

Fitchburg State University Today

HOMECOMING
2024

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Pep Rally
2 PM • Main Quadrangle
Cheer on the Falcons as they gear up for a weekend of athletic competition and school spirit.

Carnival
3–10 PM • Ross St. Parking Lot
All students, faculty, staff, alumni, families, and the community are invited to celebrate our athletic teams and the opening of Homecoming weekend with a visit to campus. Rides, games, food and more! **ALL tickets must be purchased in advance.** Quantities are limited.

Fitchburg State students can attend for FREE.
[SCAN HERE TO RESERVE YOUR STUDENT TICKET](#)

Fitchburg State alumni, staff and faculty tickets are \$5. General public tickets are \$10 (\$5 for children under 12).
[SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET](#)

Men's Soccer Game
4 PM • Elliot Field The Falcons vs Owls of Westfield State.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Falcons Tailgate
10 AM • Wallace Civic Center Parking Lot
Gear up for the big game with a tailgate in the Civic Center lot, and play a game of cornhole.

Football Game
12 PM • Elliot Field
The Falcons host the Mass. Maritime Academy Buccaneers. There will be a beer garden next to the field.

Field Hockey
5 PM • Elliot Field The Falcons vs Owls of Westfield State.

Dance & Casino Night
7 PM • Recreation Center
Come party the night away with ALL your fellow Falcons—alumni, students, faculty, staff, family, and friends. Dancing, casino games, photo props, desserts and a cash bar. FREE admission.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
10 AM • Main Lounge, Hammond Hall
Event is invitation only.

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Homecoming Weekend coming soon

Our annual [Homecoming](#) weekend begins **Friday, Oct. 18**. This year's festivities begin at 2 p.m. with a pep rally on the quad, with our expanded carnival opening at 3 p.m. in the Ross Street lot.

To accommodate the expanded carnival and keep this event free for university students, non-students and guests will need to [purchase tickets](#) to attend.

Tickets for university faculty, staff and alumni are \$5 and must be purchased in advance. (Tickets are free for university students and may be reserved on [FalConnect](#).)

A limited number of tickets for the general public are also available. Community [guest tickets](#) are \$10 (and \$5 for children under 12) and may also be purchased online in advance.

Learn about the weekend's other festivities, including our [Fitchburg Falcons](#)

in action along with a casino night and dance, on the [Homecoming website](#).

Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

Fitchburg State's celebration of [LGBTQ+ History Month](#) continues with programs designed to enlighten and entertain. The month's events are free and open to the public.

The programs opened with a flag-raising ceremony last Monday, and a keynote address by author and attorney C.L. Lindsay.

[See the calendar of events](#)

OCTOBER | 2024
LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Banned LGBTQ+ and Latinx/a Book Week
 September 29 - October 5 | Library, Main Plaza, Hammond Hall
 Every year, anti-LGBTQ+ legislation is introduced or introduced that targets and restricts public libraries. One of all-time high according to data collected by the ALA. As such, it is more important than ever to challenge the type of censorship-banned Book Week is an excellent occasion to do so.

Flag Raising & Opening Ceremonies
 Tuesday, October 1 | 10 AM
 Thompson Plaza, Pride Flag Pole
 Join us for the raising of the Pride Flag. The Fitchburg State Choir will begin with a rendition of "Take of Love" and "You've Been on My Mind". Speakers from various campus will give the historic. Refreshments to be served following the flag presentation by Joyce Caracciola, Journalistic.
 Sponsorship: LGBTQ+ History Month Committee and the College Student Center

Anti-Hate Speech Event with C. L. Lindsay
 Tuesday, October 1 | 6 PM | Hammond Hall Main Lounge
 Attorney C. Lindsay will discuss the College Student Code of the Law, Get a Grade Change, Keep Your Stuff Private, Those a Fake Five Party and More. Meet us in the Student Center, and bring your own Critical Legal Issues for College Students.
 Sponsorship: Student Center and Hammond Hall

Pink Pony Club at the Falcon Hub
 Wednesday, October 2 | 7 PM | Falcon Hub
 Celebrate where you belong with queer-themed drinks, arts and crafts, activities, and more.
 Opened required for entry and free food.
 Sponsorship: Our area of the History Archives Board (HAB)

National Coming Out Day
 Friday, October 11
 Hammond Hall, Main Lounge
 Celebrate where you belong with queer-themed drinks, arts and crafts, activities, and more.
 Opened required for entry and free food.
 Sponsorship: Our area of the History Archives Board (HAB)

Indigenous Peoples' Day / Two Spirit Day
 Monday, October 14
 Two Spirit is a modern, pan-ethnic umbrella term used by some Indigenous North Americans to honor the historic people who held both male and female gender roles and social roles in their cultures, the relations them and their culture.

LGBTQ+ Social Nights
 Wednesday, October 16 | 6 PM
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub
 Celebrate where you belong with queer-themed drinks, arts and crafts, activities, and more.
 Opened required for entry and free food.
 Sponsorship: Our area of the History Archives Board (HAB)

Queercore Night
 Wednesday, October 23 | 8 PM | Falcon Hub
 Become a star of the stage by wearing costumes of your favorite queer music artists. Opened required for entry and free food.
 Sponsorship: Our area of the History Archives Board (HAB)

Second Chance Room
 Saturday, October 26 | 7 PM
 Hammond Hall, Main Lounge
 A second chance room is a safe space for those who didn't get a chance to attend high school prom in their live authentic selves. Attend with who they wanted or who felt as though they weren't allowed. The goal is to allow everyone to present who they want to be and dance under the stars. All are who they are! Party, dance, and more are provided.
 Sponsorship: Our area of the History Archives Board (HAB)

Trans Joy Brunch
 Sunday, October 27 | 11 AM | Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub
 Celebrate Transgender Pride and positivity with wine and craft, activities, and brunch.
 Sponsorship: Our area of the History Archives Board (HAB)

Close our LGBTQ+ History Month with VICTORIA GEORGIOU & ABEL MONROE
 Wednesday, October 30 | 7 PM | Library
 Victoria Georgiou and Abel Monroe will hold a collection of stories from their lives to be provided. The event is free and open to all.
 Sponsorship: Our Straight Alliance (OSA) and the Amelia V. Collins-Cove Library

Drag SING!
 Wednesday, October 30 | 7 PM | Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub
 Victoria Georgiou and Abel Monroe will host LGBTQ+ History Month Drag SING! Competition. All are invited to perform!
 Sponsorship: Our Straight Alliance (OSA)

Follow the City Straight Alliance on social media
 fitchburgstate.edu/lgbtq-history-month



University lauded for social mobility in latest U.S. News rankings

Fitchburg State was once again recognized for supporting the upward social mobility of its students in U.S. News & World Report's latest rankings of colleges and universities. Fitchburg State was also among the top public universities in the North.

For social mobility, Fitchburg State was among the highest performing institutions in Massachusetts, which was measured by weighing institutional success in enrolling and graduating economically disadvantaged students.

Hispanic Heritage Month continues

The university's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month continues this week with programs including a Latinx Young Alumni career panel talk at **6:30 p.m. Wednesday** in the Hammond Hall Main Lounge. The talk is sponsored by the Career Services and Advising Center in partnership with CDI. Guests are encouraged to come equipped with questions to ask these recent alumni about their career, education and work background, and how they navigate their roles as Latinx professionals.



[Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

CIC series kicks off with trivia night on Oct. 24



Italian-American Heritage Month

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CENTER FOR ITALIAN CULTURE

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Photo courtesy of the Center for Italian Culture Collection,
Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library, Fitchburg State University.

Fitchburg State's [Center for Italian Culture](#) invites you to join us for *La Serata Trivia* – an exciting trivia night that will test your knowledge of all things Italian at 5:30 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 24** in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

What to Expect:

• **Team Trivia Fun:** Compete in teams of six, so gather your friends or make new ones on the spot! Whether you're an expert in Italian history, culture, or food – or

just here for a good time – this event is for you.

- **Tasty Treats:** Your \$10 ticket includes participation in the trivia competition and a delicious selection of *cicchetti* (Italian-style appetizers) prepared by Chartwells. [Tickets may be ordered online.](#)
- **Italian Drinks:** A variety of Italian wines and beers will be available for purchase at the Falcon Hub bar.
- **Prizes and Laughter:** With exciting prizes up for grabs, plenty of laughs, and great company, you won't want to miss this evening of friendly competition and celebration!

Speakers Series resumes this month

The university's Speakers Series begins its semester offerings at **12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21** with a talk by **Professor Peter Staab** (Mathematics) entitled "Distributions, Streaks, and Win Probability: A Visual Tour of Scoring in Sports." The talk will be offered in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

Follow the [Burg Blog](#) for timely updates of campus life.

Among the recent articles and slideshows, see scenes from a panel discussion on the importance of [voting](#); [alpaca yoga](#) (pictured) on the Quad; students interacting with University Police at [Coffee with a Cop](#); and the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi's observance of [International Dot Day](#), celebrating the work of Fitchburg State alumnus Peter H. Reynolds '83. (Reynolds' planned talk in September was postponed and a new date will be announced soon.)

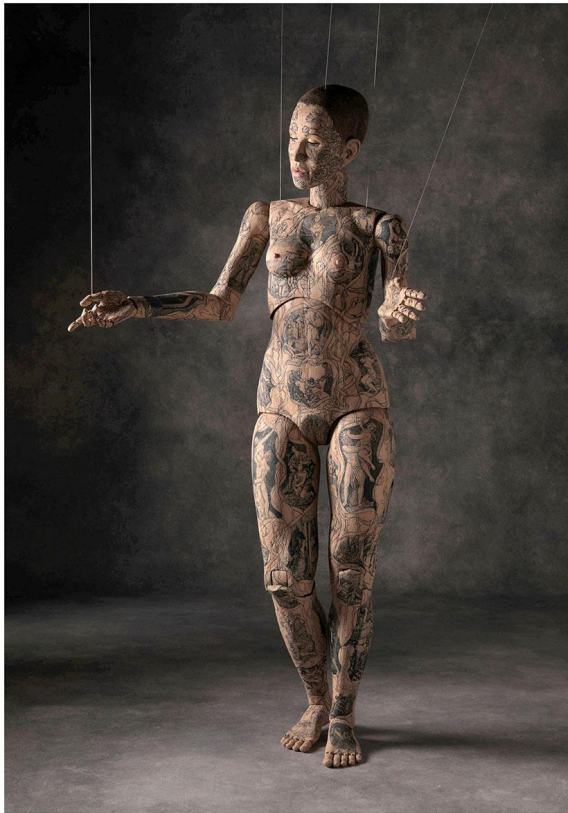
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Cultural Events

Gallery Exhibition: "We Are Not Okay" opens Oct. 21

The thought-provoking woodcarvings of



Galatea 2018 C.A. Stigliano

Photo by Cary Wolinsky 2019

artist C.A. Stigliano will be the subject of an exhibition this fall in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery at Fitchburg State University.

“We Are Not Okay” will be on display from Monday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Dec. 13 in the art gallery inside Hammond Hall. There will be an opening reception and artist talk at **3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24** at the gallery.

“This show, about the state of things in this country, in this culture, worries me,” Stigliano writes. “All of this work has been created in the past five years. The past five years have been a nightmare of disease and deception. We live in a culture that profits from anger and fear. If a person or a class or a tribe can be made angry enough, or fearful enough, they can be sold anything; a lie, or a gun, or a horribly unqualified candidate for office. Fear forces people to act, to buy, or to vote. Anger coupled with fear drives people to violence.”

Music Mega-Mix Concert on Tuesday,

Oct. 22

Fitchburg State University’s instrumental and choral ensembles (featuring Community Orchestra, Concert Band, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Modern Band) will perform a joint concert at **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22** in Weston Auditorium. Admission to the “Music Mega Mix” is free and open to the public.

The concert program will be a showcase of “bite-sized” performances by the university’s choirs, bands and orchestra. The ensembles consist of students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members.

Learn more about Fitchburg State’s musical offerings at fitchburgstate.edu/music.

Music Faculty Recital Tuesday, Oct. 29

Members of Fitchburg State's music faculty, including **Jane Fiske, Jonathan Harvey, Justin Casinghino, and Amy McGlothlin**, will perform at **4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29** in Weston Auditorium. Admission to the recital is free and open to the public.

On the Conlon Hall Media Wall: The Stream by Hiroya Sakurai

A series of hypnotic short films by Hiroya Sakurai comprises “The Stream Series,” showing on the Media Wall at the entrance to Fitchburg State University’s Conlon Hall at 316 Highland Ave through Jan. 10.

The installation, displayed on a screen measuring six feet by 10 feet, is presented by the film and video concentration offered in Fitchburg State’s Communications Media Department, in collaboration with the Revolutions Per Minute Film Festival.

[Learn more](#)

In the Gallery at Sanders: "Second Nature" by Atom Moore '05

The works of celebrated photographer and alumnus Atom Moore will be on display in the Sanders Administration Building throughout the 2024-25 academic year. *See photos from Moore's gallery opening on the [Burg Blog](#).*

Moore is a professional photographer and videographer living and working in New York City. He specializes in macro watch photography working with major watch brands and

publications to bring his unique view to the industry. He has been creating artwork based on his watch photography since 2015 and has had solo exhibitions of his work in New York City, Hong Kong, and The National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, Pa.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty Notes

Associate Professor Katharine Covino (English Studies) saw the publication of two co-edited volumes investigating critical literacy. The first, released in January 2024 from Lexington Books, is co-edited with Dr. Cara Mulcahy and entitled [The Intersections of Critical Pedagogy, Critical Literacy, and Social Justice: Toward Empowerment, Equity, and Education for Liberation](#). The second book, released in May 2024 from IGI Global, is co-edited with Dr. Lyndsey Benharris and entitled [Challenging Bias and Promoting Transformative Education in Public Schooling Through Critical Literacy](#).

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