



Fitchburg State University Today

Care and Share returns

Care and Share, through which the university has supported McKay Elementary School families at the holidays for more than 45 years, is returning this season.

The Care and Share tree has been put up near the Hammond Hall info desk for those who would like to purchase gifts for the 107 children who will benefit from the university's program again.



Individual employees or departments who wish to adopt a family may do so by using this form: <https://forms.gle/ADh6Y6sqyfUdQG7e9>, while individual children may be adopted by getting child tags from the tree. Child tags are available on a first come, first served basis.

All unwrapped gifts need to be delivered to the Office of Student Development in Hammond Hall no later than **Wednesday, Dec. 11**.

Please reach out to [Shane Franzen](#) the Office of Student Development with any questions.

President Hodge and Dustin Hodge cordially invite all Fitchburg State University employees to a



Holiday Celebration Thursday, Dec. 12

The university will hold its annual Holiday Celebration for staff, faculty and librarians at 4 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 12** in Hammond Hall.

HOLIDAY GATHERING

Thursday, December 12 | 4 - 6 PM
FALCON HUB, HAMMOND HALL

Reminder: Winter Commencement on Friday, Dec. 20

The university will hold its [Winter Commencement](#) at 4 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 20** in the Athletics and Recreation Center, 130 North St. The ceremony will also stream live on Fitchburg Access Television at fatv.org/fsu.

The winter ceremony is a ticketed event. Information on how registered graduates may reserve guest tickets will be sent to their university email addresses this week.

[Commencement Information](#)



Speakers Series continues today at 12:30 p.m.

The university's Speakers Series continues **today at 12:30 p.m.** with a virtual presentation by **Assistant Professor Lilian Bobea** (Behavioral Sciences) entitled "Police Reforms and Citizen Security Policies in Latin America." The talk may be viewed at <https://meet.google.com/has-uvzt-pzk?authuser=0>.

Moot Court tournament returns to campus

Fitchburg State hosted 46 teams from 17 colleges and universities during last week's American Moot Court Association Eastern Regional [tournament](#), wherein competitors argued both sides of constitutional questions including whether someone's speech encouraging another person to take their own life is grounds for manslaughter



Fitchburg State students **Corrado Cruz** and **Adam Quinlan** advanced to the second day of the competition, during which they lost to a team from the University of Southern California who went on to win the regional competition and advance to the national tournament.

"The competition gets harder every year, but our students performed up to their abilities and showed that we can compete with anyone," said **Professor Paul I. Weizer** (Economics, History and Political Science), and the founder and coach of the university's [moot court](#) program.

President Hodge met with Fitchburg State's team members in advance of the regional competition on Friday.

Research Roundtable on Wednesday

The next Research Roundtable with the office of [Institutional Research and Planning](#) will take place at **9 a.m. Wednesday** in the Mazzaferro Conference Room (MAZZ 203). Participants at this session will discuss a paper on student autonomy and its role in fostering academic success and personal growth. Please find the paper for the next discussion [here](#). Those who plan to attend are asked to [RSVP online](#).

Salvatore Writing Prize announced

The Arts and Sciences faculty are excited to announce a new literary prize [competition](#) for student writers at

Fitchburg State: the R.A. Salvatore Undergraduate Literary Prizes. Open to all undergraduate writers of fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, game narrative, and script/play at Fitchburg State, the competition will award five \$1,000 prizes to the top submissions in each genre.

Submissions will be anonymized and prize winners will be chosen by a cross-disciplinary faculty committee and announced before the Spring Convocation event. The deadline for submission to the prize competition is **February 14, 2025**.

The prize competition, made possible by the generous support of R.A. Salvatore '81, '91 and Diane Salvatore, is open to creative writing in any genre - fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, game narrative, and script/play. Some contemporary forms of poetry and prose have critical elements, and the judging of the competition will take this into account. Scholarly or academic papers without any larger creative purpose or scheme are not eligible for this award. Students may submit entries in up to three genres, but only one entry per genre. Undergraduates may submit via this [form](#).

Feel free to reach out to [DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld](#) (English Studies) with any questions.



Veteran students meet and greet on Thursday

There will be a veteran student meet and greet at **2 p.m. Thursday** at the Veterans Center in Thompson Hall. The event will include refreshments and an opportunity for student veterans to meet one another.



Veteran Students

MEET & GREET

December 5 | 2-3:30 PM
at the Veterans Center in Thompson Hall

Join us for coffee and a snack. Meet other veteran students and enjoy our Veterans Center.



Global Middle Ages Literature Fair opens Dec. 9

The [Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library](#) and the [English Studies Department](#) will present the Global Middle Ages Literature Fair from Monday, Dec. 9 through Monday, Dec. 20 on the first floor of the library.

The event will open at **9 a.m. Monday, Dec.**

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
AMELIA V. GALLUCCI-CIRIO LIBRARY

Medievalist for a Semester Research: ENGL 3030
The Global Middle Ages
Medieval Zines: ENGL 2200
British Literature I Adventure and Transformation

GLOBAL MIDDLE AGES
Literature Fair

Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library (First Floor)
On Display December 9th-December 20th, 2024

Student Presentation/Awards:
Monday, December 9, 11AM-12:15PM

9 with student presentations and awards from the Medievalist for a Semester Research ENGL 3030 The Global Middle Ages class and Medieval Zines ENGL 2200 British Literature / Adventure and Transformation class.

Reminder: ALFA Spring 2025 registration opens next week

Registration opens Tuesday, Dec. 10 for Fitchburg State University's Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area (ALFA) Spring 2025 courses, with offerings that will include an introduction and exploration of common artificial intelligence platforms, how the U.S. was governed through the Great Depression and World War II, and the basics of novel writing.

The [full program](https://fitchburgstate.edu/alfa) is viewable online at fitchburgstate.edu/alfa.

Course Offerings **SPRING 2025**

ALFA Adult Learning
IN THE Fitchburg Area
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Love of Learning Lasts a Lifetime!
fitchburgstate.edu/ALFA



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 the [Dance Club](#) winter showcase; the [multi-camera television production](#) class taught at the FATV studios; the International Education Week global [flag challenge](#); students in the Education Department's [Game Changers](#) online intercultural exchange program; the [Kendricken Memorial Lecture](#) with artist Georgie Friedman; and a [nursing simulation](#) on respiratory distress.

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Cultural Affairs

The Gateway City Orchestra will present its annual holiday [concert](#) at 2 p.m. **Saturday** in Weston Auditorium.

The Global Holiday Harmony concert will feature seasonal favorites with guest appearances from the Fitchburg State Concert Band, Fitchburg State Concert Choir and Nashoba Valley Chorale, as well as guest narrators including **President Hodge** and Fitchburg Mayor Samantha Squallia.

[Tickets](#) for the public are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students, with VIP seating available for \$30. **Admission is free for Fitchburg State students, faculty and staff with the presentation of their university OneCard.**

Fitchbyrds Jazz Band performs Wednesday, Dec. 4

The Fitchbyrds, Fitchburg State's modern jazz band, will present its fall concert at **7 p.m. Wednesday** in Kent Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Choral Kaleidoscope Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 10

The Fitchburg State University choirs will be joined by voices from local high schools when the campus presents its "Choral Kaleidoscope" [concert](#) in December. The performance will be held at **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10** in Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Fitchburg State choirs will be led by Jonathan Harvey, Leominster High School Chorus led by Arthur Pierce, Fitchburg High School Concert Choir led by Talia Mercadante, Gardner High School Chorus led by Joanne Landry, and members of the Wachusett Regional High School Chorus and Chorale, led by Linnea Henningson.



Staff Notes

Angelo Prevosto (Student Affairs) was recently recognized with the 2024 Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Region VIII New Professional of the Year Award. Prevosto, the assistant director of student development, also serves on the conference planning team. Through his role working with the international program, Prevosto recently brought about 50 student union professionals and student leaders from the UK and Ireland to campus.



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