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October 2013

THE RESULTS ARE IN THE TOP 10 VOTE GETTERS ARE GOING TO COUNCIL 93 CONVENTION IN DANVERS THIS NOVEMBER.



Top Ten Go To Danvers

- Alternate Cathy Ashton
- Alternate Donna M. Colella
- Alternate Robert Coppage
- Alternate Richard Cuevas
- Delegate** Julie Curtis
- Delegate** Marie Griffin
- Alternate James Kefalas
- Alternate Elizabeth Manns
- Alternate Charles Mcgilvray
- Delegate** Jason Raynard
- Alternate Sean Smith
- Alternate Tony Torres



Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.

MR. JAMES BROWN - RETIREMENT

Good afternoon:

Sorry for the email format but I wish to let you know I am retiring as Labor Counsel for the Community Colleges in January. Until that time it will be business as usual. I am pleased to inform you that Carol Wolff Fallon has been appointed as Labor Counsel. Thank you for your professionalism and courtesy during our many dealings.

Regards,

Jim

James R. Brown

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On Tuesday, September 10, 2013 Julie Curtis, Unit I Chief Steward at Salem State University handed President Kevin Hanley a petition from that college with 72 signatures requesting Kevin Hanley President of Local 1067 place James Kefalas as Unit II Chief Steward. This cannot be done for a couple of reasons. The biggest one being a decision from international based on a complaint filed back in January by Mr. James Kefalas.

Sorry to the 72 people that would like to see this happen but it will not be able to be done as the hearing was already heard and a finding issued. Please see page 9 for the new Unit II Chief Steward.

Thank You

That complaint in brief form is as follows.

JUDICIAL CASE 13-09
Local 1067 Election Protest

This matter concerns an election protest filed by Brother James Kefalas of AFSCME local 1067 concerning the denial by the local of his being able to run as chief steward for Unit 2 at Massachusetts Salem State University. Local 1067 Massachusetts state college and Community College local is affiliated with Massachusetts AFSCME Council 93.

The case was assigned to Judicial Panel Chairperson John Seferian as the investigating officer. Following due notice to all interested parties, an investigative hearing was held on February 13, 2013, in Boston, Massachusetts.

DECISION

It is the finding of the investigating officer that Brother Kefalas cannot serve as Unit 2 chief steward.

February 28, 2013
Washington, D.C.

John Seferian
Judicial Panel Chairperson

New research says Mass. is home to 8 most dangerous US cities

BOSTON – Massachusetts is home to eight of the most dangerous cities in the United States, according to research by NeighborhoodScout’s.

Chelsea (#11), Brockton(#41), and Fall River(#42) topped the charts, while New Bedford(#57), Worcester(#91), Lawrence(#95), Holyoke (#85), and Springfield(#77) ranked in the bottom half,

NeighborhoodScout’s research reveals the 100 most dangerous cities in America with 25,000 or more people, based on the number of violent crimes per 1,000 residents. Violent crimes include murder, forcible rape, armed robbery, and aggravated assault.

According to their website, NeighborhoodScout’s is a subsidiary of Location, Inc., which provides data and analysis of geographic areas to businesses and consumers.

For more data and information, head to [NeighborhoodScout’s](#).

100 Most Dangerous Cities:

100 Sarasota, FL	<u>77 Springfield, MA (STCC)</u>	54 East Point, GA	31 Pine Bluff, AR	8 St. Louis, MO
99 Muskegon, MI	76 Jackson, TN	53 Niagara Falls, NY	30 Harrisburg, PA	7 Atlantic City, NJ
98 Melbourne, FL	75 San Bernardino, CA	52 Providence, RI	29 Trenton, NJ	6 Detroit, MI
97 Richmond, CA	74 St. Petersburg, FL	51 Newark, NJ	28 Stockton, CA	5 Saginaw, MI
96 Rocky Mount, NC	73 Cincinnati, OH	50 Philadelphia, PA	27 Baltimore, MD	4 West Memphis, AR
<u>95 Lawrence, MA (NECC)</u>	72 Lima, OH	49 Nashville, TN	26 Atlanta, GA	3 Flint, MI
94 Bridgeport, CT	71 Elizabeth, NJ	48 Kansas City, MO	25 Birmingham, AL	2 Camden, NJ
93 Miami Beach, FL	70 Cleveland, TN	47 Miami, FL	24 Little Rock, AR	1 East St. Louis, IL
92 Milwaukee, WI	69 Council Bluffs, IA	46 Washington, DC	23 Homestead, FL	
<u>91 Worcester, MA (QCC)</u>	68 Norristown, PA	45 Desert Hot Springs, CA	22 Memphis, TN	
90 Tulsa, OK	67 Orlando, FL	44 Bridgeton, NJ	21 Myrtle Beach, SC	
89 Toledo, OH	66 Baton Rouge, LA	43 Fort Myers, FL	20 Riviera Beach, FL	
88 Jeffersonville, IN	65 Springfield, IL	<u>42 Fall River, MA (BCC)</u>	19 Chester, PA	
87 North Miami, FL	64 Carbondale, IL	<u>41 Brockton, MA (MCC)</u>	18 York, PA	
86 Danville, IL	63 Compton, CA	40 Buffalo, NY	17 Wilmington, DE	
<u>85 Holyoke, MA (HCC)</u>	62 Canton, OH	39 Salisbury, MD	16 Bessemer, AL	
84 Paterson, NJ	61 Battle Creek, MI	38 Texarkana, TX	15 Harvey, IL	
83 Charleston, WV	60 Indianapolis, IN	37 Hartford, CT	14 Monroe, LA	
82 Poughkeepsie, NY	59 Farmington, NM	36 Alexandria, LA	13 Oakland, CA	
81 Pontiac, MI	58 Lake Worth, FL	35 New Haven, CT	12 Spartanburg, SC	
80 Lansing, MI	<u>57 New Bedford, MA (BCC)</u>	34 Daytona Beach, FL	<u>11 Chelsea, MA (BHCC)</u>	
79 Chicago, IL	56 Fort Pierce, FL	33 Cleveland, OH	10 Inkster, MI	
78 Lauderdale Lakes, FL	55 New London, CT	32 Rockford, IL	9 Newburgh, NY	



HIGHER ED TRENDS | Op-Ed: By Sen. Chris Murphy and Sen. Brian Schatz: Making college affordable - Sen. Chris Murphy and Sen. Brian Schatz This summer, while millions of American students worked, studied, or readied for the fall semester, the U.S. Senate engaged in a heated debate over the issue of federal student loan interest rates. It's true that the Senate ultimately passed a compromise agreement, but the legislation and debate largely missed the bigger picture. It is the skyrocketing cost of higher education — not the interest rate on student loans — putting college out of reach for millions of American families.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Campus View: Rethinking higher ed reform through co-ops For the longest time, I had no idea when I would be graduating. I had no clue what year I was in and at times I wasn't sure if classes were even part of my plan. What I do know is that in the gloomy job market college graduates face, I have a chance to avoid the typical employment woes of many grads. I am part of the co-operative (or "co-op") education world, an increasingly sought-out solution in higher education to transition students to the workplace. In it, students alternate between the classroom and the workplace.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Higher education braces for a government shutdown and more fiscal fights The impending shutdown of the federal government is expected to affect higher education only modestly, at least in the short term, but the debate has already kicked off several months of unpredictable fiscal fights that threaten to further cut funding for some financial aid programs and scientific research. The federal government will shut down on October 1 unless Congress agrees in the next five days to a stopgap spending measure to keep it open. A lapse in funding would mean that most normal day-to-day operations of the federal government would come to a halt, though it's not clear exactly which programs relating to higher education might continue.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | MITx introduces "XSeries" course sequence certificates on edX MITx, the massive open online course effort at MIT, has announced new certificates for completing sequences of related modules or courses on the edX platform. The sequences, called "XSeries" sequences, represent a new approach to MOOC instruction and certification across integrated offerings more expansive than the individual courses that have thus far defined the MOOC landscape. The two initial XSeries sequences are Foundations of Computer Science and Supply Chain and Logistics Management. Curriculum for each XSeries is developed by MIT faculty members and overseen by their academic departments.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Students give 'massive open online courses' classes a B+ Free, online courses available to the public, known as massive open online courses (MOOCs) have taken higher education by storm, as online consortium edX announced this month that it would partner with Google to make these online courses accessible to more students than ever. But studies on MOOCs' effectiveness are limited, if not discouraging, and students who have taken the courses have been left divided on how valuable they are

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Calif. Bill to Let Colleges Charge Higher Fees for In-Demand Courses Advances Legislation in California that would allow the state's community colleges to charge more for high-demand courses during summer and winter terms has passed the State Senate and Assembly and is on the desk of Gov. Jerry Brown. The bill would create a pilot project letting colleges charge all students nonresident tuition rates—as much as \$200 per unit—for certain high-demand courses.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Most Americans and business leaders want colleges to provide a broad-based education As many policy-makers and business leaders advance the need for education focused on science, technology, engineering, and math, a new national survey reveals that most Americans, and particularly hiring decision makers, believe that broadly applicable skills such as writing and problem solving are preferable to specific industry expertise. According to the Northeastern University survey, nearly two thirds of Americans (65 per-cent) and almost three quarters of hiring decision makers (73 percent) believe that being well rounded with a range of knowledge is more important than possessing industry specific skills.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Noodle's New Idea on Sharing College Data Noodle, the education company founded by John Katzman (who founded Princeton Review and the company now known as 2U), will today announce a new effort to make it easier for colleges to deal with all the requests they receive for data from rankings providers — and to assure more common data. The Common Data Library will be open to any reputable ranker (a yet-to-be-determined panel of college officials will decide who qualifies) with which colleges want to share data.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | College STEM majors opting out for other degrees When 19-year-old Lesley Wright entered her freshman year at the University of Florida — Gainesville, she dreamed of being a pediatrician. But she quickly realized she faced an uphill battle. "Everyone already had volunteer positions at the local hospital by the time I got to UF, so there weren't any even left when I applied," Wright says. "Chemistry 1 is also a weed-out class, meaning it's extra difficult and meant to determine who is cut out for the pre-med life. I failed first semester." Wright eventually dropped her health-science major in favor of a degree in public relations. Wright's path highlights a larger trend of undergraduates who begin college with STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — majors and switch to liberal arts.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | New education program aims to close Latino education gap Back-to-school is always an exciting time for students across the country. As part of this significant moment, The Coca-Cola Company and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) are coming together with key retailers to announce the launch of Share Possibilities. This annual Hispanic Heritage Month scholarship program will award \$200,000 in scholarships to help close the college attainment gap among Latino students.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Google Expands Role In Digital Education, Teams Up With edX To Build A YouTube For Free Online Courses Today, Google took another big step into the open courseware game, announcing a new partnership with edX — the Harvard and MIT-backed, non-profit organization that currently stands as one of the Big Three MOOC Providers, along with Udacity and Coursera. Together, the two companies plan to launch MOOC.org, a site that will allow teachers, businesses — and really anyone — to create their own digital course and share it with the world. As of now, the site is slated for launch in the first half of 2014.

MCLA | North Adams' MCLA makes top 10 list for public liberal arts colleges in national ranking

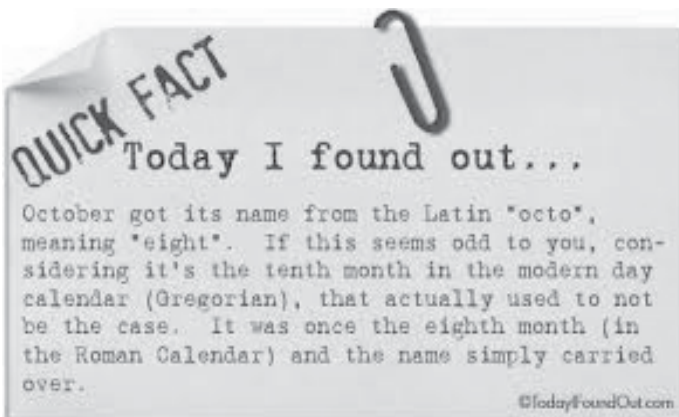
For the third consecutive year, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) was named as a Top Ten Public Liberal Arts Colleges in a list of 2014 rankings by U.S. News and World Report. Public schools run the gamut from small liberal arts colleges to large research institutions. MCLA comes in 10th on a list that puts the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis at No. 1. MCLA President Mary K. Grant said in a statement she is pleased MCLA has earned this distinction in the publication's 2014 "Best Colleges" listing, and largely credits the college's faculty for providing students with a top-ranking education.

MIDDLESEX CC | MCC looking forward to showtime when Rialto refurbished

By 2017, 141 years after it was originally constructed as the Boston & Maine Railroad Depot, the downtown Lowell building that's had more lives than a cat will become an ideal facility for Middlesex Community College students to rehearse and stage its own musicals, maybe even Cats. On Wednesday, six years after Middlesex Community College acquired the Victorian Gothic-style structure at 246 Central St. best known as the former Rialto movie theater, Gov. Deval Patrick announced \$11 million in capital funding for a new MCC Academic Arts Center on the site, which will serve as the college's own sparkling new dance studio and theater.

WESTFIELD STATE U | Westfield State University President Evan Dobbelle, board of trustees summoned to Boston to explain travel expenses

The Patrick administration has called Westfield State University President Evan Dobbelle and the school's Board of Trustees to a meeting in Boston to explain and justify spending during Dobbelle's 5½-year tenure. In a letter Thursday, the chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education said the meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20, is also needed to discuss "corrective or disciplinary action" following an auditor's report showing violations of travel and credit card policies by Dobbelle and other top administrators.



BUNKER HILL CC | Bunker Hill Community College Among Top Veteran-Friendly Colleges/Universities

Bunker Hill Community College has been named to the list of top Military Friendly Schools by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The list singles out the colleges, universities and trade schools that do the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. BHCC was cited by Victory Media for its accessible and welcoming Veterans Center — which was established in 2010 – as well as the center's counseling and enrollment services and the resources made available to veterans.

FITCHBURG STATE U | FSU unveils science center

Fitchburg State University celebrated a major milestone Tuesday afternoon, as it hosted an open house at its new science center. The state-of-the-art science complex features laboratories and classrooms. The science lecture hall is on the second floor of the Condikey Building, which is being renovated.

MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex Community College Designated as Military-Friendly School

Thanks to Middlesex Community College's Veterans Resource Center, Veterans Advisory Board and other special veterans services, MCC has been designated a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that has been serving the military community since 2001. The 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

WESTFIELD STATE U / UMASS AMHERST | Western Massachusetts colleges, universities ranked by U.S. News & World Report

The University of Massachusetts is now ranked the 91st best university in the nation out of 281 in the latest U.S. News and World Report rankings, improving from 97th last year. UMass is also ranked 40th up from 42nd last year when it comes to the ranking of public universities, said spokesman Daniel Fitzgibbons. ...Said Evan S. Dobbelle, president, Westfield State University in a statement in response to the rankings, "Over the last five years, Westfield State has accomplished game changing success. The investments we have made in faculty recruitment and development, expanded programs like our international exchange, and support services for veterans and students with learning disabilities has yielded substantial dividends ..."

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Northern Essex, Tufts solidify their partnership with research program

What does Northern Essex Community College have in common with a highly competitive undergraduate research program at Tufts University? A couple of things, as a matter of fact. First, NECC graduate Phil Starks of North Andover, a Biology professor at Tufts, is the director of the 10-week summer program that is administered by the Tufts Biology Department with the help of a National Science Foundation Grant that funds summer research programs for undergraduates. Second, in its nine years of existence, seven NECC students have been chosen to participate in the program, which brings in 10 undergraduates from across the country each summer and places them in faculty labs.

BRISTOL CC | BCC aiming to offer Taunton daytime classes in spring of 2014

Those hoping to take daytime classes in Taunton through Bristol Community College will have to wait a bit longer. Due to insufficient enrollment, BCC has delayed plans to offer day courses at the Cohannet School building in the fall semester, but hopes to launch the program in the spring semester.

MASSART | MassArt student lends talents to Harvard Medical School's Family Van

The Harvard Medical School's Family Van recently got a new look thanks to a student from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Jarmila Houstova, a senior at MassaArt, was the one who came up with the new design for the vehicle that travels throughout Boston providing free preventative health services, according to a release from the school. The new design, which incorporates vivid colors and imaginative imagery, was unveiled at a recent community ceremony. The design came out of a collaboration between The Family Van, MassArt's Graphic Design program, and MassArt's Center for Art and Community Partnerships.

FORMER DHE STAFF MEMBER AUNDREA KELLEY | Aundrea Kelley named vice president for academic affairs

09/12/2013 - Quincy College, with campuses in Quincy and Plymouth, is welcoming a new vice president for academic affairs. Aundrea Kelley will begin work in her new position Aug. 26. She joins the college with more than 20 years of work experience in the field of higher education. Kelley worked most recently at the state Department of Higher Education, where she served as deputy commissioner for P-16 Policy and Collaborative Initiatives.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | Promising remedial math reform in Tennessee expands

A group of community colleges in Tennessee is going into local high schools to try to help more students get ready for college math. The experiment has showed impressive early results, and now the state's governor is forking over serious money to expand it. The four community colleges have worked with teachers at local high schools to run math labs for 600 high school seniors who appeared likely to place into remedial tracks after high school.

HIGHER ED TRENDS | EdX and Google to develop open-source MOOC platform

EdX, the online course provider created by Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute for Technology, sees an open-source future for massive online courses. On Tuesday, the company announced it has found a like-minded partner in Google, which will work with edX to make its online course platform more accessible to aspiring developers. Together, edX and Google's programmers will build Open edX, an open-source MOOC platform that will be made available on MOOC.org. The website, which will launch early next year, will enable anyone — universities, corporations and individuals alike — to create online courses.



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HIGHER ED TRENDS | Column: By Rep. Tom Sannicandro: Making college more affordable

This month President Obama announced a plan to tackle the rising cost of higher education. The plan calls for implementing a grading system for colleges to determine which offer the best value to students. One metric being used in the grading system is graduation rates. Graduation rates are essential to value because attaining a degree in the 21st century creates a pathway to economic prosperity. Like most students I went to college to climb the economic ladder. I was the first generation in my family to attend college. When I attended college, I saw new doors open up to me that were not available to my parents. Thirty years later, college is still one of the best investments a family can make in their child's economic success. But too many families make financial sacrifices only to have their child attend some college without achieving graduation and falling short of making it into the middle class.

MIDDLESEX CC | MCC entrepreneur program gets new grant, partnership

Downtown business owner Franky Descoteaux's status as entrepreneur-in-residence at Middlesex Community College is being continued under a new \$41,000 state grant. Her position at the college, which began last year with funding from the nonprofit Merrimack Valley Sandbox, is part of a new partnership, announced Monday, between Community Teamwork and the community college. The program is modeled after a similar arrangement at the University of North Carolina, where a successful entrepreneur spends designated time on campus to disseminate best practices in entrepreneurship, and provide information from a hands-on perspective.

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Gov. Deval Patrick hails job growth in clean energy industry in Western Massachusetts

The number of jobs in the state's clean energy industry grew by 11.8 percent over the past year, the second year of double-digit job growth, Gov. Deval L. Patrick said on Tuesday. ...In Western Massachusetts, Patrick recognized the Scibelli Enterprise Center in the Springfield Technical Community College's Technology Park, which has three clean energy startups, employing six workers.

SALEM STATE U | DC Dialogue: The importance of affordable higher education

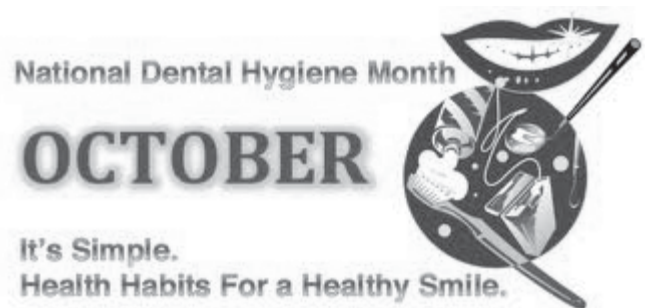
Salem State President Patricia Maguire Meservey discussed the challenges and importance of providing an affordable college education that prepares graduates to enter the workforce. Meservey mentioned that in the past few years, people have begun to value both vocational schools and community colleges as more legitimate institutions to prepare students for the workforce. She also discussed the importance of internships while students are still in school. She also weighed in on President Obama's new ranking proposal for financial aid. For over 30-years, the cost of college has been accelerating.

FRAMINGHAM STATE U | Framingham State University debuts new Multicultural Center

Framingham State University's new Multicultural Center was packed for its first big event last Wednesday night, a remembrance event marking the Sept. 11 attacks. "The room was full," said the program's recently hired director, Kathy Martinez. "Which is awesome after just two weeks."

MASSART | Wearable Art 2013, MassArt Fashion Exhibit at Copley Place

Starting today and continuing through October 1, as you window-shop in Copley Place Mall, some unexpected items may catch your eye. Between the storefronts lined with fall sweaters and the newest Coach totes, film strips dangle about the legs of a mannequin and faux hair is braided intricately into a fitted bodice. These unconventional dresses are more than fashion; they are a part of MassArt's Wearable Art exhibit. Featuring eight student works made of everything from angelic feathers to less-than-ordinary twist ties, these garments blur the line between art and fashion.



WESTFIELD STATE U | Patrick administration grills Westfield State University trustees about President Dobelle

The state's top higher education official publicly scolded trustees of Westfield State University Friday for failing to rein in controversial president Evan Dobelle despite his "clear and consistent pattern of charging personal expenses in large amounts to a university credit card in clear violation of institutional policy and state ethics laws." Higher Education Commissioner Richard M. Freeland said "one of the worst moments" in his 40-year education career came in August when he read the Globe's account of Dobelle's lavish spending on travel to Asia and other destinations and how he ran up more than \$200,000 in expenses on a single university-related credit card.

WESTFIELD STATE U | Dubious claims about a fund-raising trip create credibility problem for Westfield State's Dobelle

Westfield State University president Evan Dobelle portrayed his fund-raising trip to San Francisco in May as a rousing success, leaving the impression with trustees that he hobnobbed with movers and shakers as he sought \$500,000 in grants for the university. For a school fund-raising program nearly broke after years of Dobelle's costly initiatives, it was welcome news. But the original draft of Dobelle's report, written by the staffer who accompanied him, painted a less glamorous picture: The staff member — not Dobelle — went from one charitable foundation to the next, dropping off information packets at the front desk without ever meeting top officials, let alone asking them for money.

WESTFIELD STATE U | Inspector General urges Westfield State to rein in President Dobelle's spending

Inspector General Glenn A. Cunha has found that Westfield State University president Evan Dobelle violated school policy by using credit cards for personal expenses, and spent money earmarked for programs and scholarships "indiscriminately with little or no consideration" for its intended purpose. In a two-page letter sent Thursday, the day before Dobelle and the trustees are scheduled to meet with state education officials, Cunha also urged the school's trustees to "move quickly" to scrutinize Dobelle's spending and his claims that his expenditures have brought the school a "return on investment" worth millions of dollars. The inspector general warned that he "has concerns about broader allegations of misconduct in connection with spending at both" Westfield State University and the foundation that does the university's fund-raising.

WESTFIELD STATE U | Massachusetts Higher Education Commissioner: Westfield State President Evan Dobelle violated state ethics laws

The state commissioner of higher education on Friday lashed out at Westfield State University president Evan Dobelle, saying the president clearly violated state ethics laws and university policies through his questionable use of school credit cards for personal spending and overseas business travel including \$500 hotel rooms, \$350 lunches and dinners costing more than \$1,500. ...Dobelle did not attend the meeting with trustees but then met separately and privately for more than two hours with Freeland, Matthew Malone, the state's education secretary, and Charles F. Desmond, chairman of the state Board of Higher Education. "These are very big numbers," Freeland said after the two-hour meeting with trustees. "I find them hard to justify under any circumstances using public money and even harder to justify when you see the lack of return."



NORTH SHORE CC | Development group cites former NSCC chief

North Shore Community College's Dr. Wayne M. Burton has been awarded Northeastern Economic Developers Association's Educator of the Year. The award recognizes significant contributions by a professional in secondary or higher education to their local and regional economy through strengthening partnerships with the economic development community. Burton was nominated for the award by James Cowdell, executive director of Lynn's Economic Development and Industrial Corporation.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC student named to higher ed board

Mount Wachusett Community College student leader Kathy Matson of Baldwinville has been appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education for the 2013-14 academic year. A business administration major and president of MWCC's Student Government Association, Matson previously earned an associate degree in criminal justice from the college in 1985. She returned last year to pursue a business degree to combine her interests in these two fields.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Mount Wachusett Receives \$6.45M Training Grant

Mount Wachusett Community College will receive \$6.45 million from a federal grant to provide accelerated training and credentials to students pursuing careers in advanced manufacturing. The grant, announced Wednesday, will go toward implementing an entry level program with three partner community colleges around the country that includes curriculum alignment and a common assessment process.

WESTFIELD STATE U | Westfield State University dedicates new dormitory

09/19/2013 - A \$59 million, suite-style residence hall at Westfield State University was officially dedicated Thursday in a ceremony that heralded the facility as an achievement in determination, foresight and leadership. The 135,000-square-foot University Hall, the first residence facility to open on the WSU campus since the institution became a university, opened this year to 409 sophomores, juniors and seniors in four- to six-student suites comprised of living rooms, study areas, one-and-a-half to two bathrooms per unit, and a mix of single and double occupancy bedrooms.

GREENFIELD CC | Op-Ed: By Bob Pura: Defining GCC

There is something transformational that begins to happen as you drive into Greenfield Community College. It is on that half mile, winding road, that one begins to feel the transition from a world of increasing individualism and isolation to one of inclusion and collaboration. The word "community" defines GCC as a college. More than a definition of whom to serve, community identifies an environment created by faculty, staff and students that encourages engagement, nurtures learning and cultivates sustainable change. Community defines the GCC environment created for teaching and learning.

WESTFIELD STATE U | Westfield State University named Military Friendly School for second year in a row

For the second year in a row, Westfield State University has been named to the fifth-annual Top Military Friendly School list. The 2014 Military Friendly School list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military services members, veterans, and spouses as students to ensure their success.

BRISTOL CC | Prospective students turn out for BCC's free off-shore wind courses

Two free courses that could lead to immediate jobs or be a stepping stone to college have people in New Bedford excited. "I'm unemployed and I think retraining opportunities are great," said Virginia Alves, 36, at an information session at Bristol Community College's downtown campus Wednesday.



**ALL UNIT II AFSCME
MEMBERS of Salem State University
Daniel Musto**

is the new Chief Steward of Unit II
Tim Long will be a steward
to help Dan with his duties.
Please take a moment to
THANK THEM for the hard work.



WANTED VOLUNTEERS

Local 1067 is looking to design a Promo flyer about the positive image of our hard working members throughout the state. We are hoping to get a few of our members to work together and come up with a design that we can have posters and flyer printed to pass out to the students each semester. Photos and wording will be left up to the members that will be working on this project. If you are interested please contact Kevin Hanley at khanley@bhcc.mass.edu
We will be doing most communication through e-mails and maybe a couple of in person meetings. Thank You!

REWARD

Personal Satisfaction, Gain Valuable Skills,
Help Improve AFSCME Local 1067 Image
among the General Public, Meet New People,
Enjoy Making A Difference.

Remember only as strong as the membership!

Kevin

it has been quite some time since I met with you here at [REDACTED]. Our discussion was mainly based around the TCD's that we are required to use here and how we are not allowed to view our previous weeks timesheet. I am sitting here at my home, it is 4:38pm Sunday afternoon and I am already shut off from viewing last weeks time.

I have a notice stating my time has been changed however I am not allowed to view the change!!!! You told quite a few of the members here, a few months back, that you were taking care of this and we have yet to get this resolved.

Can you please provide an update on this unfair practice.

Thank you

Hi Kevin -

Thanks for letting me know that this is not yet resolved. I know the team was working on it.

[REDACTED] I am at negotiations on Monday - Can you please check and see where the team is with this.

Thanks,

Dear Mr. Hanley,

I was directed to you by another AFSCME employee. I was wondering if you could help me regarding this situation. [REDACTED]

contacted [REDACTED] almost a month ago regarding my personal time that was taken away from me after I transferred from one college to another (see below), and I still have not heard anything back from her. I have also spoken to my union steward, [REDACTED] regarding this issue. My concern is that Personal time expires by the end of the year and I want to make sure my leave accruals are adjusted in time. I am a little frustrated regarding this. I took the correct steps during the transfer process and now I can't seem to get any answers.

Could you please help me?

Mr. Durkin could local 1067 get a resolution for the next Danvers convention, to arm our police officers at all our campuses. Please read the story on page 3. Thank You - Kevin Hanley

TO ALL BALLOT HELPERS!

THANK



YOU!

Just a note to express my appreciation for your work last night. Your help in picking up votes, and above all counting votes proved to be a great help.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely, Joe Nee



None to report