

# Update

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Local 1067

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Labor Day!*

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# ATTENTION!

**We are looking for a school to host the  
AFSCME Local 1067 Annual Meeting  
any Saturday in September/October.**

**If you know of a school,  
please contact President Hanley  
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*School is back in session...  
Be aware and be safe!*



## A job, well-done!

On December 9, 2015, Officer Hickey and Officer Briggs were dispatched to a medical emergency involving a “person down” in a campus restroom. Upon arrival, the officers observed a party unresponsive and showing signs of a possible opioid overdose. Based on their training and certification, the officers administered Nasal Naloxone “NARCAN” to the patient in an attempt to reverse the effects of the possible overdose. The first administration of NARCAN did not reverse the effects. Again, based on their training, the officers administered a second dose of NARCAN, which brought the patient back to a responsive state. The officers maintained medical treatment until such time that paramedics could arrive on scene and transport the patient to a local hospital for further treatment.

I have no doubt that the training and equipment provided to these officers, as well as their dedication and ability to perform under stressful situations prevented a tragic situation from occurring on campus during this incident.

Christopher Cummings  
Chief of Police  
Massasoit Community College



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College of the month *Highlight*

# Reminder!!!

This is the order that we are spotlighting our schools;

*August* was supposed to be Holyoke 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...Massasoit Community College*

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



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# AFSCME Council 93

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- Make phone calls to AFSCME members for campaigns
- Knock AFSCME member doors during campaigns

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I hereby apply for membership in Council 93 (hereafter "Union") and I agree to abide by its Constitution and Bylaws. I authorize the Union and its successor or assignee to act as my exclusive bargaining representative for purposes of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment with my Employer.

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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Signature Date

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City State ZIP Code

SSN (last four digits) Employee ID # Job Title

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Signature Date

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# Notices

## Critical Incident Response Team

Diane Burns 781-718-8226

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**Available 24/7**

## Congratulations Connie!



On Wednesday, August 24th Salem State University Maintainer Connie Cunha was recognized as AFSCME Employee of the Quarter for her outstanding efforts in making sure the Gasset Fitness Center was kept as clean as it always is! The Employee of the Quarter program is a recognition program designed to thank classified employees for their hard work and dedication to Salem State University. The Employee of the Quarter receives \$50 in ClipperCash in recognition of their accomplishments. Employee of the Quarter winners are announced in What's New at SSU and receive a letter from the president recognizing this accomplishment, which is placed in their personnel file. Pictured congratulating Connie Cunha are two of her fellow maintainers in the O'Keefe Sports Complex, Carlos DaSilva and Victor Caldeira as well as Unit 1 AFSCME Steward Julie Curtis.

Congrats Connie!



# Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Newsclips

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## **CAMPUS SAFETY | MA Senate tackles sexual assault on college campuses - Western Mass News**

8/9/16 - With the fall college semester just around the corner, the Massachusetts Senate is shedding a light on campus sexual assault.

## **COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT | College transfer program translates to student savings - WWLP.com**

8/25/16 - A new transfer program offered to students at Springfield Technical Community College can ease the financial burden of paying for an education.

## **COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT | 4Cs Teams Up with Program to Offer Discounts on Continuing Education - CapeCod.com**

8/22/16 - First-time enrollees may consider pursuing the Commonwealth Commitment program through Cape Cod Community College (4Cs) for discounts of at least \$5,000 at state universities. The new program offers a pathway from an Associates Degree to a Bachelors, with a 10 percent discount on a full-time Bachelors program.

## **UMASS AMHERST | UMass again makes national list of 'LGBTQ-Friendly' schools - masslive.com**

8/23/16 - The flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts has for the sixth year in a row been named one of the nation's top schools for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, according to a ranking published by the national nonprofit advocacy organization Campus Pride.

## **UMASS AMHERST / UMASS BOSTON | UMass cybersecurity efforts get a boost - State House News Service**

8/18/16 - In the cybersecurity battles waged on servers and keyboards outside the public eye, Massachusetts is beefing up its bulkhead in Holyoke with a \$5 million grant announced Wednesday that will be used to bolster computing technology used by the University of Massachusetts.

## **UMASS AMHERST | Solar panels will save millions at University of Massachusetts Amherst - American School & University**

8/1/16 - The University of Massachusetts Amherst is installing more than 15,000 solar panels as part of a renewable energy initiative that will cut electricity costs by \$6.2 million over 20 years.

## **UMASS AMHERST | Woburn firm funds accounting camp for minority students - Woburn Advocate**

8/2/16 - Careers in Accounting and Management Professions, or CAMP, is an opportunity for minority high school students to experience a free, weeklong program to learn more about the field of accounting and other business-related professions. CAMP is co-sponsored by Rick Gulman, partner and co-founder of Woburn firm DiCicco Gulman & Company, and his wife, Susan, as well as the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants. The program is coordinated and operated by the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst.

## **UMASS BOSTON | UMass coalition fights tuition hike - Boston Herald**

7/31/16 - Student and faculty unions at University of Massachusetts Boston are forming a coalition to strengthen union activism on campus and defend the school's urban mission in light of tuition hikes and budget cuts made over the summer, union officials said.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | State grants will help underwater industry grow in Fall River, UMass Dartmouth - The Herald News](#)  
8/21/16 - Gov. Charlie Baker announced on Thursday that UMass Dartmouth and its Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship won two competitive grants from the Seaport Economic Council.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | For the nearly 2,000 students at UMD's Charlton College of Business, new digs = new horizons - southcoasttoday.com](#)

8/20/16 - Students at the UMass Dartmouth Charlton College of Business will enjoy a major improvement in their academic life when they return for the fall semester: their own classrooms.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | UMass Dartmouth, Iceland sign marine science, biotech agreement - Undercurrent News](#)

8/10/16 - The US University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and the Republic of Iceland announced a partnership to expand research in sustainable marine-based economies.

[UMASS DARTMOUTH | UMass strategy could boost fisheries management - southcoasttoday.com](#)

8/5/16 - UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) researchers were issued a U.S. patent recently for a new strategy that employs an on-board 3D camera system to help monitor commercial fishing vessels and manage depleted fish stocks such as cod and flounder.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell prepares for largest-ever freshman class - Lowell Sun Online](#)

8/24/16 - UMass Lowell will welcome its largest-ever incoming class starting Friday, with 2,600 freshmen and transfers. The new class of students is also the university's most diverse and most academically qualified, UMass Lowell said. The university enrollment will also surpass 17,500 for the first time.

[UMASS LOWELL | UMass Lowell students win grant to design NASA satellite - Sentinel & Enterprise](#)

8/11/16 - UMass Lowell's mascot will be launching into orbit in the coming years, well, sort of. After the university received \$200,000 from NASA, 53 students will begin work on a satellite set to blast off in 2018. The name of the satellite to be built by these engineering and science students is "SPACE HAUC." The name of the satellite is pronounced like "space hawk," in honor of UMass Lowell's River Hawk mascot.

[UMASS LOWELL | Moloney Marks First Anniversary as UMass Lowell Chancellor - Lowell.com](#)

8/3/16 - This week marks the end of the first year of UMass Lowell Chancellor Jacquie Moloney's visionary leadership of her alma mater, which has brought continued growth to the university, expanded its commitment to serve the region and laid the groundwork for its future.

[UMASS LOWELL | Meehan blasts proposed partnership plan - Lowell Sun Online](#)

8/1/16 - A draft of a partnership agreement with UMass Lowell is "dead on arrival," UMass President Marty Meehan said Monday, adding there's a "stunning lack of appreciation" among city officials for the university's economic spin-offs.

[UMASS LOWELL | City, UMass Lowell working to improve relations - Lowell Sun Online](#)

7/29/16 - Relations between the city and the university have been strained since UML announced earlier this summer it was purchasing the Perkins Place apartment complex for about \$61.5 million and displacing more than 200 residents. The purchase prompted a discussion between City Manager Kevin Murphy and UML Chancellor Jacqueline Moloney to consider developing a Strategic Partnership Master Agreement.

[UMASS SYSTEM | Money returned to UMass Springfield as lawmakers override budget vetoes - masslive.com](#)

7/31/16 - The Massachusetts Legislature returned \$500,000 to the UMass Center at Springfield, overriding a veto by Gov. Charlie Baker.

[STEM EDUCATION | State Awards Over \\$250,000 to Promote STEM Education - CapeCod.com](#)

8/4/16 - The state has announced over \$250,000 in grants to support the Commonwealth's Regional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Networks.

[COMMUNITY COLLEGES | BCC earns high rank in national study, not that the school is counting - Taunton Daily Gazette](#)

8/25/16 - Community colleges aren't generally thought to be competing with each other for students. This is one reason why a ranking such as "The Best & Worst Community Colleges" compiled by the personal finance website Wallethub may appear unusual.

[MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | Community Foundation of Western Mass., Davis Foundation fund \\$550,000 in grants for UMass honor students - masslive.com](#)

8/4/16 - Sixteen first generation and low-income honor students from Greenfield, Holyoke and Springfield Technical community colleges will each receive \$6,000 per year from new grants to attend the University of Massachusetts.

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## COMMUNITY COLLEGES:

### [BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

BERKSHIRE CC | \$21 million upgrade to BCC's Hawthorne, Melville halls slated for New Year's Eve finish - Berkshire Eagle Online  
8/25/16 - Berkshire Community College trustees heard Tuesday that complete renovation of the school's original classroom buildings — Hawthorne and Melville halls — is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

BERKSHIRE CC | Nursing graduates from Berkshire Community College allege widespread dissatisfaction with program director - Berkshire Eagle Online

8/25/16 - Two graduates of a Berkshire Community College nursing program reiterated before the board of trustees complaints about an error in submitting student certificate-of-completion notices to a credentialing services firm.

BERKSHIRE CC | From M.D. to weather geek: BCC professor helms innovative program - Berkshire Eagle Online

8/9/16 - Based at Berkshire Community College since 2008, he runs a one-man Department of Atmospheric Sciences, creating opportunities for students to pursue advanced degrees through an innovative partnership with the University at Albany in a booming field encompassing forecasting, climate-change research and the alternative energy industry.

### [CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

CAPE COD CC | Cape Cod Community College Receives Grant to Support Students with Severe Disabilities - CapeCod.com

8/23/16 - Cape Cod Community College received grant funding to offer college experiences for individuals with severe intellectual disabilities. The college was one of 12 higher education institutions in the state to receive funding through the Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative. The grant funding supports programs to allow 18 to 22-year-old high school students with disabilities to participate in inclusive college courses to increase their educational and professional success.

CAPE COD CC | State Grant Supports 4C's Programs That Advance STEM Education - CapeCod.com

8/12/16 - Cape Cod Community College will use \$40,000 from the state's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Pipeline Fund to underwrite the continuing work of the Cape Cod Regional STEM Network. The funding will expand the college's efforts to engage middle and high school students throughout the region.

CAPE COD CC | Cape college's aviation program taking flight - southcoasttoday.com

8/5/16 - Against a blue backdrop framed by an open hangar door at Plymouth Municipal Airport, Cape Cod Community College President John Cox predicted clear skies for the college's new aviation maintenance program.

### **GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

GREENFIELD CC | GCC Survey Uncovers What Area Employers Value Most in Hires - BusinessWest.com

8/11/16 - What skills and knowledge do Pioneer Valley employers look for in their recent hires? That was the focus of a spring 2016 survey conducted by Greenfield Community College (GCC). More than 125 businesses, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and schools weighed in on the college-learning outcomes they value the most.

### **HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

HOLYOKE CC | Bridging community and health: Holyoke Community College offers new public health program - masslive.com

8/19/16 - A new program at Holyoke Community College seeks to better connect communities to medical services outside of a doctor's office. HCC has created a Community Health Worker certificate this year, the first institution in the area to offer such a program.

HOLYOKE CC | It's time for free public education, retiring Holyoke Community College President Bill Messner says - masslive.com

8/9/16 - After a dozen years in Western Massachusetts, the time has come for Bill Messner to move on. "I'm 71 years old. I've been doing this job for 12 years and it became clear that maybe it's time to be doing something different," he said, adding, "I get bored staying at the same job for long." Messner is the third serving president of Holyoke Community College and formally ended his time with the college last week.

### **MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

MIDDLESEX CC | MCC gets \$100G Cummings grant - Lowell Sun Online

8/7/16 - Middlesex Community College is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation's "\$100K for 100" program. Middlesex was chosen from 479 applicants, during a competitive review process.

### **MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Mount Wachusett C.C. bulks up health-care options - Sentinel & Enterprise

8/22/16 - Incoming freshmen at Fitchburg and Leominster public high schools will have an opportunity to join a program administered by Mount Wachusett Community College that prepares students for careers in health care.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | STEM Starter Summer Academy gives students a jump-start on college - The Gardner News

8/22/16 - Mount Wachusett Community College's third annual STEM Starter Academy came to a close on Thursday, Aug. 18, following a seven-week schedule that provided two free academic courses with textbooks, academic support, and a stipend for participants.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Alvarado Gomez named to MWCC board - Worcester Telegram

8/21/16 - Mount Wachusett Community College student Jasson Alvarado Gomez has been appointed to the college's Board of Trustees, following a spring election by his peers. This fall, the Worcester resident will be appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education as a full voting member representing all students attending the state's 29 colleges and universities.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Mount Wachusett secures \$1.18M grant - WBJournal.com

8/19/16 - The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the North Central Educational Opportunity Center (NCEOC) at Mount Wachusett Community College with a five-year, \$1.18 million grant that will help adults in the region successfully transition to college or other postsecondary education.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Jasson Alvarado Gomez Receives Key Leadership Appointments - The Gardner News

8/18/16 - Mount Wachusett Community College student Jasson Alvarado Gomez is stepping in to two key leadership positions for the upcoming academic year. On Thursday, Aug. 11, the Media Arts & Technology major was appointed to the college's Board of Trustees, following a spring election by his peers. This fall, the Worcester resident will be appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education as a full voting member representing all students attending the state's 29 colleges and universities.

MT. WACHUSETT CC / QUINSIGAMOND CC | Op-Ed By Daniel Asquino and Gail Carberry: As I See It: Multipronged approach needed to curb student loan debt - Worcester Telegram

8/7/16 - With student debt of this magnitude, a solution must be found and soon. Our communities and our nation can ill afford to lose a generation of young people who are discouraged from pursuing the dream of raising a family and purchasing a home because of crushing student debt. It is further complicated because it will require change on many levels.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Building a downtown welcome - Sentinel & Enterprise

8/5/16 - On Thursday morning, seven students in the MWCC course First-Year Experience 101 were hard at work by the Theater Block on Main Street. They hammered and painted, putting together four season-themed benches along a stretch of Main Street they identified earlier in the summer as most in need of more seating to increase pedestrian traffic. The FYE 101 course always incorporates an element of service learning, said professor David Thibault-Munoz.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | MWCC earns Gateway Program Excellence Award - Leominster Champion

8/5/16 - Mount Wachusett Community College has been recognized with a 2016 Gateway Program Excellence Award from the Gateway to College National Network.

MT. WACHUSETT CC | Turning convicts into colleagues - WBJournal.com

8/1/16 - As workforce development continues to be a pressing issue for Central Massachusetts employers, greater efforts are being made to tap into a portion of the population numbering more than 10,000 to help fill that need – the incarcerated.

## **MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

MIDDLESEX CC | Middlesex Community College receives grant to help veterans - The Boston Globe

8/16/16 - Middlesex Community College, with campuses in Bedford and Lowell, recently received \$10,000 from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation to help veterans transition from military service to higher education.

## **NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | 55 years later, NECC cements its place in city - The Haverhill Gazette

8/25/16 - It all started in 1961. Northern Essex Community College opened in the old Greenleaf School in Bradford. It had 181 students. Today, NECC has more than 4,000 students on its 106-acre Haverhill campus, and another 3,000 students on its Lawrence campus. The school's curriculum has grown as well, from teaching the basics of college education 55 years ago to specializing on the skills needed by today's students.

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | NECC adds service-learning to curriculum - Campus News

8/13/16 - Thanks to the NECC Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Program (SLFF), Northern Essex Community College faculty are incorporating service-learning into their courses, giving students the opportunity to participate in community projects as part of their coursework.

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Supplemental instructors: Students help students at Northern Essex - eagletribune.com

8/4/16 - Christopher Reynolds did extremely well when he took professor Michael Pelletier's engineering essentials and design course at Northern Essex Community College. Not only did he ace the course — certainly not an easy feat — he was recruited by Pelletier to help other students navigate the challenges of this introduction to engineering. Reynolds is one of about 20 Northern Essex students who assist peers succeed in the demanding science, technology, engineering and math courses.

NORTHERN ESSEX CC | Northern Essex building gets major renovation - eagletribune.com

8/3/16 - When completed, the results will include improved safety features, upgraded air quality, renovated restrooms and major improvements to Lecture Hall A and the Hawrylcw Theater, home to the college's Top Notch Players perform.

## **QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

QUINSIGAMOND CC / WORCESTER STATE U | Central Mass. districts make gains in hiring minority teachers - Worcester Telegram

8/13/16 - A new joint initiative among the city schools, Worcester State University and Quinsigamond Community College seeks to do just that. Launched a year ago with a pilot cohort of 29 students at Worcester's South High Community School, the effort seeks to eventually establish a citywide pipeline that will graduate between 10 and 15 new teachers a year.

## **SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | STCC to Offer Training in Fiber Optics - BusinessWest.com

8/15/16 - Make a phone call. Check your email. Watch a show on cable TV. What do these three every-day activities have in common? Fiber optics.

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | Certified Nurse Aide Plus Program at STCC includes Alzheimer's training - masslive.com

8/3/16 - At a time when the U.S. population is aging, Springfield Technical Community College this fall will provide training to address critical needs affecting the elderly, including home health care assistance and treatment for patients with Alzheimer's disease, according to a news release.

SPRINGFIELD TECH CC | STCC offers accelerated customer service training program - masslive.com

8/3/16 - A customer service certificate training program will once again be offered at Springfield Technical Community College this fall. Requested by area industry partners, the Fast Track Customer Service Essentials Certificate program will help students develop essential workforce readiness skills.

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## STATE UNIVERSITIES:

### FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY

FRAMINGHAM STATE U / MASSART | Three Massachusetts designers join 'Project Runway' season 15 cast - [masslive.com](http://masslive.com)  
8/9/16 - After Boston's Kelly Dempsey was named runner-up on the last season of Lifetime's "Project Runway," the Bay State will have another chance at winning it all as three new Massachusetts-based designers join the cast of season 15.

FRAMINGHAM STATE U | Framingham State prepares to open \$35.1M dormitory, West Hall - [MetroWest Daily News](http://MetroWest Daily News)  
8/1/16 - With students preparing to head back to class next month, Framingham State University is set to unveil a sleek new addition to its campus. West Hall, a \$35.1 million facility near the Maynard Road commuter lot, will open for the first time later this month.

### MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MCLA | Q&A With MCLA President James Birge - [iBerkshires.com](http://iBerkshires.com)

8/23/16 - Originally called the North Adams Normal School, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts was founded to train public school teachers. True to that heritage, today's MCLA faculty members take seriously their role as educators. That is the message the college's 12th president received when he arrived on campus earlier this year.

MCLA | MCLA lands \$65,000 in state funds for Berkshire STEM Network - [Berkshire Eagle Online](http://Berkshire Eagle Online)

8/17/16 - The Berkshire STEM Network, a collaborative convened by the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, has received \$65,000 from the Massachusetts STEM Pipeline Fund to promote and continue science, technology, engineering and mathematics education in the region.

MCLA | MCLA Summer Undergraduate Research Institute Underway - [iBerkshires.com](http://iBerkshires.com)

8/15/16 - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts' third annual Summer Undergraduate Research Institute is in full swing this month, as participants conduct experiments to hone their research skills and further their projects.

MCLA | MCLA Adds Biochemistry Concentration to STEM Lineup - [iBerkshires.com](http://iBerkshires.com)

8/4/16 - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts is offering a new concentration – biochemistry – to its chemistry program. The program will prepare students for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers in growing fields such as biotechnology and medicine.

MCLA | MCLA Hosts Third 413 STEM Academy - [iBerkshires.com](http://iBerkshires.com)

8/1/16 - For the third year, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts is hosting its "413 STEM Ready Academy," from Monday, Aug. 1, to Friday, Aug. 5. The intensive, summer residency program gives students at the region's community colleges insight into what it is like to attend a four-year institution, and encourages them to earn a bachelor's degree.

### MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY

MASS MARITIME | Change of command for MMA vessel - [capecodtimes.com](http://capecodtimes.com)

8/20/16 - After 20 years at the helm, Capt. Thomas Bushy handed over command of the T.S. Kennedy Thursday at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

MASS MARITIME | Water Energy Proven At MMA - capenews.net

8/9/16 - Tests of a new underwater device in the Cape Cod Canal that uses water current to produce electrical current have been successful, researchers say. The tests -- first in the nation of the device called an oscillating four-foil hydrokinetic turbine -- were conducted in partnership between the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Brown University, Blue Source Energy and the Volpe Center.

### [WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

WORCESTER STATE U | WSU president named chair of HECCMA - Worcester Telegram

8/14/16 - Barry M. Maloney, president of Worcester State University, was recently elected to chair the Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts (HECCMA).

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## Higher Education Trends

### [HIGHER ED TRENDS | The new North-South divide: public higher education - The Hechinger Report](#)

8/25/16 - Southern states have been disproportionately cutting spending on public higher education, forcing tuition increases that make their colleges and universities among the least affordable for the poorest families — who already face some of the nation's highest poverty rates — a slew of recent data show.

### [HIGHER ED TRENDS | ACTs: Mass. tops US in college readiness, but national average slipping - Berkshire Eagle Online](#)

8/24/16 - The latest scores from the ACT college entrance exam suggest many of this year's high school graduates aren't ready for college-level course work. In its annual score report released Wednesday, the testing company said only 38 percent of graduating seniors who took the exam hit the college-prepared benchmark in at least three of the four core subjects tested — reading, English, math and science. That compares with 40 percent last year. The benchmark is designed to measure a strong rea...

### [HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study finds students benefit from waiting to declare a major - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/24/16 - Study of tens of thousands of college students finds that those who were open to change their major were more likely to graduate than those who decided right away.

### [HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study: Public college students face tough grad odds - Lowell Sun Online](#)

8/24/16- In Massachusetts, completion numbers reflect the national dilemma -- the average four-year public college had a completion rate of 54.8 percent. UMass Lowell had a rate of 54 percent, while Fitchburg State University had a rate of 50, the report found. And though both colleges have increased their graduation rates since then, college leaders say it's an issue that needs to be studied and addressed.

### [HIGHER ED TRENDS | Research points to crucial role of dual-career programs for recruiting female academics - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/22/16 - Study: female academics more likely than male partners to turn down good academic jobs without a good opportunity for male partner -- even when a woman has more stature in academe than her partner does.

### [HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study finds gains in faculty diversity, but not on the tenure track - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/22/16 - Colleges hire more minority and female professors, but most jobs filled are adjunct, not tenure track, study finds.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study finds graduates of most selective colleges enjoy earnings payoff - Inside Higher Ed

8/22/16 - Graduates of the most selective institutions earn more -- even when controlling for factors that earlier made some doubt such findings -- but maybe not as much more as many think.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | A solution as obvious as it is rare: Making high school graduates ready for college - The Hechinger Report

8/18/16 - Half a million, or about one in four, show up on campuses each fall not ready to take college courses in math or English, according to the advocacy organization Education Reform Now. In Tennessee, only 17 percent of public high school students score at college-ready levels in English, math, reading, and science on standardized tests. It's a little-noticed problem that forces these students to relearn material they should have already known.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | Dramatic differences in how states fund community colleges - Inside Higher Ed

8/19/16 - New report notes wide variation in the way states support community colleges, even if none of them are providing enough money.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | Study Finds More Faculty Diversity at Public Institutions Than at Private Ones – The Chronicle of Higher Education

8/19/16 - The largest number of underrepresented-minority faculty members teach at research universities and other four-year colleges. Private colleges lag behind public colleges in terms of the minority-faculty ratio, the report says.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | A New Effort to Teach Low-Income Students Marketable Skills - The Atlantic

8/18/16 - The Obama administration is rolling out an experimental plan that will allow employers and training programs to partner with accredited universities to teach students work-related skills. This pilot will enable students to receive federal financial aid for programs that are typically ineligible for these funds, like coding boot camps.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | New high score: Game-based learning is a winner in college remedial math - the Hechinger Report

8/17/16 - The partnership was crucial: while teachers were the experts in content, the game designers brought a broad knowledge of different types of gaming experiences to the table. Together, they were able to produce games that provided meaningful learning.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | Student refinancing growing and offering relief to limited few - The Boston Globe

8/14/16 - In the booming world of student loan refinancing, most would-be borrowers are shut out. Only those with high-paying jobs, stellar credit history, and the ability to tap mom and dad as cosigners can usually clear the bar.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | Studies show continued racial gaps in educational attainment and public ambivalence about the issue - Inside Higher Ed

8/12/16 - New study documents continuing gaps (and some progress) in educational attainment of black and Latino students compared to white and Asian students. Another study suggests most people aren't that worried about the issue.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | Financial aid application is simpler and available earlier, but no panacea - Inside Higher Ed

8/11/16 - The federal financial aid application now allows students to use existing federal tax data, designed to inform families earlier about their available aid. But student advocates say colleges may undercut progress by moving up their own deadlines for students.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Traditional colleges enter the coding boot camp market - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/10/16 - The demand for employees familiar with coding and data analytics has never been higher. By one estimate, the number of job openings including the phrase “data analytics” has increased by 372 percent since 2011. Many traditional colleges are rushing to meet this demand. And there’s arguably no better way than by entering the coding boot camp market.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Digital badging spreads as more colleges use vendors to create alternative credentials - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/9/16 - More colleges are issuing digital badges to help their students display skills to employers or graduate programs, and colleges are tapping vendor platforms to create a verified form of the alternative credentials.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Report on Faculty Role in Student Success Efforts - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/4/16 - It says that without engagement among faculty, “most top-down student success initiatives are doomed to fail, either through outright opposition or because of a limited reach.” Sometimes administrators don’t communicate their expectations about supporting students to faculty members, according to the report, and best practices -- where they are being employed -- often remain within pockets of an institution.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Wealthy universities are doing a poor job helping low-income students, report says - The Washington Post](#)

8/4/16 - The top 4 percent of colleges and universities hold three quarters of all endowment wealth in higher education, yet four in five of those 138 schools expect the neediest families to hand over more than 60 percent of their income to cover the cost of attendance, according to a report released Thursday by the Education Trust.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Report scrutinizes endowment spending on low-income students - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/4/16 - A new report suggests wealthy institutions should spend more from their endowments to help low-income students, but many campus critics say it’s not so simple.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Strapped for students, nonprofit colleges borrow recruiting tactic from for-profits - The Hechinger Report](#)

8/3/16 - Now lead generators have a new market: conventional nonprofit colleges and universities trying to beef up sagging enrollment and lower their recruiting costs.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Researchers argue affirmative consent policies out of touch with reality - Inside Higher Ed](#)

8/2/16 - Many colleges have adopted affirmative consent policies in recent years to help combat sexual assault. But some research suggests that the policies are far removed from how students actually request and receive consent.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [Senate bill aims to curb campus sex assaults - Daily Hampshire Gazette](#)

8/2/16 - The state Senate is shining a light on sexual violence at college campuses with new legislation designed to curb it at many levels. Filed by Sen. Michael O. Moore, D-Millbury, the proposed bill passed the Senate unanimously Thursday and now awaits consideration from the House. If passed, the new state-level policies would serve to complement federal requirements already in place.

### HIGHER ED TRENDS | [The Complicated Process of Adding Diversity to the College Syllabus - The Atlantic](#)

7/29/16 - Proponents say that asking students to acknowledge and discuss ideas and concepts through a variety of lenses with classmates from different backgrounds is every bit as important in an increasingly global society as drilling the fundamentals of essay-writing into young minds. But the idea is predictably controversial, with critics saying the requirements are a left-leaning affront to academic freedom. And even professors who are generally supportive of incorporating conversations about...

## HIGHER ED TRENDS | Open Educational Resources Paying Off for Some Colleges - Diverse Issues in Higher Education

7/27/16 - Advocates for free course materials say, as OER becomes a more common feature on the higher education landscape, it will benefit all students, but especially low-income students.

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