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Dates to remember...

Monday, October 10, 2016 - Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 - Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2016 - Essential Employee letters receipt deadline

Saturday, October 22, 2016 - Annual Membership Meeting

Monday, October 31, 2016 - Halloween



Notice

Critical Incident Response Team

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Available 24/7



*Thanks to all for the
successful start to the
school year!*

~President Hanley

For your information

Educational Assistance Applications have been on hold due to President Hanley's medical leave and educational training. Applications will be processed by the end of October. Applications will be processed in the order they were received.

Thanks for your patience!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

America is stronger together!

We know the same is true for working people!

This is a tight race, don't leave it up to chance.

Would you like to volunteer?

(And get one of those sweet AFSCME for Hillary t-shirts?)

We'll be knocking doors, making calls, and writing neighbor-to-neighbor cards from now 'til November!

Email mmaloney@afscme93.org for more information and to sign up!



Massasoit Community College, AFSCME Local 1067 members, Color Guard marking the 15th Anniversary of 9/11. Former Unit II Chief Steward, Robert Coppage located on the left. We will never forget!

NOTICE!

**AFSCME Local 1067
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 22, 2016
10:00 am**

**Bunker Hill Community College
250 Rutherford Avenue
Charlestown, MA 02129
617-228-2154**

**Open Forum
Updates on AFSCME Local 1067 News**



*Our Colleges work because **WE** do!*



Massasoit Community College, founded in 1966, is proud to be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The year-long celebration began on September 14 with a kick-off event on the College's Brockton Campus, followed by similar events over the next week at both the Canton Campus and the Middleborough Instructional Site; these inaugural events saw the participation of over 600 students, faculty, and staff through which the Massasoit community collectively donated more than \$2,500 to the College's on-campus food pantry. Throughout the academic year, we will host a variety of educational, social, cultural, and community service events to mark this milestone year and to honor our 50 years of changing lives.

Each of Massasoit Community College's two campuses, in Brockton and in Canton, and its instructional site, in Middleborough, boasts a unique personality. The Brockton Campus, which sits on approximately 100 acres and is home to our eleven NJCAA athletic teams, is the central hub of many College activities, including speaker series, student club meetings and events, theater productions, and more. The Canton Campus is home to the Milton Art Museum, Akillian Gallery, and our newly constructed Veterinary Technology Clinical Instructional Facility, which provides students hands-on learning of skills needed to work in the animal care industry. The Middleborough Instructional Site is home to our Emergency Medical Services Educational Suite, which features modern technology to train first responders, including a ambulant simulation lab. The site is now in its sixth year, and enrollment there continues to grow.

In response to the needs of our service region, the College has dramatically enhanced online learning opportunities and expanded physically to offer courses and programs in two locations in Plymouth and, this fall, in Marshfield, where we offer our 350-hour Marine Technician Certificate Program. Massasoit currently offers 44 associate degree programs in arts, sciences, and applied sciences; 26 certificates; and three Board of Higher Education certificates. The College also provides non-credit workforce development certificates; corporate training courses; adult basic education; personal enrichment classes; theater and concert performances; and programs for high school students, younger children, and seniors. The College enrolls roughly 7,500 credit students and more than 3,000 students in non-credit community education or workforce development courses.

Massasoit is proud to offer comprehensive socio-educational support services to enhance student learning and success; the Choices, Gateway to College, Latch, TRIO, Ubuntu Scholars, and Advisement and Counseling programs provide students with intensive individualized and cohort-based assistance to adjust to, persist, and be successful in their pursuit of post-secondary education. Our Veterans' Center offers academic and benefits advising services to our students who are veterans, both active and former military, and their dependents, and serves as a forum for peer support, camaraderie, and engagement for our students who have served, or are serving, in the armed forces. The Academic Resource Center provides tutoring and workshops in discipline-specific areas to help students master concepts and skills. In recognition of the particular challenges many of our students face, the College named in the 2015-16 academic year the Homeless Student Single Point of Contact, who is a staff person who provides free, confidential referral to both internal and external support services, and the Homeless Student Emergency Fund, which is administered by the Homeless Student Single Point of Contact; funded by a private donor, this fund covers the cost to provide eligible students with vouchers to be used in the College cafeteria and bus passes to get to and from classes. Additionally, the Massasoit community stocks and runs The Massasoit Food Pantry, from which any student or employee can get food, no questions asked.

"Massasoit Community College is honored and proud to be celebrating 50 years of changing lives through continued fulfillment of our mission to be a comprehensive community college serving students and the community across our service area," said Dr. Charles Wall, president of Massasoit Community College. "We are committed to providing the social, emotional, and academic support services our students need and deserve to achieve success in their educations, and are dedicated to providing a full collegiate experience that includes opportunities to participate in co-curricular clubs, activities, and intercollegiate athletics. Massasoit Community College students get not only the full college experience, but also the specialized supports that help them realize their educational aspirations. We look forward to the next 50 years."

As Chief Steward of Unit 1 / Parliamentarian of AFSCME Local 1067 and long-term employee (30+ years) at Massasoit, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the AFSCME employees for their dedication, perseverance, and patience in all of the positions you hold. For those on the front lines (Registration, Admissions, Testing, and Financial Aid) you are the first impression that a student receives when they arrive at Massasoit and you all show that you genuinely care for our students. For those in the trades positions, you are the ones that keep our buildings clean, comfortable and in working condition and it shows. Whether you are a long-term employee or if you have just started your career here at Massasoit, make no mistake...this college works because **WE** do! Thanks for all that you do! Happy Anniversary Massasoit! -Sheila Kearns



Massasoit's Brockton Campus



Massasoit's Canton Campus



Massasoit's Middleborough Center



Reminder!!!

This is the order that we are spotlighting our schools;
October is Massasoit Community College

~~Berkshire Community College~~ - not submitted
~~Bristol Community College~~ - not submitted
 Bunker Hill Community College - ✓
 Bridgewater State University - ✓
~~Cape Cod Community College~~ - not submitted
 Framingham State University - ✓
~~Fitchburg State University~~ - not submitted
~~Greenfield Community College~~ - not submitted
~~Holyoke Community College~~ - not submitted
 Massasoit Community College - ✓
 Mass Bay Community College
 Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Middlesex Community College
 Massachusetts Maritime Academy
 Mount Wachusett Community College
 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
 Northern Essex Community College
 North Shore Community College
 Quinsigamond Community College
 Roxbury Community College
 Salem State University
 Springfield Technical Community College
 Westfield State University
 Worcester State University

Next up...Mass Bay Community College

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



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- Knock AFSCME member doors during campaigns

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

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

I recognize that my authorization of dues deductions, and the continuation of such authorization from one year to the next, is voluntary and not a condition of my employment.

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Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Newsclips

[COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO | State Higher Ed Commissioner Carlos Santiago addresses relationship between education, business - Berkshire Eagle Online](#)

9/20/16 - Replacing the county's aging workforce by attracting and retaining younger skilled employees has been an ongoing conversation in the Berkshires. On Tuesday, state Commissioner of Higher Education Carlos Santiago probed the relationship between education and business, suggesting the state's higher education system needs to adapt to those changing demographics. That change begins at the local level, he said.

[MASSTRANSFER | New state tools streamline college transfers - MetroWest Daily News](#)

9/5/16 - For many community college students, transferring to a four-year state university could soon become a more streamlined — and cheaper — process, state higher education officials say. The new MassTransfer web tool launching today at www.mass.edu/masstransfer will allow students chart out major pathways to see which courses at a particular school transfer and count toward a bachelor's degree at a state university.

[MASSTRANSFER | State Rolls Out New Tool To Streamline College Transfer Process - WGBH On Campus](#)

9/6/16 - For many community college students nationwide, the goal is a four-year degree. But studies show only 14 percent walk away with a bachelor's within six years, partly because of the difficulty associated with transferring college credits. On Tuesday, Massachusetts officials rolled out a new tool designed to streamline the transfer process.

[MASSTRANSFER | New program aims to streamline higher education in Mass. - FOX25](#)

9/6/16 - Massachusetts' public colleges and universities are teaming up to make completing degrees easier for students. A new tool launched Tuesday called MassTransfer will streamline the transfer process to allow students to move seamlessly through the Mass. higher education system. The new tools will allow students to stay on track for their degrees and minimize the time it takes, according to the website.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass Amherst to break ground on \\$62M Business Innovation Hub - masslive.com](#)

9/15/16 - University of Massachusetts and state officials will host a ceremonial groundbreaking Friday on a \$62 million Business Innovation Hub building to be added to the existing buildings of the Isenberg School of Management. Site work for the project has already begun, according to UMass' website. Construction is expected to be complete in September 2018, and the building will be ready for occupancy in January 2019.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass freshmen move in, parents impressed with Amherst campus planning - masslive.com](#)

9/2/16 - On Friday, thousands of first-year students left home and moved into dorms on campus. More than 4,650 comprise the class of 2020.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass working together with the Town of Amherst - WWLP.com](#)

8/30/16 - Tuesday morning, the University of Massachusetts Amherst held its 50th annual community breakfast. It's known as UTAC, or the University Town of Amherst Collaborative, representatives on both sides hope to keep a positive relationship between the university and the town.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass class of 2020 more ethnically diverse than previous classes - masslive.com](#)

8/30/16 - The University of Massachusetts class of 2020 is more diverse than in the past while class size remains about the same as last year. UMass has been trying to increase its diversity for years. The underrepresented minority population will increase from 12 percent to 13 percent.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass Amherst, Wellesley, and Bentley get top marks from annual survey - The Boston Globe](#)

8/30/16 - The University of Massachusetts Amherst received top marks from The Princeton Review — but not for its academics. The UMass Amherst campus was dubbed the college with the best food in The Princeton Review's annual survey of 381 top US colleges and universities, which was released Monday.

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass researchers see ways to extend mobile device battery life - The Recorder](#)

8/28/16 - UMass researchers are working on a new radio technology that allows small mobile devices to take advantage of battery power in larger devices nearby. Professor Deepak Ganesan and his graduate students in the College of Information and Computer Sciences designed and are testing a prototype radio that could help to extend the life of batteries in small, mass-market mobile devices like fitness trackers and smartwatches.

[UMASS AMHERST | The Fight to Save UMass Labor Center Is a Fight for Worker Power - Working In These Times](#)

9/13/16 - The Labor Center at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) at Amherst is in turmoil. Its director, Eve Weinbaum, says she was abruptly pushed out of the position. In an alarming e-mail to alumni, students and allies, she protested funding cuts to teaching assistants and part-time instructors and, more troublingly, threats to the "Labor Studies faculty's autonomy to make programmatic decisions and to designate a Director."

[UMASS AMHERST | UMass continues climbing U.S. News rankings - Hampshire Gazette](#)

9/13/16 - The University of Massachusetts Amherst has once again climbed the list of the country's best colleges released by U.S. News & World Report, rising one spot this year to number 74. Amherst College, Smith College and Mount Holyoke College captured top spots on the list of best liberal arts colleges, while Hampshire College remains disqualified from the publication's rankings because it does not accept standardized test scores from applicants.

[UMASS AMHERST | U.S. News & World Report names UMass 27th-best public university - masslive.com](#)

9/13/16 - U.S. News & World Report now ranks the University of Massachusetts the 27th best public university in the country, tied with two others for that ranking. Last year UMass was ranked 29th in rankings, one of five tied for that ranking for public schools. "This year's ranking by U.S. News is a recognition of the outstanding academic programs on our campus and the excellence of our faculty, students, staff and alumni," Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy said in a statement.

[UMASS BOSTON | Editorial: Tough love at UMass - Boston Herald](#)

9/17/16 - State Education Secretary Jim Peyser isn't shy about what the public higher education system needs to do to give both taxpayers and students what they're paying for. "Educational leaders need to become increasingly hardheaded in separating the wheat from the chaff," Peyser told a convocation at UMass Boston on Thursday. And he warned the university "can't afford to keep marginal programs on life support in hopes that they'll eventually get better or bigger." "Trying to be all things to all people is a formula for mediocrity," he added.

[UMASS BOSTON | Peyser gets raucous reception at UMass - Commonwealth Magazine](#)

9/15/16 - Education Secretary James Peyser received a raucous reception at the University of Massachusetts Boston on Thursday, where his entreaties to spur growth outside campuses and cut dead wood within state higher education ran up against faculty demands for more funding. "Educational leaders need to become increasingly hardheaded in separating the wheat from the chaff," said Peyser, who said UMass "can't afford to keep marginal programs on life support in hopes that they'll eventually get better or bigger." Encouraging educational leaders to focus on their strengths, Peyser said, "Trying to be all things to all people is a formula for mediocrity." Peyser told the audience at a convocation ceremony on the harbor-side campus that state higher education institutions should work more closely together, and cut programs that are not working.

[UMASS BOSTON | UMass Boston budget gap fuels protest - The Boston Globe](#)

9/15/16 - Light streamed into a gleaming new ballroom Thursday morning as University of Massachusetts Boston leaders opened the academic year with a celebration of the school's unprecedented growth. But that growth, and the sparkling new buildings rising on campus, are coming at a cost. UMass Boston faces a \$22.3 million budget gap that has brought higher tuition, cuts to about 100 adjunct professors, and fewer classes this year. Festivities Thursday were marked by student and faculty protesters who said the university has thrust its financial problems onto them.

[UMASS BOSTON | Storm brewing at UMass Boston - Bay State Banner](#)

9/14/16 - A shakeup that sidelined the longstanding chairman of the Africana Studies department at UMass Boston has a group of professors there charging that the administration is seeking to dismantle the department. After two years at its helm, Professor Robert Johnson was relieved of his duties and replaced by Susan Tomlinson, an associate professor of English, whom Johnson's backers say has little experience with Africana Studies.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | UMass Dartmouth 'can't really put on finger' on gender gap among athletes - Herald News](#)

9/7/16 - Compliance with federal rules barring discrimination in college athletics presents some challenges at University of Massachusetts campuses, some of which are wrestling with gender gaps in the student body. At UMass Dartmouth, men make up 54 percent of the undergraduate student body and 57 percent of the school's 562 student athletes.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | UMass Dartmouth student schools people about addiction with new group - Herald News](#)

9/6/16 - When most people think of drug addiction, they don't picture a bright, young college student hefting a book bag with track marked arms. But, addiction doesn't care about grade point average, history projects or plans for the future. "It's everywhere," said University of Massachusetts Dartmouth nursing student Callie Nunez. "As students we see it more than faculty." Nunez, who has a personal stake in helping fight addiction, has started a local chapter of Young People in Recovery at the university and is working to educate people in the neighboring communities of Fall River and New Bedford, as well.

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[UMASS DARTMOUTH | Freshmen move into UMass Dartmouth dorms and begin month-long "This We Believe" anti-violence campaign - southcoasttoday.com](#)

9/4/16 - Sage Geddes, 18, checked in at a tent outside Elmwood Hall Sunday afternoon as her family unloaded their car into bins on the sidewalk outside. It was moving day for more than 1,300 freshmen at UMass Dartmouth.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | UMass Dartmouth Builds Out Hybrid Offerings with Help from UMassOnline -- Campus Technology](#)
8/31/16 - The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth campus is extending its online and hybrid education offerings with the addition of new degree programs and certificates targeted at people who need to complete their degrees. The expansion is being supported by the university system's centralized online institution, UMassOnline, which is delivering technical and marketing services.

[UMASS LOWELL | Tewksbury's Zurawski reaching for the stars with NASA project - Wicked Local](#)
9/21/16 - Students at the University of Massachusetts Lowell are sending a satellite to space. Over 50 students from Tewksbury to Colorado with majors ranging from science to business are working together on the SPACE HAUC satellite under the direction of UMass Lowell physics professor Supriya Chakrabarti.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell gets grant to work on promoting women faculty in the sciences - The Boston Globe](#)
9/21/16 - The University of Massachusetts Lowell has received a \$3.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to narrow the gender gap in the teaching of science and technology. The five-year grant will fund research, training, surveys and feedback about ways to increase numbers of women entering the faculty and rising through the ranks of academia.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell cancels plan to open first public doctor of pharmacy program in Massachusetts - masslive.com](#)
9/19/16 - Massachusetts residents seeking to enroll in a public doctor of pharmacy program: head elsewhere. The University of Massachusetts Lowell has scrapped plans to open a professional Pharm.D. degree program, citing budget concerns.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell climbs in national rankings - Sentinel & Enterprise](#)
9/13/16 - UMass Lowell has reached its highest ranking on the U.S. News & World Report national universities list released Tuesday. Its new rank at No. 152 is 31 spots higher than the No. 183 placement it had when the school first landed on the list in 2010. The ranking comes as the university just admitted a freshman class with the highest-ever combined SAT score of 1179. The newest class also has a higher average high-school GPA of 3.59.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell receives \\$1 million gift - The Boston Globe](#)
9/7/16 - Philanthropist Nancy Donahue has given \$1 million to the University of Massachusetts Lowell to establish the Donahue Center for Business Ethics. The center will expand education in ethics to all majors, offer new research opportunities for faculty and students, and develop ethics-focused programs and events for the university and the public.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell wins \\$1M grant to promote workforce health, productivity - The Dispatch News Online](#)
9/3/16 - UMass Lowell has received a \$1 million federal grant to promote workforce health and productivity, according to the office of U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell students partner with Coastal Connections - newburyportnews.com](#)
8/30/16 - This partnership with UMass Lowell and Coastal Connections was developed over 8 years ago and has resulted in mutually beneficial projects. The individuals served by Coastal Connections benefit from the new technology, knowledge and enthusiasm of college students, and the college students gain a far greater understanding of how to use their engineering knowledge to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell \(and 133 new students\) like no-test application option - Lowell Sun Online](#)

8/29/16 - This year, UMass Lowell receives its largest incoming class of 2,900 freshmen and transfer students. But this year also includes another first for the university -- 133 of those students are attending without having to share their SAT or ACT scores at all.

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass Lowell faculty members invest in community projects - The Boston Globe](#)

9/16/16 - University of Massachusetts Lowell faculty members recently selected to receive creative economy grants from the UMass President's Office will invest the funding in community projects in Lowell and Lawrence.

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass system enrollment climbs 27% in last decade - masslive.com](#)

9/22/16 - Enrollment at the five University of Massachusetts campuses has risen nearly 27 percent in the last decade. At a board of trustees meeting Wednesday, UMass President Marty Meehan said enrollment has surpassed 74,000 students for the first time, rising to 74,678 students enrolled across the five campuses.

[UMASS SYSTEM | Governor Baker to award UMass \\$5 million for cybersecurity and technology - Massachusetts Daily Collegian](#)

9/12/16 - The office of Governor Charlie Baker announced on August 17 that the commonwealth had chosen to award the University of Massachusetts with a \$5 million grant to support a data science collaborative. The purpose of this collaboration between UMass, the Baker-Polito Administration and the MassMutual Foundation is to advance cybersecurity in the Pioneer Valley region, according to a press release issued by the administration.

[UMASS SYSTEM | Meehan's top goal at UMass: Get tuition 'under control' - Lowell Sun Online](#)

9/9/16 - While he's had success as the top university official, overseeing five campuses and tens of thousands of students, there is still plenty to address in the years to come, Meehan told The Sun's editorial board on Thursday. That starts with getting tuition "under control."

[UMASS SYSTEM | UMass trustees chairman Victor Woolridge, of Springfield, receives national education award - masslive.com](#)

9/2/16 - Victor Woolridge, chairman of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees, was one of five people honored by the Council for Opportunity in Education for his accomplishments and for demonstrating the transformative power of higher education.

[MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | 3 Massachusetts community colleges named top schools for low-income students - masslive.com](#)

9/20/16 - The U.S. Department of Education published a list of 25 community colleges located across the country that provide significant opportunities to low income students. Of the 25 schools, three are located in Massachusetts.

[MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Public colleges reach out to ITT Tech students after shutdown - The Worcester Telegram](#)

9/8/16 - Left hanging by the abrupt closure of ITT Technical Institute earlier this week, more than 500 people who attended the for-profit institution's two Massachusetts campuses are now being courted by the state's public colleges.

[MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Baker-Polito Administration announces \\$700,000 in funding for offshore wind research - Windpower Engineering Development](#)

8/29/16 - The Baker-Polito Administration recently announced \$700,000 in funding for nine academic and research institutions across Massachusetts to advance studies relating to offshore wind development, building on the Commonwealth's existing nation-leading offshore wind innovation activities.

DUAL ENROLLMENT | 22 colleges awarded grants to teach high school students - WWLP.com

8/29/16 - Massachusetts has awarded \$910,000 to 22 public colleges to help high school students get a head start on college classes. The state Department of Higher Education said Monday that the grants will expand a program that offers free or low-cost college classes to some high school students.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BERKSHIRE CC | Berkshire Community College Examines Sexual Assault - WAMC

9/22/16 - Berkshire Community College held a forum about sexual assault on college campuses this week. It featured a panel of speakers involved in the issue regionally.

BERKSHIRE CC | BCC, Springfield College Sign Articulation Agreement For Exercise Science - iBerkshires.com

9/21/16 - Moulton graduated from BCC with a degree in physical fitness and entered Springfield College's applied exercise science program. Fresh off getting his bachelor's degree from Springfield, he got a job as a personal trainer. On Wednesday, he returned to Berkshire Community College to encourage others to follow the same path, as the two schools now have an articulation agreement easing the transfer of BCC graduates to Springfield College program.

BERKSHIRE CC | Pittsfield: BCC welcomes former ITT Tech students - Berkshire Eagle Online

9/20/16 - In light of the closing of all 137 ITT Technical Institute campuses, which was announced on Sept. 6, Berkshire Community College is offering assistance and support to all affected students.

BERKSHIRE CC | Tech Education: Berkshire Innovation Center gets big equipment upgrade - Berkshire Eagle Online

9/15/16 - The high-tech machines that are needed to train workers in the latest advanced manufacturing techniques have arrived in the Berkshires. The Berkshire Innovation Center and collaborative partner Berkshire Community College on Thursday unveiled several new innovative pieces of equipment, including a 3D printer so cutting-edge that it has never been located on a college campus before. "This is our newest product," said Charles Evans, an applications engineer for Stratasys Ltd., the Minnesota-based company that is the world's largest manufacturer of 3D printers.

BERKSHIRE CC | BCC's \$30M Renovation Bringing School To 21st Century - WAMC

9/14/16 - (Audio) The fall semesters for most colleges and universities are just under way and in Pittsfield, the area's community college is undergoing major changes. Completed in 1972, the main campus of Berkshire Community College is showing its age with rectangular concrete buildings and dark hallways. But the first ever major renovation of two primary classrooms buildings is bringing the West Street campus into the 21st century. "We're updating our labs, classrooms and technology," said BCC President Kennedy. "We're creating much better accessibility, improving our wayfinding and creating many more student spaces that are small and intimate or that can hold groups.

BERKSHIRE CC | Ride, Ellen, ride: BCC president rides BRTA downtown-campus route for Berkshire County Clean Air Challenge - Berkshire Eagle Online

9/12/16 - Growing up in Lynn, Ellen Kennedy regularly took public transportation. On Monday, the president of Berkshire Community College rediscovered the convenience and necessity for many BCC students to ride the "B" bus. In participating in the Berkshire County Clean Air Challenge, Kennedy three times rode the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority route between Intermodal Center at the corner of Columbus Avenue and North Street and the West Street Campus on the outskirts of the city.

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BRISTOL CC | BCC gets \$200K for offshore wind workforce study - South Coast Today

9/19/16 - Bristol Community College will get nearly \$200,000 in state funds to study workforce development for the emerging offshore wind industry, Gov. Charlie Baker's administration announced Monday.

BRISTOL CC / UMASS DARTMOUTH | BCC, UMD ready to help locked-out ITT students - southcoasttoday.com

9/12/16 - Local schools are ready to accept students who have been locked out with two ITT campuses abruptly closing doors last week. Bristol Community College has set up a direct phone line for students and employees who are looking for a solution, officials said. Bristol Community College offers many courses that align with programs previously offered at ITT. The College's eLearning classes can be completed 100 percent online, along with flexible courses that are offered at BCC's Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford, and Taunton locations," said Kathy Torpey Garganta, vice president for enrollment services in a news release. "The college has programs that are designed to accommodate students coming from anywhere: life experience as well as other academic experiences."

BRISTOL CC | BCC getting part of \$910,000 grant to expand dual enrollment - Raynham Call

8/30/16 - Bristol Community College serves the largest number of dual enrollment students among its peer institutions in the state, according to the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, and is now among 22 public colleges and universities statewide to get a piece of \$910,000 in grant funding to expand opportunities for high school students to get early starts on their college educations.

BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BUNKER HILL CC | Starting New, Or Starting Over: A Visit To Bunker Hill Community College Registration - WBUR Edify

9/6/16 - There is no "one type" of student at Bunker Hill Community College. If you look up at the ceiling of the school's atrium you'll see the flags of 107 countries — representing 75 languages.

CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CAPE COD CC | Cape Cod Community College to Help Students after ITT Tech Closures - capecod.com

9/12/16 - Cape Cod Community College is opening its arms to students shut out of two ITT Technical Institute campuses that recently closed abruptly. The college is joining other community colleges across the state to work towards offering students for ITT Tech's Norwood and Wilmington campuses new career paths. "We're very concerned for the students, many of whom at this point have acquired significant financial debt," said John Cox, the President of Cape Cod Community College.

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GREENFIELD CC | Addiction finds academic niche at GCC - The Recorder

9/22/16 - With the region still in the grip of a national addiction crisis, Greenfield Community College hopes to train the next generation of public health professionals who will work to beat it back. The college launched a new Addiction Studies certificate program this semester.

GREENFIELD CC | Editorial: Making a difference for GCC students

9/11/16 - Greenfield Community College will receive \$1,640,349 over the next five years through a federal grant designed to help students stay in school, especially those students who are first in their family to attend college and haven't decided on a major. The money will enhance GCC's existing student support services, including orientation, career advising, peer tutoring, personal counseling, financial aid assistance and financial literacy. The hope is, the tax money will provide the help needed by those taking their first tentative steps into high education to ensure they stay on the path to getting a degree — a degree that could make all the difference in their lives and that of their children. It sounds like a lot of money, but if it works, the value added to the individual students will be real and worthwhile.

GREENFIELD CC | GCC gets \$1.6 million federal grant for new programs - The Recorder

9/6/16 — Greenfield Community College will receive \$1,640,349 over the next five years through a federal grant designed to strengthen programs that help students stay in school.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOLYOKE CC | HCC Awarded \$127,741 for Enhanced EMT Training Program - BusinessWest.com

9/23/16 - Holyoke Community College (HCC) has been awarded a \$127,741 Workforce Skills Capital Grant to purchase state-of-the-art equipment for its EMT Training Program.

HOLYOKE CC | Katie Stebbins appointed to Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees by Charlie Baker - masslive.com

9/8/16 - A new name has been added to the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees. Governor Charlie Baker has appointed Katie L. Stebbins to the board, the college announced Thursday.

HOLYOKE CC | Free job training available to Holyokers in MGM Springfield casino, Holyoke Community College culinary program - masslive.com

8/30/16 - Holyokers can register for free training beginning in October to become cooks, waiters and waitresses, bartenders, hosts and hostesses and hotel workers in a program involving the MGM Springfield casino and Holyoke Community College.

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSASOIT CC | Grant gives Massasoit region's first vet tech school - The Enterprise

9/20/16 - Massasoit's Canton campus received \$442,000 from the state to construct a facility for the first vet tech program in Southeastern Massachusetts.

MASS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASSBAY CC | MassBay College to assist displaced ITT students - Wellesley Townsman

9/13/16 - In light of the sudden closing of all 137 ITT Technical Institute campuses, including two in Massachusetts, MassBay Community College will offer assistance and support to all affected students. These abrupt closures are dislodging more than 35,000 students from their programs nationwide, including hundreds here in the Commonwealth. MassBay and the other 14 community colleges in the state are partnering with the U.S. Department of Education, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, Massachusetts Community Colleges Executive Office and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office to assist these former ITT students.

MASSBAY CC | MassBay Framingham campus top of list for new president - Milford Daily News

8/31/16 - Within two months of becoming MassBay Community College's sixth president, David Podell says finding a permanent home for the school in Framingham is his top priority. Podell started July 1, but has jumped right into his work at the college, which has locations in Ashland, Framingham and Wellesley. During a roundtable meeting in his Wellesley office Wednesday morning, Podell said he's "ready and excited" to have students return to school next week.

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MIDDLESEX CC | Gov. Charlie Baker appoints Middlesex College trustees - Billerica Minuteman

9/23/16 - Gov. Charlie Baker appointed two new members to the Middlesex Community College board of trustees.

MCC alumnus Alec A. Belanger, of Billerica, will replace alum member Timothy Glaser. Cheryl Howard, vice president of Communications, Diversity and Inclusion at Simmons College, was appointed in April, replacing retiring trustee Elia Marnik.

MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex College wins \$113K Cultural Facilities Fund grant - Bedford Minuteman

9/16/16 - Middlesex Community College was awarded a \$113,000 Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund grant to support renovation and transformation of the former Boston & Maine Railroad Depot into a performing arts education center on the Lowell campus. The Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund is a state program that fosters growth of the creative economy by supporting building projects in the nonprofit arts, humanities and sciences. MCC's award was part of \$9.3 million in new grants recently approved by the MassDevelopment board of directors. Grants must be matched one-to-one from private and/or other public sources.

MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex Awarded \$2.2 Million Grant to Foster Student Success - Lowell.com

9/13/16 - Middlesex Community College has been awarded a \$2,205,024 U.S. Department of Education grant to expand its work on student success. To be distributed over a five-year period, the grant is part of the Title III Strengthening Institutions Program. This program helps eligible institutions expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability. Grant funds will be used to implement the "eMCC: Success From the Start" program to improve the student experience and better assess academic performance. Funds will be used to improve the technology infrastructure used by both students and the institution.

MIDDLESEX CC | MCC opens doors to ITT students - Lowell Sun Online

9/10/16 - (Video)ITT closed all its campuses nationwide Tuesday after the federal Department of Education banned the for-profit chain from enrolling new students who use financial aid. The company has been the target of federal and state probes over its recruiting and accounting practices. This left students without a degree, many unable to pay their debts and now scrambling to make decisions about what to do next, when college semesters have already begun. Middlesex Community College hosted a free registration and consultation event Friday for ITT students at the Cowan Center in Lowell. About 30 students visited MCC or guidance between Thursday and Friday, including De La Cruz. Two students showed up at MCC's Bedford campus.

MIDDLESEX CC | MCC receives \$445G federal grant - Lowell Sun Online

8/31/16 - Middlesex Community College has received a \$444,581 federal grant to boost technology that will offer greater insight into student success. The Department of Education funding will establish the eMCC: Success from the Start program, which will improve the school's technology infrastructure and analytical data on enrollment, student planning and advising, according to the offices of Reps. Niki Tsongas and Seth Moulton.

MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC ready to assist displaced ITT Tech students - Leominster Champion

9/23/16 - In response to the sudden closing of all 137 campuses of ITT Technical Institute, including two in Massachusetts, Mount Wachusett Community College is working with the Massachusetts Community Colleges Executive Office and other state and federal agencies to assist affected students with their academic pursuits.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC, college partner to support nursing education - Leominster Champion

9/16/16 - Labouré College and Mount Wachusett Community College are partnering to support the continuing education of local nurses. The colleges have established a transfer agreement providing licensed practical nurses (LPNs) graduating from Mount Wachusett Community College a pathway to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Labouré College and obtain licensure as registered nurses.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC unveils campus expansion and renovations - Leominster Champion

9/16/16 - New and returning Mount Wachusett Community College students began the academic year amid a sea of change at the Gardner campus, following more than a year of construction and extensive renovations. Approximately 950 new students got an early look at the campus' transformation during day, evening and program-specific orientations held over the past week in advance of the new academic year, which started Tuesday, Sept. 6. Students will notice substantial changes to the Haley academic building and theater, as well as a new 44,000-square-foot science and technology building. The college will transition into the new building this month.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Local Leaders Speak of President Asquino's Accomplishments - The Gardner News

9/10/16 - Those that have seen firsthand the efforts and impact of Daniel M. Asquino know his upcoming retirement from the Mount will close a chapter of success that is rare to come by. "President Asquino was always daring. He was not afraid to go where others were too timid to go," said friend and retired state Sen. Stephen Brewer, D-Barre. "In his 30 years at the Mount he's probably done 60 years of work." "I've known Dan a very long time," said Mayor Mark Hawke, a 1993 Mount grad. "It's amazing to see the growth of the college and what's more amazing is he's been able to keep the college ahead of the curve. Those are some big shoes (to fill)."

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Humble and well-liked, Dan Asquino is Leaving a Legacy – Retiring college president reflects on the experience -The Gardner News

9/10/16 - It was quite a series of events that brought Mount Wachusett Community College President Daniel M. Asquino to where he is now — 75 years old and retiring from a job he's had for almost 30 years. "Like everything else, it was kind of an accident," he said. He'll wrap up his time at the Mount in January as the longest-tenured public higher education president in the state, serving since 1987.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Mount Wachusett opens doors to displaced ITT Tech students - WBJournal.com

9/9/16 - The abrupt closure of all 137 campuses of the ITT Technical Institute has left approximately 35,000 students out in the cold, and Mount Wachusett Community College has announced it will work with them to find them a place at the school.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC opens new year with grand plans - Sentinel & Enterprise

9/2/16 - New and returning Mount Wachusett Community College students will begin the academic year amid a sea of change at the Gardner campus, following more than a year of construction and extensive renovations.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC, Labouré College, partnering to create educational opportunities for nurses - The Gardner News 8/29/16 - Labouré College and Mount Wachusett Community College are partnering to support the continuing education of local nurses. The colleges have established a transfer agreement providing licensed practical nurses (LPNs) graduating from Mount Wachusett Community College a pathway to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Labouré College and obtain licensure as registered nurses.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Grant to help more people attend college - The Gardner News 8/18/16 - The North Central Educational Opportunity Center at Mount Wachusett Community College has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to continue providing adults in the region with comprehensive services to successfully transition to college or other postsecondary education. Mount Wachusett was awarded \$236,900 for the first year of a five-year grant totaling \$1.18 million.

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTH SHORE CC | Community colleges negotiate transportation options to get students to class - Inside Higher Ed 9/16/16 - For many students at two-year institutions across the country, regardless of whether they're in a rural or more urban setting, transportation can be a significant barrier. Extending bus lines, buying shuttles and partnering with ride-sharing services are just some of the solutions community college leaders are looking at when it comes to getting their students on campus. When Patricia Gentile arrived as president of North Shore Community College three years ago, she was surprised to find that there was no public transportation that reached the campus. North Shore, which is located north of the Boston metropolitan area, has three separate locations that serve about 7,000 students. The public transportation lines that travel through densely populated areas stop about four miles from one of the campus's locations.

NORTH SHORE CC | Hard at work at North Shore Community College - Itemlive 9/2/16 - The beginning of fall is always busy at North Shore Community College, and never more so than this fall. As students hit the books at the Lynn campus on Tuesday, they are crossing paths with workers from Delulis Brothers Construction Company as work continues on the three-story, 41,000-square-foot addition at the college.

NORTH SHORE CC | North Shore Community College partners with Uber to get students to and from Danvers campus - The Boston Globe 8/30/16 - North Shore Community College and Uber have announced a new pilot program to offer reduced-fare rides to students traveling between NSCC's Danvers campus and public transportation stations. The program covers the first \$10 of an Uber ride between the Danvers campus and two public transportation stations, the college said.

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Northern Essex to Continue Early College Thanks to Grant - WHAV 9/19/16 - This year, four local high schools will be able to continue to participate in Early College Programs in partnership with Northern Essex Community College, thanks to \$250,000 which was included in the state budget by state Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives.

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Lyndon State College opens program at NECC - eagletribune.com

9/16/16 - When Jean Carlos Diaz graduated from Lawrence High School in 2013, he chose to pursue an associate degree in computer science close to home at Northern Essex Community College. Thanks to a partnership announced on Wednesday, September 14, between Northern Essex and Lyndon State College of Vermont, students like Diaz can now complete a bachelor's degree without leaving the city. The two colleges formally celebrated the new partnership—the first dual-state collaboration of its kind in Massachusetts—at a launching ceremony held at the Northern Essex El-Hefni Allied Health & Technology Center in Lawrence.

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

QUINSIGAMOND CC | QCC to expand Southbridge lab capacity with \$489K workforce grant - WBJournal.com

9/21/16 - Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester will receive \$488,735 to expand laboratory capacity in the computer information technologies lab at its Southbridge location with an eye towards training the unemployed and underemployed.

QUINSIGAMOND CC / WORCESTER STATE U | Public colleges see mixed results as fall enrollment numbers come in - Worcester Telegram

9/19/16 - Continuing recent trends for both institutions, Quinsigamond Community College saw its student enrollment decrease again this fall while Worcester State University's held steady from last year, according to data shared by the schools.

QUINSIGAMOND CC | Quinsigamond Community College President Gail Carberry to retire - masslive.com

9/6/16 - The president of Quinsigamond Community College, Gail E. Carberry, has announced her plans to retire at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Carberry spent the past 10 years serving as the college president. She made the announcement to faculty and staff during the college's annual opening day meeting Tuesday.

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ROXBURY CC | Controversy again engulfs Roxbury Community College, this time over its athletic center - Boston Globe

9/15/16 - Meetings of community college boards of trustees rarely attract much of a crowd, but that wasn't the case at Roxbury Community College Tuesday night. A packed room of 200 or so people came to tell the school's leadership exactly what they thought of the administration's terrible decision to fire the head of the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center — a move that threatens to dismantle what is probably the best-functioning part of the school. RCC management gave executive director Keith McDermott the boot last week after 18 years of service, announcing the decision in an icy, three-sentence e-mail. College officials have refused to say why he was fired, hiding behind the usual excuse that they cannot discuss personnel issues.

ROXBURY CC | Year Up Boston Partners with Roxbury Community College to Help Meet Market Demand for Skilled Talent - prweb.com

9/13/16 - Continuing to scale its innovative and effective approach to job training, Year Up Boston announced today the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding to launch a new Year Up location at Roxbury Community College (RCC). The partnership between Year Up and Roxbury Community College will help meet market demand for skilled entry-level talent. Year Up Boston is also adopting a new name, Year Up Greater Boston, to reflect its expanded site locations.

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | STCC's Youthful New President Embraces His Stern Challenge - BusinessWest.com

9/20/16 - John Cook, who only recently became ineligible for BusinessWest's Forty Under 40 program, took the reins at Springfield Technical Community College last month. Beyond youth — he's not that much older than many students on this historic campus — he brings energy and a leadership style grounded in being a good listener.

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Lifehack 2016 'Hackathon' held at Springfield Technical Community College - WWLP.com

9/17/16 - A 2 day "Hackathon" at Springfield Technical Community College is helping students apply their majors in a fun and applicable way. During the "Lifehack 2016", students learned about computer programming and coding. Students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, commonly referred to as STEM, used technology to "hack" life's common problems.

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Springfield Technical Community College kicks off 50th anniversary celebration by honoring its founders - masslive.com

9/9/16 - The founding of Springfield Technical College in 1967 was the result of what former college president Andrew Scibelli calls "a perfect storm." STCC would not be the thriving institution it is today without the vision, determination and collaboration of four men — Edmond P. Garvey, Joseph J. Deliso Sr., state Rep. Anthony M. Scibelli and Charles V. Ryan — Scibelli said. Scibelli, nephew of lawmaker "Tony" Scibelli, was one of several speakers on Friday afternoon during a convocation and reception held to honor the four founders and to kick off STCC's 50th anniversary year.

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Springfield Technical Community College's new president John B. Cook brings youth, fresh set of eyes to urban campus - masslive.com

9/6/16 - John B. Cook, who moved into the president's office at Springfield Technical Community College on Aug. 1, aims to build on STCC's legacy while edging it gently into the digital future. At 40, Cook, former dean of academic affairs at Manchester Community College in New Hampshire, is the sixth and youngest president of STCC — and one of the youngest community college presidents in the nation.

STATE UNIVERSITIES:

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Bridgewater State University special education program ranks nationally - Bridgewater Independent

9/22/16 - The special education program at Bridgewater State University recently earned a top 10 national ranking from Teacher.org. In its annual Best Colleges in Education Special Education rankings, Teacher.org used graduation rates, size of program, default rates and affordability among its criteria as it analyzed more than 400 colleges and universities across the nation that offer special education degrees.

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | BSU eyes expanded enrollment, programs at Yarmouth campus - Wicked Local Cape Cod

9/17/16 - As Bridgewater State University's Cape Cod campus in South Yarmouth begins its second full academic year, overall enrollment is strong and growing stronger, despite regional and statewide trends in higher education that point in the opposite direction. "All programs are meeting our expected goals to date," said Jennifer True, the campus' director. "As we continue to roll out new academic programs over the next few years, we anticipate increased enrollment across the board." Fifty students are currently registered for undergraduate courses for the fall semester, 40 of whom are fully matriculated into either a degree-completion or certificate program, True said. Another 30 students will take part in graduate classes, seeking

either their master's degree or graduate-level certificates.

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Four appointed as trustees at Bridgewater State - The Enterprise

9/8/16 - Baker appointed the following members to the board of trustees at Bridgewater State University: Geri Denterlein, Edward Murphy, Mark Oliari and Angela Pimental, according to a release from the state Department of Higher Education.

BRIDGEWATER STATE U | Movers, shakers take over Bridgewater State campus - The Enterprise

9/5/16 - The Bridgewater State University campus sidewalks were lined with students Monday. Some carried laundry baskets filled with items, others lugged large electronics and appliances and many used rolling bins which overflowed with all of their room's essentials.

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

FITCHBURG STATE U | Grant will expand FSU dual enrollment to Leominster - Leominster Champion

9/16/16 - Just in time for the start of a new academic year, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education has awarded \$910,000 in individual grants to 22 public colleges and universities to expand opportunities for high school students to get a jump start on college. Grants funded through the Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership will allow students to take free or low-cost college courses at local campuses and, in some cases, attend classes taught on location at their high schools or on line.

FITCHBURG STATE U | FSU welcomes second-largest freshman class - Sentinel & Enterprise

9/1/16 - Fitchburg State University launches the 2016-17 academic year in September with one of its largest and most diverse incoming classes. The university will also mark a milestone in its history with the formal installation of its 11th president, Richard S. Lapidus, in October.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MCLA | MCLA Gets Grant to Help Retain Low-Income Students, Students of Color - iBerkshires.com

9/19/16 - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts has been awarded a \$2.177 million Title III "Strengthening Institutions Program" grant from the United States Department of Education to increase retention and graduation rates of students from low-income families and students of color over the next five years.

MCLA | MCLA lands \$2.1 million federal grant to help underserved students - Berkshire Eagle Online

9/6/16 - The Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts will be starting the year off with a \$2.1 million federal grant to better support underserved students. MCLA President James F. Birge announced the grant during Tuesday morning's opening breakfast.

MCLA | MCLA Announces Diverse Incoming Class of 2020 - iBerkshires.com - The Berkshires online guide to events, news and Berkshire County community information.

8/31/16 - Next week, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts will welcome the Class of 2020, more than a third of whom will come to the campus from states other than Massachusetts. Together, they represent 16 states, including Alaska, Hawaii, Minnesota, Texas and Illinois. Others will arrive on campus from other countries, such as the Bahamas, Mexico and India.

MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY

MASS MARITIME ACADEMY | Academy Rents Inn To House Overflow Of Students - Bourne News

9/8/16 - When the Massachusetts Maritime Academy realized that they had more students coming into the school year than they had beds in their dormitories, they turned to Fred Carbone, the owner of Bay Motor Inn in Buzzards Bay. Mr. Carbone and his wife, Irene Carbone, typically close down the inn, located at 223 Main Street, during the cooler months. This year, instead of being empty during those months, the 16 units on the property have been leased to the academy and will provide housing for 37 cadets for the next two semesters.

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

SALEM STATE U | Salem State graduation rate tops 50 percent - salemnews.com

9/18/16 - Salem State University's graduation rate has climbed over the 50 percent mark for the first time, a milestone in the school's effort to improve what has been the lowest graduation rate among Massachusetts' state universities. The rate, which tracks the percentage of freshmen who graduate within six years, is now at 52 percent, an increase of more than 10 percent in the last five years. Salem State officials cited several reasons for the improvement, including more support for struggling students, increased flexibility in choosing courses, and a reduction in the number of unprepared students admitted to the school.

SALEM STATE U | 200 SSU students spend first day volunteering - salemnews.com

9/2/16 - Classes won't start until Wednesday, but Salem State University students were visible all over the North Shore Friday for a day of volunteerism. It's the first time the university has opened with a "First Year Day of Service." Two hundred students and 100 faculty members volunteered at 31 organizations across the region. Mixed in with mostly freshmen were a handful of seasoned Salem State students who also signed on to help as members of the "opening team," according to Salem State President...

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

WESTFIELD STATE U | \$158,000 state grant helps continue Enrollment Initiative Program at Westfield State University - masslive.com

9/15/16 - Westfield State University has received a \$157,924 state grant to help fund continuation of its Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative Program. The grant helps finance tuition, books, materials, salary for a coordinator and employment specialist and additional programming needs.

WESTFIELD STATE U | Westfield State University students join in community service Sept. 6 to kick off new school year - masslive.com

9/2/16 - Nearly 200 Westfield State University students will join in community service projects around the city Sept. 6 to help kick off the new school year.

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

WORCESTER STATE U | Worcester State opens \$52M fitness center - The Worcester Telegram

9/13/16 - While students jogged on exercise equipment and flicked basketballs into nets on Tuesday, politicians and education officials celebrated the completion of Worcester State University's new \$52.6 million fitness center.

Higher Education Trends

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Decreasing median incomes linked to rising numbers of Pell Grant recipients - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/23/16 - New federal data show rising number of students receiving Pell Grants while median family incomes of recipients fall.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Students who earn C's in gateway courses are less likely to graduate, new data show - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/23/16 - Data show that students who earn C's in foundational courses are much less likely to graduate. As a result, U of Arizona may require some C students to repeat a course.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | More people enroll in college even with rising price tag, report finds - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/22/16 - The Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education releases its first report, using data to lay out a broad picture of students at today's two- and four-year colleges.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | College supply list for low-income students: Books, financial aid ... a mentor - CSMonitor.com](#)

9/21/16 - Low-income college students are enrolling in college in greater numbers – but only 9 percent earn a bachelor's degree by age 24.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Under pressure, groups that assess colleges promise to take a closer look at graduation rates - The Hechinger Report](#)

9/21/16 - The rising number of students who have dropped out of college saddled with debt has increased pressure on the groups that give colleges the official stamp of approval. Now those accreditation groups are promising to crack down by taking a closer look at graduation rates, loan repayment rates and default rates.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | The History of the American Research University - The Atlantic](#)

9/20/16 - Since the 19th century, the institutions' thinkers have discovered a dazzling array of new knowledge—yet attacks on academic freedom mean all their potential is now at risk.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | The mindboggling barriers that colleges create - and that end up hurting their own students - The Hechinger Report](#)

9/19/16 - At a time when they're under growing public pressure to improve the low proportions of their students who actually graduate, universities and colleges raise needless hurdles, Moses and other policymakers say.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Column: By Jay Mathews: Dual-enrollment high school programs are oversold, but they do have value - The Washington Post](#)

9/18/16 - I have spent three decades studying college-level courses in high schools. Most of my attention has been on the two programs that selective colleges most like to see on high school transcripts, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate. But there is a different college-level program — known as dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment — that I also have tried to figure out. In dual-enrollment programs, high school students take local college courses that can earn them college credit. Studies say dual-enrollment students are more likely to enroll in college, do well and earn degrees. But Education Week has reported that many dual-enrollment students are not getting the college credit they thought they earned. It appears that the program is being oversold as part of a frantic national effort to manage rising college costs.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study finds major access gaps in higher education in developing countries - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/16/16 - Global higher education access targets are likely to be missed, according to a study that found that women are at the back of the queue when university enrollment widens in the developing world. An analysis of higher education participation rates in 35 countries in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa by University of Cambridge researchers detected “extremely low” rates for people under 25 in almost all of them: below 10 percent in 31 of the countries, and below 5 percent in 20.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | The most important standardized test you've never heard of - PBS NewsHour](#)

9/15/16 - (Video) Latasha Gandy thought she was the ideal high school student. Attending Arlington Senior High School in St. Paul, Minn., she kept her head in her books and did her homework. “I was that student everybody wanted to multiply,” she said. Her mother was elated with Arlington, a brand new school with the latest technology, web training, access to Apple computers and — best of all — the promise that it would prepare every student for college. Gandy’s parents hadn’t gone to college. Gandy was in the honors program and graduated with a GPA of 4.2 out of 5. But when she went to enroll at her local community college, a counselor said she had to take a placement test. When the results came back, Gandy was told she needed remedial classes. “My first question was, ‘What are those?’” she recalled, the surprise still evident in her voice. “And they told me they were basically material to catch me up to be ready to be in college. And I remember asking, ‘How is that possible that I’m not ready for college when I graduated with a 4.2 GPA?’”

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Why I'm Glad My College Dumped the SAT - TIME](#)

9/14/16 - “Wait, why—what do you mean you don’t accept the SAT?” Whether with curiosity, confusion, joy, or frustration, this question is always asked with intense emotion. For the past four years I’ve worked as an admissions counselor at a college that stopped accepting standardized test scores for admissions and financial aid. The sheer bewilderment I encountered from many high school students is justified. Standardized testing is intrinsic to the college application process, an unquestionable part of U.S. culture. While the majority of my prospective students and their parents agreed that these scores don’t accurately represent student potential, our society and its systems perpetuate the idea that they do. If you’re a teen hoping to go to college, you take the SATs, period.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | House panel scrutinizes endowments and college affordability - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/14/16 - The House Ways and Means Oversight subcommittee hearing Tuesday was nominally about the tax-exempt status of college endowments. But much of the discussion focused on college affordability -- a broader issue clearly on the minds of both Republicans and Democrats on the panel. It was unclear what that means in terms of a legislative response from the Ways and Means Committee, which deals with taxation issues. But the subcommittee’s Republican members said they were interested in greater transparency from higher ed institutions -- on endowment spending as well as on what they consider wasteful spending on campus amenities, athletic salaries, administrative costs and other noneducation uses.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | For-profit schools lash out at administration - TheHill](#)

9/13/16 - The Obama administration’s aggressive handling of for-profit colleges has some accusing it of unfairly targeting the industry. The Department of Education has taken action against at least six for-profit schools in the last two years. One of those schools, Corinthian Colleges, filed for bankruptcy in May 2015 after the department issued a \$30 million fine. A second school, ITT Technical Institute, last week announced it was closing all 130 of its campuses due to federal sanctions. Advocates of for-profit education say the administration is trying to put the industry out of business.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Dept. of Education releases guide to expand free community college - WBIR.com](#)

9/13/16 - The U.S. Department of Education released a guide Tuesday to offer K-12 students nationwide easier access to affordable secondary-level education. The guide is inspired by President Barack Obama's plan to make two years of community college free for "responsible students" nationwide. John B. King Jr., the U.S. Education Secretary, said Tuesday that two years of a free community college is a "game-changer."

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Students Searching For Alternatives After ITT Tech Closes - NPR](#)

9/11/16 - (Audio) Around the United States, students are back in school. But this week, some 45,000 students enrolled in ITT Technical Institute are scrambling to find other options. That's because the 50-year-old for-profit technical college closed its doors last week with no warning. ITT's closure follows years of federal investigations into its student loan practices, which led the U.S. Department of Education to ban the school from enrolling new students who get federal loans. That ban may have played a role in ITT's decision to close. One of those thousands of students caught up in the mess is Joshua Battistin. He's 30, from Orlando, Fla., and was studying to be a registered nurse at ITT Tech's Tampa campus. And he's out \$18,000 in federal student loans.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Virginia Tech initiative with Qualcomm to expose students to STEM - The Washington Post](#)

9/11/16 - When Virginia Tech President Timothy Sands began his tenure two years ago, he quickly observed that nothing about the state school was "broken" or needed immediate attention. But he saw an opportunity to consider the university's future and foster programs that would better prepare students for the careers of the future. "The jobs that are going to be growing is the intersection of social science and technology," Sands said in an interview. "But the thing about technology is it changes rapidly."

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | STEM To Steam: How Coffee Is Perking Up Engineering Education - NPR](#)

9/8/16 - (Audio) Like so many brilliant innovations, the idea seems obvious in hindsight. Just combine college, coffee, and chemical engineering. Of course! But no one, apparently, hit upon this magic formula until a few years ago, when William Ristenpart and Tonya Kuhl, two engineering professors at the University of California, Davis, started discussing ways to give young undergraduates a hands-on introduction to their new discipline. Engineering programs are creating such experiences in order to fight attrition; too many of these so-called STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) students have been dropping out after a steady diet of mathematics in the first years of college.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | How For-Profit Colleges Could Spark the Next Financial Crisis - TIME](#)

9/8/16 - With the closing of for-profit college chain ITT Technical Institutes, as well as the pay-to-play suspicions hanging over Donald Trump with allegations that he violated Florida bribery laws in order to try and protect Trump University against class action lawsuits, and even revelations that the Clintons have made millions of dollars in the scandal-plagued for-profit education sector, I'm thinking that education, and for-profit education in particular, is ground zero for the next financial crisis.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | The future of public universities is in jeopardy, and this documentary explains why - The Washington Post](#)

9/2/16 - Public universities once flush with state dollars have watched that financial support dry up, while facing pressure from education reform groups bent on reconfiguring their business model. This has led to some epic battles that are chronicled in a new documentary called "Starving the Beast: The Battle to Disrupt and Reform America's Public Universities."

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | NACAC survey shows that most colleges admit most applicants - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/8/16 - Data from admissions group show that, despite all the hype about a few elite colleges that admit a small share of applicants, most institutions say yes to most of those who apply.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study: Open Educational Resources and Market Growth - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/8/16 - Open educational resources could make up 12 percent of the market for textbooks and other course materials and 19 percent of supplemental materials within five years, according to a survey of OER users, traditional textbook users and industry experts conducted by Cengage Learning.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | New Federal Report on Remedial Education - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/7/16 - The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics released a new data analysis this week on U.S. college students who took remedial courses and on who completed them.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Survey finds decline in history enrollments - Inside Higher Ed](#)

9/6/16 - At a time of concern about the state of the humanities in American higher education, a new survey finds declining enrollments in history, one of the central humanities disciplines.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | These cities have been offering free college for years - MarketWatch](#)

9/6/16 - As national politicians tout proposals to make college either debt- or tuition-free nationwide, there's been little acknowledgment that more than 150 College Promise programs across 37 states already exist in various forms at the local and state level that make college more affordable for their students.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | Why Harvard University raising a record-breaking \\$7 billion is bad news for US education — Quartz](#)

9/5/16 - Harvard's campaign is extending the streak of large philanthropic donations given to already very wealthy universities, who pay no tax on their endowments or on the gains they make by investing the endowment money. In fact, according to the Wall Street Journal (paywall), "about half of US endowment wealth is held by two dozen schools enrolling 5% of the roughly 20 million students attending American colleges and universities."

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | What do adult students want from college? - CSMonitor.com](#)

8/29/16 - Each year, legions of adult learners – that is, students who are 25 years old or older – take a first or second chance at higher education. This growing demographic tends to be ambitious, capable, and eager to learn. But until now, there was no large-scale ranking of colleges that cater to the group.

[HIGHER ED TRENDS | How Cuts to Public Universities Have Driven Students Out of State - The New York Times](#)

8/26/16 - Students have long traveled across state lines to go to selective private colleges. But at public colleges, which have historically served local residents, the number of out-of-state freshmen has nearly doubled since 1986, according to data from the Department of Education.

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