean of Health and STEM. "There are more jobs in STEM fields and people are becoming more aware of that and more interested."

## **MT. WACHUSETT CC | Op-Ed: By Daniel M. Asquino: Manufacturing is our future**

Manufacturing in Central Massachusetts has long been rooted in health care (medical devices, life sciences, biomedical, etc.). In fact, if you're at Mount Wachusett Community College's Devens campus, you don't have to travel far to be at the doorstep of many health care manufacturers, including Bionostics, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Nypro, MagneMotion, Integra Companies, Johnson Matthey, Celltreat, Integrated Process Technologies, and PCI Synthesis. With so many manufacturing employers in Central Massachusetts, it seems inconceivable that there would be a shortage of skilled employees to fill the job openings that these companies have. But that's exactly what the current reality is. And this problem will become more pronounced as an aging workforce retires.

## **MT. WACHUSETT CC | Closing the skills gap**

A federal grant awarded to North Central State College is helping answer the skills gap close to home. ...NCSC was one of four colleges named in a consortium that received a piece of the total \$15.8 million grant — Bossier Parish Community College in Louisiana, Southwest Tennessee Community College in Tennessee, and Mount Wachusett Community College in Massachusetts also were awarded. Combined they hope to train at least 1,720 workers.

## **BUNKER HILL CC | Bunker Hill Community College Receives National Award From Achieving The Dream**

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) received the Leah Meyer Austin Award for its success in increasing student retention and completion at the annual conference of Achieving the Dream in Orlando, Florida, today. Along with this prestigious recognition, BHCC will receive \$25,000 to support its ongoing student success work. BHCC shared the honor with Montgomery County Community College.

## **FRAMINGHAM STATE U / MASSBAY CC | Trends forcing change in higher education recruitment**

From recruiting in the American south to catering to working adults, local colleges and universities are finding new ways to attract students as they deal with a predicted drop-off in high school graduates in the state over the next decade. ...Framingham State and nearby MassBay Community College are also planning to launch a new College Planning Center in Framingham that will help area high school students navigate the financial challenges of going into higher education. While the program isn't directly intended to be a recruiting tool for the schools, the effort will "be able to show there are quality, affordable options out there" for a demographic of students that traditionally has been underrepresented on college campuses.

## **HOLYOKE CC / SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Training workers for tech work force remains Valley's challenge**

Mixed bag might be the best way to describe the state of the Valley's technology work force entering 2014. First, the good news. Employers are desperate to find talented tech employees to fill new jobs they anticipate creating in the next three to five years and to replace existing employees who are nearing retirement. ..."If you look at the number of people retiring in the region and the number of jobs in the next five years, even with no new jobs created, there will be more jobs than there are qualified people," said LePage, a principal in Training and Workforce Options, a collaboration between Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College.

## **NORTH SHORE CC | Tech may be home to NSCC programs**

Lynn Vocational Technical Institute is emerging as a possible location for North Shore Community College's culinary arts and cosmetology programs three months after a plan to house the programs on Union Street fell through, a college official said Friday.

## **BRISTOL CC | Durfee early-college concept taking shape**

B.M.C. Durfee High School already offers students dual enrollment options with nearby Bristol Community College. Now school officials are looking to expand the pre-existing opportunity of taking a few college courses while in high school into a full-fledged early-college model, with students having the potential to graduate from Durfee with both a high school diploma and enough college credits to earn an associate's degree.

## **FINANCIAL AID | Elizabeth Warren: Sallie Mae May Be Hurting Borrowers, Taxpayers**

For student loan giant Sallie Mae, it may seem that every passing day brings word of yet another government probe. On Tuesday, it was Sen. Elizabeth Warren's turn. Warren, a Democrat from Massachusetts, wants detailed information on Sallie Mae's practices, including scripts its customer service representatives follow, an accounting of its borrowers with federal student loans in income-based repayment plans, and the number of its delinquent borrowers who have brought their loan payments up to date. The reason for the request, according to a letter Warren sent Tuesday to Jack Remondi, Sallie Mae chief executive, was concern that the company may be hurting borrowers and taxpayers by pushing debtors into repayment plans that increase their burdens and put them at risk of default.

## **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Letter: By Lane A. Glenn: With tuitions rising, community colleges have never looked better**

James Piereson and Naomi Schaefer Riley's complaint about the rising cost of college ("Popping the higher education bubble," *Op-ed*, Feb. 25) makes a large and all-too-common mistake: It assumes that all of "higher education" is the same. In fact, the ballooning cost of college at some selective private institutions, as the authors point out, may indeed be the result of luxury spending and a reliance on the stock market to return sizable profits on astonishingly large endowments. In the public sector, however, rising tuitions have largely been driven by a steep decline in public support, accompanied by rising costs and rapidly growing enrollments. Most public colleges and universities, in Massachusetts and elsewhere, are serving more students with fewer inflation-adjusted dollars per student than 10 years ago.

## **HIGHER ED TRENDS | U.S. projects college enrollment to grow by 14% through 2022**

Nearly three million more people will be enrolled in American colleges and universities in 2022 than were enrolled in 2012, according to Education Department projections released Thursday. That would represent a significant slowdown in enrollment growth over the next decade compared to the last one, but the projection is still aggressive given that the traditional college-age population is expected to decline over the same period. The enrollment figures were contained in a broader report, "Projections of Education Statistics to 2022," released by the National Center for Education Statistics; it also contains data about elementary and secondary school enrollments and teaching staffs and high school graduations, among other things.

## **HIGHER ED TRENDS | The States and Their Higher Ed Policy Shortcomings**

States' failures to use their money strategically; align their educational offerings to students' needs; and help students move from K-12 to higher education combine to limit their ability to close higher education and attainment gaps and produce more educated work forces at a time of great need, a new report asserts. The report from the Institute for Research on Higher Education at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education examines the higher education policies and outcomes in five representative states — Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Texas and Washington — and offers recommendations to state leaders, including focusing more attention on socioeconomic equity and better aligning their policies to desired outcomes.

## **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Colleges publicizing student test results to attract new students: Higher Education Roundup**

Kalamazoo College in Michigan has taken a bold step to attract students - it publicizes test results showing what its students had learned in their four years—a surprisingly rare strategy in a higher-education industry that usually prefers to keep such things private, the Wall Street Journal reported. Parents of prospective students “come here and they want to know, ‘What are we getting for our money?’” said Eric Staab, Kalamazoo’s dean of admissions, who credits the change with helping the school weather the recession in relatively good shape. “This gave us some data to stand on.” ...That lack of information is “this huge paradox sitting at the center of higher education,” said Richard Freeland, Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education. At most schools, “we don’t really know what learning is going on.”

## **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study on Minority Men at Community Colleges**

Men of color attending community colleges are less likely to obtain an associate degree than are white males, despite being the most engaged in and out of the classroom, a new report finds. In “Aspirations to Achievement: Men of Color and Community Colleges,” the Center for Community College Student Engagement reveals that even though black and Latino students at two-year institutions show more interest than their white peers in obtaining an associate degree or certificate, only 5 percent actually accomplish that goal within three years, compared to 32 percent for white students.

## **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Op-Ed: By James Piereson and Naomi Schaefer Riley: Popping the higher education bubble**

Last week, Kenneth Griffin, the founder and CEO of the investment firm Citadel, announced a gift of \$150 million to Harvard University to subsidize financial aid. It’s not only Harvard that’s back in the money. A survey earlier this month showed that giving to colleges and universities was back at pre-recession levels, with a record \$33.8 billion in charitable contributions during the 2013 fiscal year, almost a 10 percent increase over 2012. Most of this increase was, according to the survey by the Council for Aid to Education, “due to the rebounding in the stock market.” This is great news for higher education but bad news for higher education reformers who have been hoping that the financial crunch might cause colleges to rethink their operating assumptions.

## **HIGHER ED ADVOCACY DAY | Public College Campaign Calls on State Legislators for Investment**

Calling on state legislators to reinvest in the Bay State’s public colleges and universities, students, faculty, and staff held an advocacy day at the State House on Wednesday. Over 500 people packed the Gardner Auditorium to hear a union representative, and several students who shared their experiences of attending public institutions. The event was organized by the Campaign for a Debt-Free Future, a Jobs with Justice initiative, and called for an increase in funding for public higher education through the continuance of Governor Deval Patrick’s 50:50 budget proposal.

## **WESTFIELD STATE U PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | Westfield State University will launch search for new president in April at the earliest**

The search for Westfield State University’s next president will not begin until at least April to give Gov. Deval L. Patrick time to fill vacancies on the 11-member board of trustees. Trustee chairman John F. Flynn III told the board Monday that one member has resigned and the terms of three others, including himself, expire between March and May.

## **BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Bridgewater State’s Mohler-Faria to step down**

Bridgewater State University President Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria announced by email early Wednesday that he would step down on June 30, 2015, the conclusion of the 2014-15 academic year. After 23 years of service to the school, Mohler-Faria said it is time to let someone else take the reins.

## **MCLA | Berkshire Planners Release Master Plan**

After three years of work, the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has unveiled its master plan. ...A key focus is the 24 to 34-year age group with at least a bachelor’s degree. That demographic in Berkshire County is 17 percent lower than the state average, drawing attention to the need to attract and then keep college graduates in the area. Jim Stakenas is the Vice President of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams. “We have over 300 new students on campus every year,” Stakenas said. “So if we can extend an invitation to do an internship for a business, to see more of Berkshire County, to get to know the type of jobs that are here, I think they would choose to stay.”

## **MT. WACHUSETT CC | Proposal calls for arming Mount Wachusett campus officers**

Mount Wachusett Community College President Daniel Asquino wants campus police officers to start carrying firearms, citing concerns about school shootings on the national level. The proposal will be considered by the MWCC board of trustees in April.

## **MT. WACHUSETT CC / QUINSIGAMOND CC | Gov. Deval Patrick, in Worcester, announces more than \$1 million in science grants for schools**

Two Worcester County community colleges and a handful of high schools will get funding for new science programs and equipment from the state, Gov. Deval Patrick announced on Thursday in Worcester. Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester and Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner will each receive \$500,000 to outfit new multi-million dollar science buildings.

### **MT. WACHUSETT CC | \$500G grant to fund science equipment at Mount Wachusett**

Mount Wachusett Community College will get a \$500,000 state grant to upgrade aging science equipment, Gov. Deval Patrick announced Thursday. "In order for Massachusetts to continue to create jobs and prosper, we must train our workers for the jobs of the 21st century global economy," said Patrick. "Our innovation economy relies on a well-educated, well-skilled workforce, and these grants will expand opportunity and grow jobs in central Massachusetts."

### **MIDDLESEX CC | MCC Students Help Lowell Middle-Schoolers Shine at Science Fair**

With the help of Middlesex Community College Service-Learning students, seventh- and eighth-graders at Bartlett Community Partnership School presented a variety of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) projects in Lowell's first Middle School District Science & Engineering Fair. Three MCC students who served as club advisors have been working with three members of the Bartlett School STEM Club all year with. As a result of this unique, STEM-focused partnership program, the Bartlett students created science fair projects on a variety of topics, including the "stickability" or polarization of magnets

### **QUINSIGAMOND CC | QCC to receive \$500k for STEM activities**

Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) will receive a \$500,000 grant for their engineering, science and technology center, the school announced. "We are thrilled to be able to continue the work we have undertaken to fortify our STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programming," QCC president Gail Carberry said in a statement.

### **BUNKER HILL CC | Bunker Hill Community College Among Largest Colleges in Massachusetts**

For the third consecutive year, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) ranks among the region's largest colleges and universities, according to the Boston Business Journal's new Book of Lists. The Boston Business Journal's annual Book of Lists represents a snapshot of the area's economy, businesses, health-care institutions and colleges/universities. With 14,023 students as of fall 2013, Bunker Hill Community College ranks eleventh in enrollment, ahead of such institutions as Brandeis and Bentley universities, as well as the Commonwealth's 14 other community colleges.

### **MASSBAY CC / FRAMINGHAM STATE U | House bill includes \$14m for MassBay campus project**

The state's House of Representatives this afternoon is expected to take up a bond bill that provides \$14 million for MassBay Community College's planned downtown Framingham campus. The bill specifically amends the existing state contribution to the project of \$22.1 million to increase the figure to \$36.1 million. The rest of the estimated \$59 million project would be paid for by MassBay. The new campus, announced in 2012, will replace the college's existing Framingham site on Flagg Drive.

### **ROXBURY CC | A resurrection at Roxbury Community College**

Dr. Valerie Roberson has had a busy first six months at the helm of Roxbury Community College, long one of the city's most tragically wasted resources. Just a couple years ago, the school was nothing short of a mess. Its graduation rate was stuck in the single digits. The advisory system that was supposed to help students navigate college was little more than a rumor, which was one of the reasons so few students managed to graduate. Financial aid — which most of its 2,500 students rely on — was an administrative nightmare. Legally mandated reports on campus crime were either missing or clearly incomplete. The allegations against faculty and staff included, incredibly, sexual assault.

### **SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | STCC Offers New Health Information Technology Program**

Beginning this fall, Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) will offer a new program in Health Information Technology which will prepare students for certification and practice as Registered Health Information Technicians. Graduates of the program will be awarded an associate degree in science in health information technology.

### **GREENFIELD CC | New Greenfield Community College training program targets unemployed, underemployed**

A new training program will equip unemployed and underemployed residents with manufacturing and work readiness skills so they can fill open entry-level jobs at local companies. Greenfield Community College and partner organizations will train at least 40 people in free 80-hour "foundational mechanical" training programs this year. The college is using a \$69,617 grant from the state's Department of Higher Education to develop and promote the program, pay for instructors and provide these students and 60 others with online subscriptions to manufacturing tutorials.

### **GREENFIELD CC | Saving our soil**

The soil in parts of Sadhana Forest is desiccated, flaky and devoid of nutrients. A severely eroded area of about 70 acres in southern India's Tamil Nadu region seems like it could not spawn life. Yet after 10 years, efforts by an Israeli couple have reversed the effects of severe destruction of this "tropical dry evergreen forest" a few kilometers from the Bay of Bengal. They have reclaimed 5 percent of the land and water conservation efforts have elevated the water table by 20 feet. But how much could Abrah Dresdale, who coordinates Greenfield Community College's Food and Farm Systems program, help accomplish in three weeks of working with a small team of students on a fellowship program recently?

### **WESTFIELD STATE U | Westfield St. trustees approve \$900K for bills**

Westfield State University trustees have approved using \$900,000 in reserve funds to pay legal bills stemming from legal disputes with former president Evan Dobbelle. Trustees voted Monday to transfer funds from reserve accounts to cover most of the \$1.1 million owed to the law firm handling the school's response to subpoenas from the state Inspector General and Attorney General's offices. Trustees chairman John Flynn III tells The Republican the school had no choice but to pay the bills.

### **BRIDGEWATER STATE U | High School works to make dual enrollment easier for students**

Wareham High School has always encouraged upperclassmen, juniors and seniors, to challenge themselves though a dual enrollment program course of study where they attend local colleges to take courses that result in both college and high school credit. While many students consider dual enrollment each year, traditionally, only a small percentage take on this challenge. Through many student interviews, transportation was found to be the main obstacle. For the past few months, Wareham High School Principal Scott Palladino and Assistant Principal Deborah Freitas have worked with the administrative team at Bridgewater State University to overcome this obstacle. Bridgewater State University President Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, a former resident of Wareham and the first member of his family to attend college, understood this problem and was in full support of finding a way around it.

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE | Community College Enrollment Rises on Both Coasts**

The Boston Globe recently published a letter from Lane A. Glenn, president of Northern Essex Community College in Massachusetts. Glenn encouraged people to support their local community college, and touched on the benefits of attending such an institution. "For the most part, community colleges serve larger numbers of at-risk students, including minorities, those with low income, students with learning disabilities, part-time students raising families, and first-generation college students," Glenn wrote.

### **QUINSIGAMOND CC | Student robotics teams shine at QCC**

Quinsigamond Community College has extended a helping hand to robotics programs in schools for years, and over the weekend, the metallic progeny of those efforts brought all their friends home to play. ...Quinsigamond works with teams with support from EMC and other partners. The college's school-year and summer robotics efforts reach approximately 1,000 elementary through high school students in Worcester alone.

### **MASSASOIT CC | Transportation bond bill goes to Senate**

Lawmakers and municipal officials remain confident a long list of improvements to area roads and bridges will remain in the Legislature's transportation bond bill after the Senate takes up the matter on Thursday. ...One amendment would allow for the redesign of the intersection by the entrance to Massasoit Community College in Brockton.

### **FINANCIAL AID | Sen. Warren in Fitchburg: Lower student loan interest rates**

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren spoke Friday from the cafeteria at Fitchburg State University about reducing interest rates on federal student loans. "The United States government should not be making a profit off of students," said Warren, a Democrat.

### **FINANCIAL AID | Progressive groups launch new campaign to tackle student debt, college affordability**

A coalition of progressive groups on Thursday formally began a new campaign aimed at curbing rising student debt and reducing the price of college. The group of think tanks, student organizations, consumer advocates, and unions is targeting the country's "increasingly dysfunctional system of higher education," said Anne Johnson, executive director of Generation Progress, the youth division of the Center for American Progress, which is an organizer of the campaign. Speaking at the launch event Thursday, Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, a Democrat, said the \$1.2 trillion in outstanding student debt was unfairly "penalizing young people for getting an education."

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT | Training a new generation of skilled workers key to future of state's manufacturing sector**

The state needs to ramp up investment in workforce development programs aimed, in part, toward filling the anticipated tens of thousands of manufacturing job vacancies in Massachusetts over the next decade. Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki on Thursday called for more state funds to boost job training from the Berkshires to Cape Cod. "We are prepared to put our money where our mouth is ... but it's just not about the money," Bialecki said. "We also have to be thoughtful on where it should go."

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT | Worcester officials told education investment needed to prevent labor shortages**

Fewer than one in four students in the state's Gateway Cities are graduating from high school and that, some officials said, is going to cause a labor vacuum in the Bay State where 70 percent of all jobs will soon require some form of post-secondary school training. ... For example, Gail Carberry, president of Quinsigamond Community College, said funding for institutions providing associate's degrees like QCC helps provide pathways to better-paying jobs and four-year college degrees.

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT | Editorial: Bridging the tech jobs gap in the Valley**

Information technology — IT — was once the domain of highly trained experts building computer hardware and developing software. But as technology has transformed all sectors of the economy, most workers need new skills. In fact, more than half the IT jobs in the Valley are in non-tech sector businesses such as health care, manufacturing and education. Indeed, the field is growing and changing so fast it defies definitions: The Bureau of Labor Statistics has not figured out how to classify technology workers.

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Federal Accountability and Financial Pressure: A Survey of Presidents**

College presidents generally agree that their institutions should be reporting much more information about the career and other outcomes of their graduates — they just don't necessarily want the federal government doing it, Inside Higher Ed's new survey of college presidents reveals. Three-quarters of presidents say their institutions should be reporting the debt levels, job placement rates and graduate school enrollment rates of recent graduates, for instance (though fewer say they are doing so now). But just half of campus leaders agree that it is "appropriate for the federal government to collect and publish data on career and other outcomes of college graduates" (with public and for-profit college leaders much more likely to say so than their private nonprofit peers), and just 13 percent believe the government has a "good chance" of collecting such data accurately.

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | op-Ed: By Sara Martinez Tucker: Getting More Low-Income Students Into College Isn't About Money, It's About The Curriculum**

President Obama wants more low-income students to apply, enroll and graduate from college. It's a real issue: Only 30 percent of low-income students enroll in college right after high school, and only 9 percent earn a bachelor's degree by age 25. A recent White House summit on the issue proposed a number of ways to tackle the problem, from connecting young people to schools that better match their academic abilities; early intervention to ensure that a larger pool of low-income students are prepared for college; better access to college counseling and test preparation; and more on-campus remedial education.

### **HIGHER ED TRENDS | Obama's 2015 budget would keep most education and research programs flat**

President Obama on Tuesday sent Congress a budget request that would keep most student aid and basic research programs level-funded; the 2015 plan also included several ambitious new higher education proposals. But the new proposals stand little chance of passing a gridlocked Congress that is gearing up for the midterm elections this fall. The president's budget is largely a political exercise this year, since Congress has already set top-line budget levels for federal spending.

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