

## Fitchburg State University Today

### Students visit UN with President Hodge

President Hodge accompanied two first-generation students to the recent GlobalMindEd/Foundation to Support the United Nations conference in New York City.

GlobalMindEd is an inclusive success network that connects the least economically resourced students to role models, mentors, internships, experiences, and jobs. The conference was held at the United Nations.

Hodge was joined at the conference by students Alexia Perez-Lucas and Adriana Padilla Salgado.



[Learn more](#)

**OCTOBER 2024 LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**

**Expanded LGBTQ+ and LGBQ+ Book Club**  
 Wednesday, Oct. 23 | 6 p.m. | Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
 Join us for our 10th LGBTQ+ History Month with the presentation of the LGBTQ+ High school senior, *Queer: The Fitchburg State*.  
 Speakers: Herri Torres-Lucas and Jayla Padilla. Book signings to be held during the High School Senior Book Club. [Learn more](#)

**Flag Raising and Opening Ceremonies**  
 Thursday, October 3 | 8 a.m.  
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
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 Speakers: Herri Torres-Lucas and Jayla Padilla. Book signings to be held during the High School Senior Book Club. [Learn more](#)

**Trans Tuesday on Thursday**  
 Thursday, October 10 | 7 p.m.  
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
 We are celebrating Trans Tuesday with a special event featuring a panel discussion and a book signing. [Learn more](#)

**Queercore Night**  
 Wednesday, October 23 | 6 p.m.  
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
 Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Queercore Night with a special event featuring a panel discussion and a book signing. [Learn more](#)

**Second Chance Prom**  
 Saturday, October 26 | 7 p.m.  
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
 Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Queercore Night with a special event featuring a panel discussion and a book signing. [Learn more](#)

**Trans Day Speech**  
 Sunday, October 27 | 8 a.m.  
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
 Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Queercore Night with a special event featuring a panel discussion and a book signing. [Learn more](#)

**Drag Story Hour**  
 Wednesday, October 23 | 6 p.m.  
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
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**Drag Bingo**  
 Wednesday, October 23 | 7 p.m.  
 Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
 Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Queercore Night with a special event featuring a panel discussion and a book signing. [Learn more](#)

Follow the Gay Straight Alliance on social media:  
[fitchburgstate.edu/lgbtq-history-month](#)

### LGBTQ+ History Month continues

The university's celebration of [LGBTQ+ History Month](#) continues this week, with events including Queercore Night at 6 p.m. **Wednesday** in the Falcon Hub and the Second Chance Prom at 7 p.m. **Saturday** in the main lounge at Hammond Hall.

[LGBTQ+ History Month events](#)

### Speakers Series resumes today

The university's Speakers Series begins its semester offerings today at 12:30 p.m. 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.

## University welcomes German delegation

The university welcomed a delegation from [Rhine-Waal University](#) in Kleve, Germany back to campus last week for a series of events, including a reception at the president's residence.

The visitors discussed the partnership between the universities, and also offered perspectives on topics including the upcoming presidential election.

Fitchburg and Kleve have been sister cities for more than 30 years, and the two universities have also [partnered](#) on international degree programs.



**La Serata Trivia**

**Italian Trivia Night**

Teams of 6 people will compete. Bring a team or join new friends!

**Thursday, October 24**  
5:30 PM (doors open at 5 pm)  
Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub

**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
CENTER FOR ITALIAN CULTURE  
fitchburgstate.edu/cic

## Italian trivia night this Thursday

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** 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!

## Suffolk Law pact offers first-



## generation scholarships

Students may learn about the basics of applying for law school with Suffolk University Law School Associate Director of Admission and Diversity Initiatives Randolph Ceballo during a "Law School 101" presentation at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 in Percival 208.

The presentation will also include information the school's new \$20,000 scholarship for first-generation Fitchburg State students who pursue law degrees at Suffolk Law. Topics will include application requirements, scholarship information, paying for law school, LSAT dates and preparation, concentrations and areas of study, and experiential learning opportunities.

The meeting may also be attended [online](#).

# LAW SCHOOL 101

with **Randolph Ceballo**  
Associate Director of Admission & Diversity Initiatives  
Suffolk University Law School

**October 28, 2024 | 3:30 PM**  
**Percival 208** and/or virtually



### TOPICS

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

› Deadlines, materials, processes, personal statements, resumes, addendums, etc.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

› Learn tips on navigating the scholarship process

#### PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL

› Learn about scholarships, test scores, and strategies students can use to help mitigate costs.

#### LSAT DATES & PREPARATION

› Information regarding the LSAT, registration, planning, etc. as well as GRE & JD-Next as alternate options.

#### CONCENTRATIONS & AREAS OF STUDY

› What they are and how to choose.

#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

› Clinics, internships, international opportunities.

### NEW FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP

Guarantees at least \$20,000 in aid to all incoming first-generation students with an undergraduate degree from Fitchburg State University who start a JD program at Suffolk Law.


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 FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

FISA Presents

## Happy Diwali

# Diwali Celebration 2024

Tuesday, October 29 @ 5:30 pm  
Hammond Main Lounge


**Highlights:**  
Rangoli, dances  
Indian Food and music

FOOD | DANCE | MUSIC & MORE  
Diwali is an Indian festival of lights with its variations celebrated all across the globe

Diwali symbolizes:  
"Victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance"

Presented by:  
Fitchburg India Student Association (FISA) and  
Office of International Education (OIE)

Thank you to the generous support of President Hodge, University President.



## Celebrate Diwali on Oct. 29

The Fitchburg India Student Association and the Office of International Education will present the annual Diwali celebration at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29 in the main lounge at Hammond Hall.

Diwali is an Indian festival of lights with variations celebrated across the globe. The campus celebration will

include rangoli, dances, Indian food and music. The event is free for the campus community.

## 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 [meet and greet](#) with student veterans (pictured); scenes from the first [open house](#) of the fall (the next is this Saturday, Oct. 26); a [symposium](#) where students and faculty from Biology/Chemistry and Earth and Geographic Sciences presented research; an ALFA class on the recent [Supreme Court](#) term; President Hodge and members of



the Cabinet delivering [lunches](#) to teachers and staff at McKay Elementary School; and students joining President Hodge at the Chamber of Commerce's annual [Congressional Luncheon](#).

[Burg Blog](#)

## Cultural Events

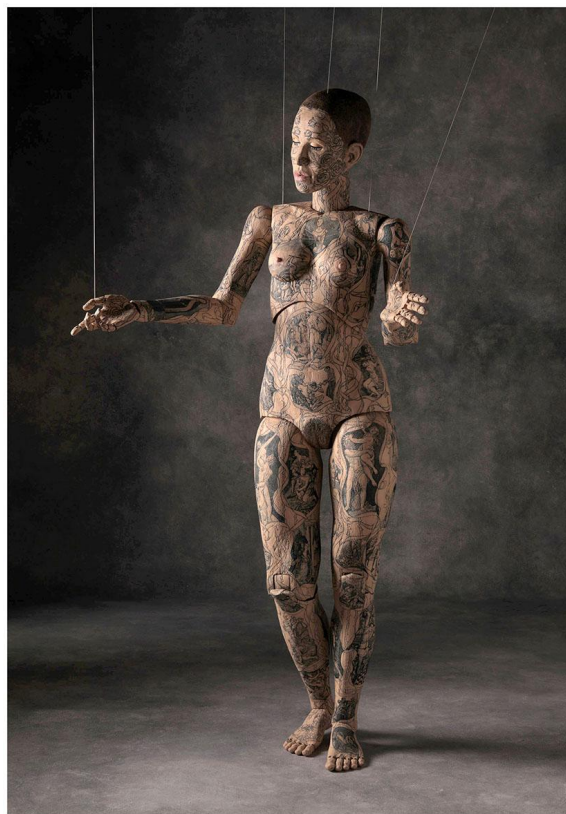
### Gallery Exhibition: "We Are Not Okay" opens this week

The thought-provoking woodcarvings of artist C.A. Stigliano will be the subject of an exhibition this fall in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery.

"We Are Not Okay" will be on display 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** 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."



Galatea 2018 C.A. Stigliano

Photo by Cary Wolinsky 2019

### 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** 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](http://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

## Staff Notes

Fitchburg State is once again represented in the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce's [Community Leadership Institute](#), which



brings together professionals from across the region and provides them with individual leadership skills, a stronger understanding of the region and deeper connections to business and community leaders.

The institute's Class of 2025 includes **Director of Student Development Michael Kennedy** and **Help Desk Coordinator Lynese Wiafe**. The two were joined by their program sponsors for a luncheon to kick off the year. Pictured are Kennedy and Wiafe, flanked by

their nominating sponsors, **Dean of Students Tim St. John** and **Assistant Director of Technology Services David Niemi**.

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## Faculty Notes

**Professor Jane Fiske** (Humanities) performed this summer in the lovely Victorian setting of Memorial Hall Museum's Music Room at a concert that featured the Fiske-Schilling Piano Duo and spotlighted women composers from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, as well as video game music.

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