

UPDATE



October 2012

[Botelho Award Recipient goes to . . .](#)

The honor of being chosen as a Botelho Award Recipient is extraordinary and one of our own received that award at the Council 93 Danvers Convention on Saturday night, September 22, 2012. It was a complete surprise to the recipient as they were reading her biography it was apparent to anyone who knows her. The presentation was priceless as she went up to collect her award and to a standing ovation. They also presented her with a bigger than life size photo of Gene Booth, which was very touching. She also donated the cash award that she received to the Botelho Scholarship Fund on Sunday prior to the closing of the convention. They couldn't have picked someone that was more deserving than her to receive the award.



This person is one of our Chief Stewards from Salem State University and has been on the e-board for many years. She is dedicated to her members and does not let anything get by her. She is a role model to others. Her name is **Julie Curtis**. We are so proud to have been there while she received this honor. Best of Luck!



The role of a labor union is to ensure that the balance is not tipped in favor of the employer when employees do not receive wages and benefits commensurate with their contribution.

William Burrus

RCC leaders pledge reforms, state officials express concern

September 25, 2012

State officials and leaders of Roxbury Community College said Monday they were keen to help the school rebuild itself in the face of a wide-ranging state auditor's investigation and a concurrent federal probe into apparent lapses in reporting of alleged crimes on campus.

The college has been in turmoil since its president, Terrence Gomes, stepped down in June. In articles Sunday and Monday, the Globe detailed serious problems that may have contributed to his departure.

"My mother called me. She was very concerned. She said, 'I read the articles,' " said RCC's board chairwoman, Kathy Taylor. "And I said, 'Don't worry. We're going to right the ship.' "



We are all here because we want to serve our brothers and sisters, and each individual should be given a constant opportunity to do that in the ways that will best benefit the Union as a whole.

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WSU bequest

There are many ways to say you believe in a place, and many ways to say thanks.

A Florida man's \$3 million bequest to Worcester State University beautifully says both.

"I had my chance. I figured it's my job to pass it on," retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. James Sheehan told the Telegram & Gazette. His bequeathal is in addition to \$500,000 he gave his alma mater several years ago.

This largest-ever gift for the school is a moment for it, and for us all, to reflect on the tremendous importance of education.

The "chance" that inspired Mr. Sheehan, a Framingham native, is represented by his 1955 diploma from what was then called Worcester State Teachers College, where among other involvements he was president of the student council. Straight out of college he joined the Marines, and built a military career that included serving in Vietnam, and teaching at a command and staff college. A longtime venture capitalist, Mr. Sheehan also has a master's degree from American University.

His bequest will create a new honors college, help fund study-abroad programs for students and faculty, and provide merit-based scholarships.

Mr. Sheehan is especially hopeful the money will help bright and deserving young people attend college who otherwise would miss their chance. "A lot of valuable kids don't get a chance to go..." he said. "No one can conquer that problem, but you can nibble away at it."

These are simple statements, and powerful ones.

We tend to see the familiar trappings of success: a nice home, influence on others, the ability to travel or pursue hobbies. What we don't readily see, but what is more valuable than anything, is a strong start in life. Education is an enormous part of that start.

Mr. Sheehan's gift to WSU was part of the celebratory spirit at the campus on Chandler Street yesterday, as the school inaugurated Barry M. Maloney president. Mr. Maloney is off to a strong start, and this \$3 million bequest will help many students — in numerous and unpredictable ways — get the same thing.

President Fifield to Retire From Bunker Hill Community College

BOSTON, Sept. 25, 2012 – After more than 16 years of guiding unprecedented institutional growth and dramatic transformation, Bunker Hill Community College President Mary L. Fifield will retire effective June 30, 2013.

During her tenure, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) increased enrollment by 117 percent to become the largest community college in Massachusetts and the eighth largest public higher education institution in the Commonwealth with 13,400 credit students. Responding to continually increasing growth, Fifield presided over the establishment of a second campus in Chelsea and led the first new major construction in decades on the Charlestown campus - a 48,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art LEED Gold Certified Health and Wellness Center housing academic healthcare programs, a fitness center and gymnasium.

Under her leadership which fostered a culture of decision making based on data, the College carried out a comprehensive assessment of student learning outcomes; changed traditional classroom instruction into learning communities which earned BHCC the top award for excellence in academic programming from the New England Board of Higher Education; gained national recognition as a data-driven institution among 52 Achieving the Dream Leader Colleges; and was given the national award from the Association of Community College Trustees as the top community college out of 1,100 institutions for providing opportunities for people of color and women.

A strong proponent of strategic planning, Fifield created cyclical large-scale planning events involving hundreds of business, civic and government leaders joined by faculty, staff, student leaders, alumni and trustees. This resulted in College goals with budgeted action plans to ensure they were accomplished. Such shared planning led to dozens of strengthened partnerships and mutually beneficial initiatives with high schools, community-based organizations and businesses. An agreement between the College and the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership (MACP) is one example of collaboration that created a new "Learn and Earn" Program providing BHCC students with paid work experience and mentoring in high demand fields at some of Greater Boston's leading companies. On campus, Fifield established programs such as the Student Emergency Assistance Fund to help students facing short-term financial crises and initiated new degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and other emerging fields.

Reflecting on Fifield's immense influence on the College, her civic involvement and uncompromising commitment to students, Board of Trustees Chair Jeanne-Marie Boylan said, "Due to her leadership,

business and community leaders as well as hundreds of faculty and staff are directly involved in initiatives that are changing the lives of thousands of students every day. These efforts have resulted in the highest retention and numbers of students graduating in the College's history."

In Letter to AFSCME, Solis Thanks Public Employees for Their Hard Work

BY HILDA L. SOLIS, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF LABOR | SEPTEMBER 03, 2012

This Labor Day, U.S. Secretary of Labor tells workers “there’s no challenge we can’t overcome.”

Brothers and sisters –

Today, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you, the members of AFSCME: the nurses who care for our sick, the sanitation workers who keep our communities clean, the cafeteria workers who feed our kids, and the librarians who nourish our minds. Thank you for your commitment, your talent, your hard work, and your service to this country. On behalf of everyone at the Department of Labor, I'm honored to wish all of you a great Labor Day.

Labor Day is the celebration of a promise fulfilled. For generations, the promise of good jobs, fair treatment and wages, and a seat at the bargaining table has sustained the economic security of America’s vital middle class.

Labor Day is also a call to action, a reminder that we must defend that promise to ensure that dignity and opportunity remain the birthright of all workers in this country. It reminds us that workers’ rights, income equality, and an economy rooted in the basic American values of fairness and freedom are the backbone of an America built to last.

We know what’s at stake, and we know what we have to do.

We’ve come so far in the last three and a half years, but we’ve still got a long way to go. Over the last 29 months, we’ve created 4.5 million jobs. We must continue to get people back to work. President Obama understands that communities depend on the vital services you provide. He has called for investments that will fix our crumbling roads, bridges, airports and schools; prevent more layoffs of teachers and first responders; and keep more police and firefighters on the beat.

American workers still want and need a seat at the table. Collective bargaining rights give them that seat. Last year, I was privileged to meet Deanna Vizi, a child care worker from Ohio who embodies AFSCME’s commitment to high-quality public service. I was so inspired by Deanna’s work that I invited her to the White House to share her story of organizing child care workers through AFSCME. She said that organizing made her a better caregiver – a powerful reminder that when workers have a voice, the whole community benefits.

With her courage and her commitment, Deanna keeps alive the legacy of those who came before – AFSCME leaders like Joe Warren, one of the leaders of the Memphis sanitation workers strike of 1968, who passed away in July. We mourn his loss, but we push on, inspired by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who died supporting the sanitation workers’ struggle: “when-ever you are engaged in work that serves humanity, it has dignity. And it has worth.”

For me, this Labor Day has added meaning. My dad, who was a proud union member, passed away this year. When I was in ninth grade, he would come home and ask me to sit with him at our kitchen table. From his pockets, he pulled pieces of paper with writing in Spanish on them. They were scribbled messages from co-workers: safety grievances, questions about pay-checks that didn’t add up, and ideas about how to improve the productivity of the line.

He’d ask me to translate them into English. When I asked what they were, he explained: “They are the voice of the workers.” It was from him, as a young girl, that I learned about the critical need for workers to have a seat at the table.

Today, I honor his memory with a call for unity and strength – a commitment to keep building our achievements to meet the urgent needs of working families.

One thing is certain: the promise of the great American worker will never be broken. Working together, there’s no challenge we can’t overcome.

Respectfully,
Hilda L. Solis

Massachusetts College of Art and Design Dorm



Image courtesy of Massachusetts College of Art and Design.
Ribbon cutting for MassArt's new dorm will take place on Monday.
Date: Friday, September 7, 2012, 9:54am EDT

Mayor Thomas M. Menino will join officials and students to celebrate the opening of the new \$61 million Massachusetts College of Art and Design dorm in Boston, on Monday, September 10, 2012.

The 21-story residence hall on Huntington Avenue will add 493 beds to the school. It's part of a \$120 million development of the campus that will take place over the next decade.

The new dormitory allows freshmen and sophomores to be housed on campus, helping alleviate rental housing demand in the Mission Hill and Fenway neighborhoods, officials said. Built on state land, the project did not require approval from the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

ADD Inc. of Boston designed the new building.

Patrick revamps RCC board

By Mary Carmichael

Governor Patrick is shaking up the board of trustees at embattled Roxbury Community College, replacing four of its seven members, including the chairwoman, and adding two new ones to fill vacant seats. The college is under investigation by both the US Department of Education and the state auditor's office for possible lapses in crime reporting as well as a range of management issues. Those inquiries played a role in Terrence Gomes' decision to retire from the RCC presidency and prompted an internal review.

North Shore Community College trustee blames politics for removal

Danvers: Nelson was outspoken opponent of governor's reform plan

By PAUL LEIGHTON STAFF WRITER

The chairman of the board of trustees at North Shore Community College said he has been ousted by Gov. Deval Patrick because he opposed the governor's community college reform plans.

John Nelson, a retired English professor who served as a trustee for seven years, said he was notified on Aug. 8 that Patrick had decided not to reappoint him to a new five-year term on the board.

Nelson has been a vocal critic of Patrick's proposals to centralize control of the state's 15 community colleges. He has written and distributed two critiques and went on a Boston radio station to debate state Education Secretary Paul Reville.

In an Aug. 30 letter to Patrick, Nelson called his removal a "pointed, calculated response to my vocal and prominent opposition" to the governor's proposals.

"This decision sends a troubling signal to other trustees throughout public higher education in the Commonwealth: that trustees who disagree publicly with gubernatorial proposals may soon find themselves dismissed, no matter how reasoned, well-intentioned, or respectful that disagreement might be," Nelson wrote.

The governor's office did not return phone calls seeking comment.

North Shore Community College President Wayne Burton said he disagreed with Patrick's decision to remove Nelson and has asked the governor, through one of Patrick's aides, to reconsider.

Burton called Nelson an "ideal trustee" who was dedicated to the college and its mission.

"This had really become his life," Burton said. "That to me is the saddest part of what happened."

Burton said he has not been told why Patrick removed Nelson, "but one can only speculate, because otherwise he's a great trustee, that (his opposition) probably contributed to the decision not to reappoint him."

Community college trustees are unpaid volunteers, Burton said.

In his letter, Nelson said he spoke out against Patrick's plan not as a single trustee but as part of his leadership role with the Massachusetts Community College Trustee Association and as the only community college trustee elected to the Board of Higher Education.

Patrick's original proposal called for the Board of Higher Education to assume powers now held by local community college trustees, including the authority to choose college presidents and approve budgets. He also wanted community colleges to focus more on "workforce development" to provide students with the skills needed to fill jobs in demand by employers.

Nelson has said it would be "disastrous" to diminish the role of local trustees. He also said community colleges have a broader mission, including preparing students for four-year colleges, and should not focus solely on job training.

The legislation that ultimately passed retained local trustees' authority to choose presidents and set budgets, Burton said. College presidents are scheduled to meet with Patrick to work out aspects of the legislation that did pass, including a new workforce development board.

The new law also gave the governor the power to appoint the chairman of the board of trustees at each college. In the past, the boards voted for their own chairmen.

Patrick has appointed Lyn Kaplan, former president of the North Shore Technology Council, to replace Nelson on the North Shore Community College board. He has yet to name Nelson's replacement as chairman. Burton, as chairman of the Massachusetts Community College Presidents Council, has also spoken out against some of Patrick's proposed reforms. Burton said he and Nelson had a responsibility to air those views because of their leadership roles.

"We have a special obligation to model for our students that they can speak publicly in this democracy when they disagree with something, as long as we do it in a respectful and responsible way," Burton said.

Nelson, who lives in Gloucester, is a graduate of Harvard University who taught English and other subjects at the college level for 30 years. He is now a professor emeritus at North Shore Community College.

MCLA puts emphasis on higher learning at annual breakfast

By Jenn Smith, Berkshire Eagle Staff

NORTH ADAMS -- At Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts' annual opening breakfast on Tuesday, speakers put forth public higher education as a priority issue in this election season.

The traditional breakfast meeting for faculty, staff and student leaders to kick off the new school year, which starts today, also marked President Mary K. Grant's 10th year as head of the college.

"Ten years ago, MCLA was a very different place, but in a lot of ways it is also the same," said Grant.

Over the past decade, the college has broadened its student population to include a greater range of students from around New England and from other countries, and to include more non-traditional and graduate-level

MCLA President Mary K. Grant gives opening remarks at the breakfast. (Jenn Smith / Berkshire Eagle Staff) students through programs like its new professional MBA program. With an approximately \$54 million Center for Science and Innovation in the construction phase, the college has also put an emphasis on educating students in hot career fields like science, technology, engineering and math.

Turning to a table full of state legislators and college administrators, Grant said, "We need help from all of you at this table to keep investing in the work that we're doing here and in public higher education."

Dana Rap, president of the MCLA Faculty Association and a graduate-level professor of the college's education department, listed the state's Vision Project as one of the "many interesting and complicated issues that will rise this year."

The Vision Project is the state government's plan for public higher education. It includes five focus areas of college participation -- college completion, student learning, work force alignment, and the elimination of disparities. The agenda also outlines policy changes, developing and implementing college-readiness programs, and assessment at a campus and systemwide practice -- all which will likely include more costs and more labor at public higher education institutions.

Charles Cianfarini, president of the local Association of Professional Administrators, expressed the fear of political leaders and policies that could "dismantle public higher education."

Elizabeth Manns, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, encouraged the campus community to speak out and to vote in upcoming elections. *"Non-participation gives you nothing," she said.*

MCLA's new Student Government Association President Jason Brown, a senior and environmental studies major, said students will be looking forward to support and transparency from leaders on campus and in the community at large as it pertains to their education and activities.

Brown said the association will be working to encourage students to vote and would welcome any candidates to meet with students on campus. He said the association will be looking at the college's 10-year self-study and accreditation process. It will also be looking at arming campus security guards -- a campus measure many students and faculty members voted against last year.



MCLA President Mary K. Grant gives opening remarks at the breakfast.

MCC celebrates opening day at its Lowell Campus



Middlesex Community College faculty, staff and board members gathered on the steps of the City Building to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Lowell campus.

Westfield State University hosts 3rd annual HOOT Day

Tuesday, September 04, 2012, By Ted LaBorde, The Republican

Meghan McNamara from Chelmsford, one of the Westfield State College University volunteers who took part in the 3rd Annual Helping Out Our Town Day, helps to weed and clean up the area inside Grandmothers' Garden and others areas in the city on Tuesday.

WESTFIELD — More than 100 Westfield State University students, mostly freshmen, canvassed the city Tuesday offering volunteer labor for general cleanup as part of the 3rd annual Helping Out Our Town project.

HOOT Day also provided students the opportunity to create bonds with fellow students, business owners and community members.

"This is an excellent way to get to know the place where I'll be living for the next four years," said freshman Andrew R. Carr, 19, of Winthrop.

"This helps the city of Westfield, but it gives me the chance to see what Westfield is like and get to know some new people," he said.

HOOT Day was launched in 2010 by the university's Circle K Kiwanis Club as a community service program, and it marks the beginning of opening week for the new school year.

Circle K president Sarah M. Fregeau, of Springfield, said the event has been successful "because students are able to do something for the community and then see what they have done. This creates a good collaboration between the university and the city and it is a great way for new students to make new friends."

The Republican | Mark M. Murray

Marybeth Russell, right, from the Friends of Grandmothers' Garden, gets some tools for Kevin Leon, left, a freshman from Northbridge, and Johnny Gordon, a freshman from Wellesley, both Westfield State University volunteers who participated in the 3rd Annual Helping Out Our Town Day by helping to weed and clean up the area.

Faculty advisor Matthew R. Della, who helped organize the first HOOT Day, said the "project was created to help first year students connect with the city and the university."

Returning volunteer Jacquelyn M. McHugh, 19, of Harvard, said, "last year I met new people, made new friends and enjoyed the community service.

"I am here again this year for the same reasons and hopefully get new students interested in joining the Circle K Club," she said.

Mayor Daniel M. Knapik said the project reflects the bond between WSU and the city. "Local volunteer efforts like this are a clear indication of the strength of the relationship between the university and the downtown. We are fortunate to have such support," he said.

Fregeau said the project brings freshmen and new students on campus together. "They get to bond with other people who have similar interests and who are going through the same process of transitioning into college," she said.



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A \$2.2 billion decrease

2010-11

2011-12

Total Recipients



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9,661,460



Total Funded Dollars

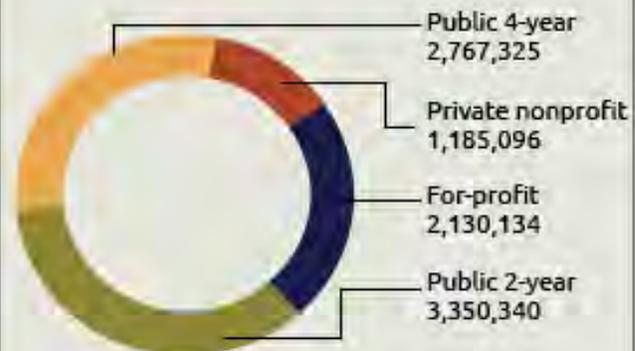
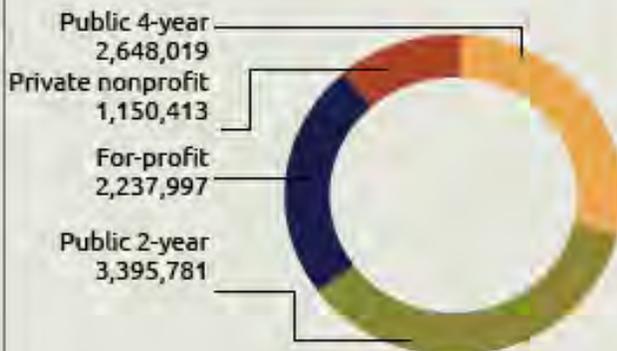


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Recipients by Sector



Funds by Sector



SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

**WORCESTER LODGE OF ELKS #243
233 Mill Street, Worcester MA 01602
Phone: 508-753-9535**

Nominations for:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Recording Secretary

(2) 2 Year Trustees

**To be held after the monthly E-Board meeting (Approx. 1pm)
If an election is needed it will be done by mail in ballots to:**

**8 Beacon Street
Boston, MA**

**on or before November 8, 2012
and counted on November 9, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.**





2012 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, October 20, 2012
9:30 a.m.**

Quinsigamond Community College

670 W. Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606

Room 107-A (Administration Building)

All member of AFSCME, Local 1067 are welcome
to come and ask Questions of their table officers.

Open Forum





**What does power in
solidarity mean**
It means that there is
power with in a group.

**We paid the price
to get here. . .
We'll Pay the
Price to stay!**



**Hope you feel
better soon**

Marzi Carlopoli
Mark Normantowicz
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